



Newsmakers

► Items of interest about and for members of our Angus family

IN THE NEWS

Bob Fortune, Belvidere, S.D., was recently elected president of the South Dakota Beef Industry Council (SDBIC) and as one of four South Dakota directors on the National Federation of State Beef Councils.

Fortune, a longtime member of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association (SDSA), is currently serving on its board of directors and has served as chairman of the marketing committee.

Members of the SDBIC include the SDSA, South Dakota Beef Breeds Council, South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, South Dakota Cattlemen's Auxiliary, South Dakota CattleWomen, South Dakota Farm Bureau Federation, South Dakota Farmers Union and the South Dakota Livestock Auction Market Association. Three representatives of each of these organizations make up the SDBIC.

Keith Medalen, Towner, N.D. was recently honored for recruiting four new members to the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) during its 2008 membership drive, and **David Petry**, Minot, N.D., was honored for recruiting two new members at the NDSA's 78th Annual Convention & Trade Show in Bismarck, N.D.

David and Diane Breiner, Mill Creek Ranch; **Andy Schuler Sr.**; the **Don Good Family**, Good Farms; **Frank and Jan Lyons**, Lyons Angus Ranch; and **Bob McCurry** were recently honored as 2007 inductees to the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation's Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor was established in 2005 to recognize Kansas ranching families and their contributions to the cattle industry and the Kansas State Fair.

IN PASSING

Raymond S. "Scott" Houston, 50, Platteville, Colo., died Aug. 30 at Northern Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, Colo.

Scott was born May 3, 1957, in Denver, Colo., to Ben and Nita (Lambert) Houston. He graduated in 1975 from Valley High School in Gilcrest, Colo., and attended San Diego State College, San Diego, Calif., for two years. Scott married Kim Banek Nov. 23, 1983, in Greeley.

For the past several years, Scott managed his family's Aristocrat Angus Ranch, where

he handled the artificial insemination (AI) breeding of the cattle and assisted with the embryo transfer (ET) program within the herd. Scott was a life member of the American Angus Association and enjoyed many years of showing Angus cattle while growing up and assisting his children as they began showing cattle.

Scott was a spirited individual with many interests, which he pursued with enormous passion. He was a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and was a professional bull rider for a number of years. Scott was also an avid car enthusiast and had restored a number of cars, largely from the "muscle-car" era.

Scott was a member of the Colorado Livestock Association, the National Western Stock Show, the Weld County Weed Control Board and the Life Bridge Christian Church in Longmont, Colo.

Scott is survived by his wife; daughter Brandy; son Tanner; granddaughter Jordan; his parents; sisters Pamela and Diane; brother Skylar; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Christa Denney, 50, Dublin, Va., died suddenly Sept. 10.

Christa was born Dec. 26, 1956, in Claremore, Okla., to Donald and Billye Morehead. She grew up on an Angus cattle ranch and completed the veterinary technology program at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla. She received a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla. Christa was a talented musician with a major in classical piano performance.

Christa was a founding member and officer of the Southwest Virginia Angus Association and had served on the board of directors of the Virginia Angus Association. She was a life member of the American Angus Association. Christa had many friends in the Angus business throughout the country whom she met while showing in major Angus shows in the 1980s and early 1990s.

She loved to travel and had been to 27 countries on six different continents. She bred, trained and showed dogs. She had three Border Collies that she loved very much.

She and her husband, H.J. Denney, owned Double M Angus Farm in Dublin.

She is survived by her husband.

Kay Oliphant, 68, Offerle, Kan., died Sept. 14 at Western Plains Medical Center, Dodge City, Kan.

Kay was born Jan. 27, 1939, in Spearville, Kan., to Walter and Thelma (Kleysteuber) Kurth. She married Rodney Oliphant July 15, 1961, in Offerle.

A longtime resident of Offerle, Kay was the office manager at Oliphant Veterinary Hospital. She belonged to the Offerle United Methodist Church, serving on the church board, the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and the 4-H Foundation.

Kay is survived by her husband; son David; daughter Debra; brothers Ronnie and Wayne; sister Maxine; and four grandchildren.

Harry Sheets, 90, Eagleville, Mo., died Sept. 18 at the Bethany, Mo., hospital.

Harry was born Jan. 20, 1917, to S.M. and Ella Bess (VanHoozer) Sheets. He was a 1935 graduate of the Blythedale High School, Blythedale, Mo. Harry married Dorothy Elise Harvey May 29, 1949, at the First Reformed Evangelical Church in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Prior to his marriage, Harry worked for a period of time as a buyer and salesman at the Lamoni Packing Plant in Lamoni, Iowa. Shortly after their marriage, he and his wife purchased 130 acres south of Eagleville and established what came to be known as Suburban Farm. There they built a herd of registered Angus cattle that was his pride and joy. Harry spent his life as a farmer and cattleman, working as a consultant for J.C. Penney's Homeplace Farm for four years.

A life member of the American Angus Association since 1943, Harry served as chairman of the credentials committee for the Association and attended its annual meetings in Louisville, Ky., in that capacity for many years. In 1999, Harry, Dorothy and Suburban Farm received the Historic Herd Award from the Association for the continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

Harry was a lifelong member of the Blythedale and Eagleville United Methodist churches, and for a few years served as a member of the board and as president of the Citizen's Bank of Blythedale and Eagleville. He also served on the Harrison County FHA board for a number of years.

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Harry is survived by his wife; two sisters, and 14 nieces and nephews.

Jillian “Jill” Morris, 26, Walnut Grove, Mo., died Sept. 19 at her mother’s home.

Jill was born July 20, 1981, in Lawrenceville, Ga., attending and graduating from Dacula High School, Dacula, Ga., in 1999. She married Dusty Morris June 20, 2002.

Jill was an avid cattleguard who loved raising, caring for and showing cattle. She was a member of the American Angus Association.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Ryleigh and Kelsey; her mother; her father; two brothers, Ben and John; and her maternal and paternal grandmothers.

Don Muhm, 78, West Des Moines, Iowa, died Sept. 25 at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Born Nov. 8, 1928, in Kanawha, Iowa, to Fred and Clara (Hartwig) Muhm, he was encouraged by a high school teacher to write, and he went on to what is now Iowa State University (ISU), graduating in 1952. He spent two years in the Army and worked 39 years at daily newspapers, including stints at the *Marshalltown Times-Republican* and five years as farm editor of the *Omaha World-Herald* before going to work for the *Des Moines Register* and its sister publication, the *Des Moines Tribune*.

Don was farm editor of the *Des Moines Register* from 1960 to 1993, chronicling “the triumphs and disasters of agriculture,” according to the present farm editor at the *Register*. Don estimated that he wrote more than 1,700 columns for the *Register*. He wrote 10 books, including histories of his church, the National Farmers Organization, and the Newspaper Farm Editors of America, now known as the North American Agriculture Journalists.

He was president of the farm editor’s organization in 1970, wrote the group’s newsletter from 1968 to 1982 and was a three-time winner of its national writing contest. Don was awarded Iowa State’s James W. Schwartz Distinguished Service to Journalism award in 1982, and 10 years later the College of Agriculture named him a distinguished graduate. When he retired in 1993, the journalism school at ISU established a scholarship in his name.

Alan Cawood, 63, Chattanooga, Tenn., died Sept. 28 in a Chattanooga hospital.

Alan was born Sept. 9, 1944, to T.J. and

June Cawood. He was an active member of the American Angus Association and a member of the Ooltewah Baptist Church. Alan was a salesman by trade, working with building materials and automobiles.

He is survived by his wife, Carla (Watson) Cawood; four children; seven grandchildren; his parents; brother David; sister Anita; four brothers- and sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Harold Woods, 93, Fargo, Okla., died Sept. 29 at the Harper Community Hospital in Buffalo, Okla.

Harold was born Aug. 16, 1914, on the family farm north of Arnett, Okla., to Fred and Anna May (Bondurant) Woods. He graduated from Arnett High School in 1932, and attended college at Alva, Okla., where he earned a teaching certificate. Harold taught grade school at Eddy, Beum, Stone and Tangier, Okla.

While teaching at Eddy he met Ethel “Jackie” Morehart, and they were married March 24, 1934. They made their first home in the Turkey Creek area near Camargo, Okla., later moving to the Gerlach Farm, and then to the nearby ranch of U.S. Senator Josh Lee. Harold was the foreman and manager of the Lee Ranch from 1941 to 1944. They purchased their home in Fargo in 1946, and it has remained the family home throughout the years.

Harold and Jackie had four daughters. Jackie died in 1978. Harold was then married to Velda Lansdown Jan. 1, 1979.

He was a member of the Fargo United Methodist Church, where he taught the adult Sunday School class for many years. Harold served on the Fargo School Board, and was a member of the Fargo Cemetery Association. He also belonged to the Cowboy Storytellers of the Western Plains.

Harold enjoyed his ranching, farming and custom hay-baling operations, and he stayed active on his farm until he was 91. He loved singing, traveling, fishing, bird hunting, playing pitch and dominoes.

Harold is survived by his daughters Harolene, Norma Jean, Judy and Marketa; a stepdaughter; two stepsons; a sister; two brothers; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Matt and Marcie Caldwell, LaCygne, Kan., announce the birth of their son, **William (Will) Teague**, born Oct. 3. He weighed 7 lb., 10 oz., and was 19½ in. long. He joins siblings Creed and Claire.

Grandparents are George and Loretta Teagarden, Topeka, Kan., and Ronald and Beth Caldwell, Monroe City, Mo.

Matt is a regional manager for the American Angus Association, representing Kansas and Oklahoma.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The Michigan State University (MSU) Department of Animal Science has added three new members to its staff. **Darrin Karcher** joined the staff Aug. 1 as the outreach poultry specialist, **Ashley Bushman** started in September as the beef management coordinator for the two-year Agricultural Technology program, and **Jason Knott** joined the department in August as an assistant professor teaching reproductive and developmental biology.

Christine Ricitelli won the \$50,000 “Best of Beef” grand prize at the 2007 National Beef Cook-Off® with her recipe “Nuevo Chipotle Beef in Butternut Squash Boats.” Twenty-five finalists showcased their dishes Sept. 11-13 in Chicago, Ill., competing for \$110,000 in cash and prizes. The Cook-Off is funded in part by the beef checkoff and managed by the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW) on behalf of the Cattlemen’s Beef Board (CBB).

Diamond V Mills, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was recently honored with the eighth annual Howard Hall Excellence in Business Award in the category of “International Business.” The annual award is given by the Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce in a different business category each year.

Shauna Trusas joined Allflex USA Sept. 10 as an associate western regional manager, responsible for supporting the company’s sales and marketing efforts in the states of Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Bill Mies, College Station, Texas, has been hired by Elanco Animal Health as a beef feedlot consultant with the company’s global beef group, working with the company’s marketing and sales teams to provide technical support to feedlots in North America and other locations throughout the world.

Bill Platter has been promoted by Elanco Animal Health to the position of manager of technical consultants for beef cattle, where he will lead a team of professionals conducting post-product approval research and providing technical services with a feedlot and stocker focus in the U.S.

