



Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for members** of our Angus family. *Compiled by Linda Evans, assistant editor*

IN THE NEWS

The **Hughes** family, Wayne and Gillian and son Bryce and his wife, Jody, of **Tafika Angus** and **John Urquhart** of **Bramblebrook Ventures** have been honored by the Canadian Angus Association (CAA) for 50 consecutive years of membership.

The CAA instituted a long-term recognition award program in 1998 to honor individuals and families that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Angus breed in Canada by maintaining a continuous membership in the Association for at least 50 years.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Kyle and **Kayla Anderson**, Chrisman, Ill., are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Beckham Kyle**, on Aug. 9, 2017. He weighed 8 lb., 1 oz., and was 20 in. long.



Beckham Anderson

Anderson of Chrisman. Great-grandparents are Danny and Marilyn Stephens, Taylorville; Fred and Fran McKinnon, Taylorville; Jan

Reitzenstein, Thornton, Colo.; and Larry and Beverly Anderson, Weatherford, Texas.

Braeton and **Sarah Hill**, Hetland, S.D., are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, **Vayentha Eleanor**, on Sept. 6, 2017. She weighed 10 lb., and was 21½ in. long.



Vayentha Hill

Grandparents are Betty Jackson, New Cambria, Mo., and Kent and Tammy Hill, Collbran, Colo. Sarah is special projects editor for Angus Productions Inc. (API).

IN PASSING

John Stuedemann, 74, Comer, Ga., died Sept. 14 on his farm in Comer.

He was born Oct. 3, 1942, in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Earl and Valeria Stuedemann. He and his brother, Raymond Stuedemann, were raised on a livestock and grain farm. John graduated eighth grade from Hess School, a one-room school where he was the only person in his grade every year but one. John graduated from Clinton High School in 1960, Iowa State with a bachelor's

degree in farm operation, a master's degree in animal science, and a doctorate in ruminant nutrition from Oklahoma State University.

In 1970, he started his first and only job of 36 years with the USDA Agricultural Research Center at Watkinsville, Ga. John's main area of research was understanding and overcoming fescue toxicosis in cattle, with a secondary focus in the control and treatment of internal parasites in cattle. He published research papers in both national and international publications. He was also a co-holder of five patents associated with overcoming fescue toxicosis.

John and his wife, Patricia, purchased a farm in Madison County, Ga., in 1999. They established Cold Spring Angus Farm where they developed a registered black Angus herd that has become one of the leading herds of Pathfinder® cows in the state of Georgia.

John has been active in the Madison County Cattlemen's Association, Madison County Young Farmer's Association, Madison County FFA supporter, Governance Board of the Broad River College and Career Academy, and as a commissioner on the Madison County Planning and Zoning Commission for eight years.

In addition to his wife of 49 years, John is survived by his brother Raymond; several nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and great-nephews. He was honored to be a member of such a caring community and to be blessed with fine neighbors. Closest to his heart were Cody and Morgan Floyd, who made it possible for John to continue his passion for farming and cattle up to the time he died.

Aloysius "Al" DeClerk, 77, Pocahontas, Ark., died unexpectedly Sept. 19 at Five Rivers Medical Center.

Al was born Dec. 12, 1939, in Pocahontas to the late A.C. DeClerk and Helen (Liebhaber) DeClerk. Al was passionate about flying, Angus cattle and his family.

Al was an avid pilot and past chairman and member of the Pocahontas Municipal Airport Commission. His life's work was Engelberg Angus Farm, which was started by his father in 1943. He was a lifetime member of the American Angus Association and served on its Board of Directors for eight years. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Northeast Arkansas Angus Association.

Al was an active member of many local organizations and cared deeply about his community. He loved and was extremely proud of his daughters and granddaughters and their many accomplishments. Al was larger than life, honest to a fault and was a good friend to many.

Al is survived by his wife, Vicky (Whitlock) DeClerk; daughters Laura, Elizabeth, Amy and Paula; brothers Bill and David; sisters Rosemarie, Judy and Kay; granddaughters Amanda, Paige and Katherine; great-granddaughter Agnes; and many nieces and nephews.

▣ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Tony Frank has been named the 2018 Citizen of the West by the National Western Stock Show.

Mary Doerschuck of Okawville, Ill., has been hired by Brookside Agra as product registration and compliance manager. She will coordinate product registrations, trademarks and renewals, as well as handle the company's tonnage reports, export documentation and accounts payable and receivable. She will also provide sales, customer service and administrative support.

Megan Provost has joined Farm Foundation as vice president of policy and programs, effective Oct. 2, 2017.

Dee Griffin received the Mentor of the Year award from Merck Animal Health and the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) as a result of his significant contributions to the bovine medicine industry and his commitment to mentoring the next generation of bovine veterinarians.

The award is given each year at the AABP Annual Conference to recognize an individual who has played a role in educating, supporting and advancing the careers of future bovine veterinarians.

Terri Schiek has been appointed as vice president of core consumer sales for Pelican Products Inc. Schiek will be responsible for all sales efforts in the consumer division with the exception of consumer electronics.

Huub te Plate has joined Genex as chief operating officer after serving more than 15 years in international sales for its parent company Cooperative Resources International (CRI).



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