



Newsmakers

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

► IN THE NEWS

KM Cattle Co., Coon Rapids, Iowa, has been honored by the American Angus Association with the Historic Angus Herd Award.

One November day in 1964, the late Thomas Musfeldt visited the Bread and Butter Sale in Denison, Iowa, where he purchased his first registered-Angus heifer, Energice of Val-Mar 339, from Otto Frank's Val-Mar Farms. The Energice cow family is still represented in today's cow herd at KM Cattle Co.

Thomas must have been pleased with his purchase, because 13 years later, in 1977, the Musfeldt and Sons ranching enterprise purchased the entire Val-Mar cow herd and began leasing Otto Frank's Manilla, Iowa, farm. The Val-Mar herd had a storied history with Earl Marshall genetics at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), showing more champion pens and carloads of bulls than any other herd at the time.

The legendary bull Earl Marshall, bred by W.A. McHenry of Denison, Iowa, was born in 1913 and sold to Escher and Ryan, who made the bull famous and expanded his influence in the Angus breed. Earl Marshall sired six International Grand Champions,

and today more than 15 million of his descendants have been registered with the American Angus Association.

Now the second and third generations of Musfeldts are continuing the family's Angus legacy. Thomas's son, Kent Musfeldt, along with his wife, Jill, and their son, Kyle, manage KM Cattle Co. today near Coon Rapids, Iowa. They moved to the area in 1992 from Kansas City, Kan., after managing other Angus programs in the region.

In 2002, the family purchased a farm that was once part of the famed Pingrey Ranch, which is where 200 cows from the Escher and Ryan historic Angus herd landed in 1924 for Earl Ryan, prior to partnering with the Harrisons of California and starting the Harrison and Ryan operation.

Through the years, the Musfeldt's 100-head operation has seen great success. KM Cattle Co. has been honored to sell bulls to other renowned Angus herds such as Green Mountain Angus Ranch of Montana, Krays Angus and Wagonhammer Angus Ranch of Nebraska, Mill Coulee Angus of Wisconsin, and ABS Global.

"We've come a long way in 50 years, since Dad purchased that first bred heifer," says Kent Musfeldt. "Artificial insemination (AI)

was in its infancy, and Dad would be amazed at the tools available that we use today in our program to make genetic progress."

As the cattle business has evolved, KM Cattle Co. has implemented many technological advancements to strengthen the herd. They have moved from utilizing the showing in visual appraisal to performance testing, ultrasound and DNA technology to make genetic advancements.

In addition, tools such as heat synchronization, AI and embryo transfers (including *in vitro* fertilization) help cattlemen propagate the genetics to advance the beef industry.

As a way to continue and honor the rich Angus heritage of the area, Kyle manages the Earl Marshall Sellabration Sale for the Botna Valley Angus Association. Visit www.kmcattle.com to learn more about KM Cattle Co.

Thomas Musfeldt & Sons has been a life member of the Association since 1973. Kent Musfeldt has been a life member since 1980.

The Historic Angus Herd Award is presented to Angus breeders or immediate families who have been in continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

► ANGUS ARRIVAL

Adam and Dalon Stevens, Atchison, Kan., are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Kenneth Raphael**, born Oct. 16, 2014. He weighed 7 lb., 11 oz., and was 20 in. long.



Grandparents are Lonnie and Debbie Coder, Effingham, Kan., and Larry and Gail Stevens, Atchison.

Dalon is a customer-service representative for Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI). She and Adam both grew up on commercial Angus operations.

► IN PASSING

William Brogden, 85, Carnesville, Ga., formerly of Buford, Ga., died Oct. 24 at Emory Midtown Hospital Hospice.

William was born Oct. 12, 1929, in Sugar Hill, Ga. He was a 1947 graduate of Sugar

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Hill School. He was stationed in Germany while serving in the United States Army. He started out as a salesman with William F. Bishop Wholesale and retired in 1996 as owner of Bishop and Brogden in Atlanta, Ga.

William retired to R&R Angus Farm in Carnesville. He was a member of the board of directors of the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, a member of the Georgia Angus Association and a member of the American Angus Association since 1989.

He was a member of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., and attended New Bethel Baptist Church in Carnesville.

William is survived by a brother-in-law; a sister-in-law; nieces Elaine, Tracey and Amy; nephews Keith, Bill, Bobby and Harry; and several great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Elsa Murano, professor and president emerita of Texas A&M University, has been

named director of the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture. She has been interim director since June 2012.

Richard Coffey has been named the chairman of the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at the University of Kentucky (UK) College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. He is the current director of the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton, a longtime swine extension specialist and leader of the youth livestock

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programs for the college. He will begin his new administrative role by April 1.

Susan Culp, lead veterinarian for Authorized Personnel Programs, was honored at the Southwest Veterinary Symposium (SWVS) with the 2014 Visionary Award. The award is intended to honor an individual who is recognized by the profession and is actively engaged in private, public or corporate veterinary practice whose contributions elevate the standards

and goals of veterinary medicine. The SWVS is a partnership combining the efforts of the Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas veterinary medical associations.

Janie Sustaita has been hired by ImmuCell as the sales and marketing manager for the California, Arizona and Nevada region. In this position, Sustaita will focus on the California, Arizona and Nevada territory by further establishing relationships

with a vast network of animal health distributors, veterinarians, calf raisers, dairy producers and cow-calf operations.

Ellis Owens and **Ian Bessell** have been named by Birko to the Produce Marketing Association (PMA) Science and Technology Committee. They rotated onto the committee Oct. 16 during the PMA Fresh Summit Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

