



# Newsmakers

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

## ► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Jake and Dawnté Reed, Fargo, N.D., announce the Nov. 22, 2001, birth of their daughter **Victoria Ann**. She weighed 6 lb., 12 oz. and was 20 in. long.

Grandparents are John and Joanne Reed of Bar J Ranch, Brooten, Minn., and Barry and Becky Mason of Bowman, N.D.

John and Angie Denton, Dearborn, Mo., announce the Nov. 25, 2001, birth of their son, **Wesley David**. He weighed 10 lb., 12 oz. and was 22 in. long.

Angie is the director of Web Marketing for Angus Productions Inc. (API).

## ► IN PASSING

**Gayle Gardels**, 70, Kearney, Neb., passed away on Nov. 20, 2001.

Gardels was born on Oct. 6, 1931, to John and Elfrieda (Mietzner) Gardels.

He attended school at Wilcox, Neb., where he graduated with the class of 1949. After high school, he attended and graduated from Midland College, Fremont, Neb., in 1953.

On June 16, 1953, he was inducted into the U.S. Army. He was released from active duty on May 6, 1955. He was honored with the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and one Overseas Bar.

## ► IN THE NEWS

**Odell "Dan" Daniel**, Colbert, Ga., was inducted into the Saddle & Sirlain Portrait Gallery on Nov. 11, 2001, at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE), in Louisville, Ky.

Daniel, a native of Arkansas, has spent a lifetime serving the interests of ag education and livestock producers. A faculty member of the University of Georgia Animal Science Department, beginning in 1958, Daniel retired in 1981. At that time he was department head and division chairman of the animal science division.

During his career at the university, he revitalized the Georgia 4-H livestock program, started the first state Extension newsletter and formed the beef cattle improvement association (BCIA). He also built and supervised a new bull test station, organized the Georgia Cattlemen's Association Stocker-Finisher Council and was instrumental in initiating cattle teleauctions.

Today, Daniel remains active in the livestock industry and in education. He and his son, Randy, also operate a 500-acre farm in Madison County, Ga., where he resides with his wife, Nemah.

In related NAILE news, the Oklahoma State University (OSU) livestock judging team placed first in the 2001 Collegiate Judging Contest on Nov. 13, 2001. OSU team member, **Cody Sankey**, Council Grove, Kan., placed fifth individually in the contest.



**O.G. Daniel**

## ► Nebraska Angus Ass'n



► 2001 Directors and officers of the Nebraska Angus Association include (seated, from left) president, Dick Hollman, Hallam; secretary/manager, Jennifer Svoboda, Sargent; past president,

Ken "Dutch" Dethlefs, Ravenna; (standing, from left) North director, Neri Barstow, Springview; South director, Jim Ely, McCook; vice president, Todd Hasenauer, Wallace; Central director, Rodney Lovitt, Mason City; and Northeast director, Ken Parcel, Lyons.

While serving in the Army, Gardels was united in marriage to Lois Christensen at Lincoln, Neb.; she survives. To this union four children were born — three sons: Michael, Kirk and Bradley; and one daughter, Patricia, who also survive.

In 1956, the Gardels returned to the Wilcox area, moving to their farm.

Gardels was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Wilcox, where he was baptized and confirmed in 1931 and 1945 respectively. In addition, he held several church offices and was a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League.

Gardels was a member of the Wilcox school board for many years and served as its president. He was a former director of the First National Bank at Wilcox, a member of the Wilcox Lions Club and a life member of the American Angus Association.

Upon moving to Kearney in 1985, Gardels became a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, where he faithfully served as an usher.

**Gregory Krueger**, 49, East Fallowfield, Pa., passed away Nov. 4, 2001, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was the husband of Jane (Green) Krueger, who is recovering from injuries sustained in the same accident.

Born in La Crosse, Ind., he was the son of Betty (Heinold) Krueger and the late LaVern Krueger.

He was a 1970 graduate of La Crosse High School and graduated from Purdue University in 1977 with a master's degree in animal science. As a student at Purdue, he worked for the university herdsman, Mark Richardson. When Richardson left the university to become manager of Sayre Farms in Phelps, N.Y., Krueger assumed that position. After the death of Sayre's longtime herdsman, Poe Smith, Richardson recruited Krueger to work at Sayre Farms.

Krueger fitted and showed three consecutive National Western Stock Show grand champions. Krueger's Scaara of Sayre became one of only four Triple Crown-winning females in the history of the breed.

In 1981, Krueger moved to Coatesville, Pa., to help start Genetics Unlimited. In 1989, with the dispersal of the Genetics Unlimited herd, the Kruegers decided to stay in Coatesville and start their own Angus business.

In 1995, Krueger became the chairman of the Atlantic National Angus Show, a capacity he continued to serve in until his death. Under his direction, the Atlantic National became one of the most prestigious Roll of Victory (ROV) super-point and regional preview shows in the country.

In addition to his wife, Krueger is survived by two daughters, Erin and Amy.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Atlantic National Angus Merit Scholarship Fund, c/o Bobbi McMullen, 2384 Robert Fulton Hwy., Peach Bottom, PA 17563.

**Darrel Wagner**, 41, of Sonderup Angus, Genoa, Neb., passed away Nov. 23, 2001, at his home.

Wagner was born Oct. 26, 1960, at Nebraska City to William and Faye (Mustard)

Wagner. He moved with his family to Fullerton when he was young. He attended Fullerton schools and graduated in 1979.

Wagner attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for two years. He then returned to Fullerton, where he began farming and ranching.

He married Lori Sonderup on Aug. 6, 1983, at Fullerton. They farmed and raised purebred Angus cattle. Wagner was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as trustee. He was a lifetime member of Pawnee Hills Golf Club; Nebraska Angus Association, where he was a past president; Nebraska Cattlemen; advisor

for the Nebraska Junior Angus Association; Boone/Nance County Cattlemen; and past president of the Fullerton Jaycees. He also had served on the Nance County Fair Board.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Ashley and Cassie.

**Taylor Thomas**, 14, of Thomas Ranch, Onida, S.D., passed away Nov. 9, 2001, as a result of a car accident.

Thomas was born Jan. 27, 1987, to Troy and VeaBea (Bourk) Thomas. She attended kindergarten and first grade in Cimarron, Kan., where the Thomases lived from 1989 to 1994, and grades two through nine at Sully Buttes, Onida.

She attended Sunday school and youth group at the Presbyterian Church in Onida, where she had been dedicated to Christ.

Thomas was a member of the Sully Buttes School Student Council and participated in various other school activities, including girls' basketball, volleyball, band, track and rodeo club. She also belonged to the Sully Achiever's 4-H Club, 4-H Rodeo, National Barrel Racing Association, Dakota Riding Club, the National Junior Angus Association and the American-International Junior Charolais Association.

She received many showmanship honors and awards through 4-H and local, state and national cattle shows, which she attended with her family.

She is survived by her parents and her sister, Cally.

A memorial fund has been established at Bank West in Onida. Contributions may be sent to: Bank West, PO Box 225, Onida, SD 57564.

## ▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

In November, the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) honored **James "Jim" Mullins** with its Distinguished Service Award at the USMEF Board of Directors Strategic Planning and Marketing Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz. The award is presented to outstanding figures in the red meat industry who exemplify the exceptional, individual dedication that has brought about the federation's success.

The **North Dakota Stockmen's Association** (NDSA) is now seeking candidates for a new environmental services director position. The environmental services director will offer producers free, commonsense advice and aid about remaining in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and enhancing their livestock operations. For more information about the position, contact NDSA Executive Vice President Wade Moser at (701) 223-2522 or ndsa@btigate.com. 