



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Kinsey's Oak Front Farm, Flemington, W.Va., has been named as a Historic Angus Herd by the American Angus Association. The award is presented to Angus breeders or immediate families who have been in continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

In 1961, James A. Kinsey, with his parents, purchased five registered-Angus heifers and one bull from their family doctor — “the doctor who brought me into this world,” according to James. That was the official beginning of the family's registered-Angus herd, which is still in operation 54 years later.

James' parents, C.R. and June Kinsey, ran a Holstein dairy from 1932 to 1960. In 1961, when the family decided to transition into a beef cattle operation, Angus or Hereford cattle were the only choices available in the area. Charles Haislip, their family doctor, owned a herd of registered-Angus, and James liked that the breed was known for maternal traits and calving ease. The Kinseys bought the five yearling heifers for \$200 per head. To sweeten the deal, Dr. Haislip also threw in a registered-Angus bull.

A decade later, after James graduated from college, the Kinsey family expanded the herd.

They began performance testing with the state performance program, then later with Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

Today, James A. Kinsey's son, James F., owns and manages the herd of 180 registered-Angus cows at the farm in northern West Virginia. The Kinseys market most of their bulls through the West Virginia Performance Sale in Wardensville, while they sell their cows and heifers private treaty.

The Kinsey's pride in the Angus business — which began more than 50 years ago — is sure to continue for many years to come.

Steve Brooks, Bowman, N.D., was elected for a second term as president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) during the 86-year-old organization's annual convention and trade show in September.

The 37-year NDSA member; his wife, April; and two of their three daughters, Cassi and Skeeter, manage a 600-cow registered-Angus operation and farm 4,000 acres of wheat, barley, corn, lentils and chickpeas on the family's Brooks' Chalky Butte Ranch in partnership with Steve's brother Ryan and Ryan's family. Steve's and April's daughter, Calli, lives in Washington.

In his remarks during the convention's opening session, Brooks highlighted several policy issues facing the North Dakota beef industry. He said the NDSA would continue in the next year to work for its members' interests on issues ranging from dietary guidelines to revamping the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

“This organization was founded to help prevent cattle rustling and protect private property rights,” Brooks said. “That is still what we're after, to keep our members in business and to protect our membership from the issues that face the industry today.”

Brooks pointed to the NDSA's work on the ESA, the Waters of the United States rule and defeating Measure 5 last fall as several examples of the association's work to curb federal overregulation.

He remained optimistic through the recent downturn in the cattle market.

“There is still room for more cattle in places like Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas,” Brooks said. “I think it's going to surprise you by the end of November to see what these cattle will bring. We just have to hang in there.”

NDSA members elected or re-elected six directors to represent their respective districts.

Pete Best of Watford City, N.D., was elected to his first four-year term in District 5. Best is a 21-year NDSA member. He manages a 250-head registered-Angus cow herd and previously worked in ag finance before ranching full-time with wife Vawnita and son Kyle. Best has served on the NDSA Feeder Council and Nominating Committee. He has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1993.

In District 1, Kevin Elliott of Clifford, N.D., was re-elected to a second four-year term. Jeffrey Bunn from Lisbon, N.D., was re-elected to a second four-year term in District 2. In District 3, Tim Erbele, Streeter, N.D., was elected to his first four-year term. Rob Tweeten of Hensler, N.D., was re-elected to a second four-year term in District 4. Randy Schmitt, a 12-year NDSA member, Rugby, N.D., was re-elected to his second four-year term in District 6.

Nancy (Diuble) Thelen, Saline, Mich., 2008 president of the American Angus

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Auxiliary and recent Extension retiree, was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Honorary Alumnus Award.

Thelen distinguished herself throughout her career through her work ethic, service and dedication to youth and agricultural education. She served in several different capacities during her 36-year career as extension educator and county extension director for MSU Extension.

As an extension literacy educator, she worked statewide to increase agricultural awareness in an effort to better connect consumers with production agriculture. Her work with the Breakfast on the Farm program and partner organizations helped bridge the multigenerational disconnect between producers and consumers in Michigan. Thelen has also been involved with many community-based organizations, as well as state and national livestock organizations. Her passion and dedication have made many meaningful impacts on both the individuals and communities with whom she worked.

Thelen and her family have been life

members of the American Angus Association since 1982.

Alan Kapp has been hired by United Producers Inc. (UPI) as one of the cattle sales representatives for its Maryville, Mo., market. Kapp, a graduate of the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and animal science, has 22 years of agricultural sales experience.

Kapp resides near Clarksdale, Mo., where he maintains a herd of registered-Angus cattle. He has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1980.

Greta (Heismeyer) Krafzur, graduate student at Colorado State University, has been awarded a W.D. Farr Scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year from the National Cattlemen's Foundation. Each \$12,000 scholarship recognizes outstanding students who plan to pursue careers in meat science and animal agriculture. The scholarship will be presented in January at the 2016 Cattle Industry Convention & NCBA Trade Show in San Diego, Calif.

Krafzur is from Estelline, S.D., and is a doctoral student at Colorado State

University, using her veterinary pathology training to explain the development of bovine high-altitude disease, known as brisket disease. She hopes to identify the biomarkers associated with the phenotype that can be used to predict disease risk, with the goal of improving selective breeding, preconditioning, and fattening regimens.

Krafzur received her master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and her doctorate of veterinary medicine from Colorado State University. She plans to continue the family tradition and start her own cow-calf herd. The Heismeyer family has been life members of the American Angus Association since 1956.

The W.D. Farr Scholarships, established in 2007, recognize superior achievement in academics and leadership, and allow graduate students to further their study in fields that benefit the cattle and beef industry.

IN PASSING

Eugene "Doc" Hinds, 90, Palmyra, Mo., died Oct. 25 at Lewis County Nursing Home in Canton, Mo.

Doc was born April 6, 1925, in Palmyra to Harry and Mary (Dickson) Hinds. He was a lifelong resident of Palmyra and a graduate of Palmyra High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from 1943-1945. He married Clara Eichman Sept. 4, 1949, at the First Baptist Church in Palmyra.

Doc received his bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1951 and his doctorate of veterinary medicine in 1952 from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Following in his father's footsteps, he practiced veterinary medicine, serving Palmyra and the surrounding communities from 1952-1968.

He was co-owner of the New Palmyra Sale (one of the largest dairy cattle sales in the Midwest) from 1953-1965. Doc served in many positions for the Missouri Veterinary Supply Corp. from 1956-1982, including president and COO, general manager, secretary, director and market analyst. He also served as president for Intrastate Veterinary Biologics Inc. in 1980.

After a lifetime in the veterinary business, Doc brought everything he learned in life and put it under one roof. In 1989 he opened Veticare Animal Hospital, the nation's first full-service, drive-up animal hospital in Saint Charles, Mo., and served as president and hospital director for 20 years until he became ill.

Doc was named adjunct professor by the Department of Veterinary Medicine and

Surgery at the University of Missouri–Columbia. He also developed the Hinds Park and Marion Hill subdivisions of Palmyra and served as a past director of Palmyra State Bank. He was an active member in the Marion County community in Missouri and its betterment.

He served as the Western District Commissioner of Marion County from 1972-1976. Doc played a large part in the designing, planning and development of the Marion County Jail. He and his wife donated the Floral Hall building located in the city park in Palmyra. He also donated the land that is now known as Hinds Park, a part of the city and Palmyra Parks and Recreation.

Doc was a member and former elder of the First Christian Church in Palmyra. He was a member and past commander of the American Legion, Boots-Dickson Post No. 174. He had an avid interest and took a lot of pride in his grandchildren and Angus cattle. He served as state director of the Missouri Angus Association from 1964-1970. He was a former member and past president of the Mark Twain Angus Association. Hinds Farm had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1959.

Doc had a devoted interest in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren,

always encouraging and pushing them to do their best. One of the things he tried to instill in them all was the value and importance of an education.

James Hinton, 67, died Oct. 24 at Maplewood Health & Rehab Center, Jackson, Tenn. He was born Aug. 18, 1948, to James and Georgia (Bryant) Hinton. His wife, Phyllis (Camper) Hinton, preceded him in death.

James was a U.S. Marine and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Trezevant, Tenn. Throughout his career he worked in livestock advertising, promotion, consulting and sales management.

He worked for the *Livestock Weekly*, the Tennessee Livestock Association as head of promotion and advertising, the Tennessee Pork Producers Association, Freeman Publishing and the *Angus Journal*.

He was a partner in Meng & Hinton Sales & Service, worked for *Southern Beef Producer*, was owner of Hinton Sales & Service and worked for Duck Hill Ranch. He worked for *Farm Progress* and 4L Hereford Farms. James served as secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Angus Association for 29 years, served as secretary-treasurer of Tennessee Agribition for more than 20 years, and received the Distinguished Service Award to the livestock

industry from the University of Tennessee. At the time of his death, James was operating Hinton Sales & Service and was employed by 4L Hereford Farms.

As a partner in Grassy Branch Farms, Trezevant, Tenn., James had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1978.

Avola (Whitesell) Callaway, Rayle, Ga., 89, died peacefully at home Oct. 25.

She was born Aug. 16, 1926, in Lewisburg, Tenn., the daughter of Bedford and Emma (Lofton) Whitesell. Avola earned her undergraduate degree in home economics from Middle Tennessee University, then received her master's degree from Cornell University in 1954.

In 1957, she began working as a clothing specialist for the state of Georgia and was employed by the University of Georgia Extension Service.

In 1959 she married Eugene Callaway of Rayle, Ga. She worked and supported her husband in developing the family business known as Callaway Farms while she was raising their two sons. Avola served on the hospital board for 13 years at Wills Memorial Hospital. She served in leadership with the Arthritis Foundation, was an active

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member of the First United Methodist Church of Washington, and volunteered and supported the preservation of the historic Callaway Plantation through many fundraising efforts.

Avola is survived by sons Eugene Jr. and Blake; grandchildren Elizabeth, Blake Jr., India and Grace; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Karen Nehrkorn, DuBois, Ill., has been hired as an agronomy technician for Brookside Agra. Nehrkorn's responsibilities include soil testing, crop scouting for plant health and invasive weeds and pests, assisting with analysis and recommendations, organizing operations, coordinating customer accounts, and assisting with billing and data transfers.

Larry Wiggins, Memphis, Mo., a longtime veterinarian, will be honored at the 2015 Missouri Livestock Symposium Dec. 4 when he is inducted into the Missouri Livestock Symposium's Livestock Person of the Year Hall of Fame.

Kevin Aandahl has joined the staff of the U.S. Farmers and Rancher's Alliance (USFRA) as communications director. Aandahl will manage and execute USFRA's overall media communications outreach and engagement strategies through its established programs and resources.

Bill Bayless, Sparta, Ill., has been hired by BioZyme to head its new LiquiFerm® commercial supplement brand. As BioZyme's new director of commercial sales, Bayless is responsible for developing and maintaining business relationships with prospective customers; attending trade shows, conferences and conventions relative to the swine and poultry markets; creating product-trial protocols to help grow sales; and making recommendations for new commercial products based on industry research and customer needs.

Melody Hornback has been hired as a wet chemistry lab technician by Rock River Laboratory–West. Hornback will be responsible for the wet chemical analysis of feedstuffs at its facility located in Visalia, Calif.

Cody McKinley has been hired by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) as director of state and national relations, the primary point of contact for state pork organizations with NPPC. McKinley will assist and support program staff at the state and national level in conducting work on behalf of pork producers and the U.S. pork industry, facilitate state-oriented planning and programming in conjunction with the National Pork Board and staff NPPC's organizational development activities with the NPP's Nominating Committee, as well as other committee support as assigned.

H. Nielsen, veterinarian, technical services, ruminant; **Melodie Moore**, lab manager; and **Ying Fu**, lab technician, have been announced as the newest members of the Lallemand Animal Nutrition team.

Larry Redmon has been named associate department head and AgriLife Extension program leader of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University (TAMU). Formerly state forage specialist for the TAMU AgriLife Extension Service, Redmon's new role will include leadership for soil and crop science

faculty across the state, including budget development, evaluation, commodity group relations, industry partnerships, response coordination and visioning for the future.

John Dean, Accelerated Genetics reproductive services technician, has reached 40 years with the company. He has been a longtime technician in the Postville area of northeast Iowa.

Christina Hayes has been hired as product manager for the beef technical sales and marketing services team at Purina Animal Nutrition. In this role she will act as a technical liaison to the marketing team, and will also be responsible for projects designed to further leverage the company's line of beef cattle feed.

Jim Ansley, Texas A&M AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist at Vernon, was recognized with the Outstanding Achievement Award by the Texas Section Society for Range Management during its annual meeting in Wichita Falls. The award is given "in recognition of contributions and a career that are noteworthy in the advancement of the science and the art of range management," according to the organization.

Ethan Lane has been hired as the executive director of the Public Lands Council (PLC). In his new role, he will also serve as executive director of the federal lands for the NCBA.

Tim Nelson has joined Brookside Agra as a new member of the sales team. In this

position, Nelson will be responsible for developing and managing new and existing customers throughout the northern United States (north of Hwy. 70) and Canada.

Jessica Fox has been appointed corporate technology manager for Ralco. Fox will oversee the advancement and market opportunities for the company's patented technologies and intellectual property in the poultry, livestock and aquaculture industries.



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