

Newsmakers

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

► IN THE NEWS

In March, the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) launched a new \$8.4 million advertising campaign in Tokyo, Japan. The campaign is designed to deliver messages of safety, taste and nutrition directly to Japanese customers.

Abbie Nelson, Five Star Land and Livestock, Wilton, Calif., conducted an on-camera interview, which allowed her to talk directly with Japanese housewives about her commitment to the production of safe and wholesome beef. Nelson is one of three women representing the U.S. beef industry who talk "woman-to-woman" about U.S. beef safety in the USMEF newspaper, magazine and television campaign.

Ellanin Miss World passed away March 5 at Northcote Farm, Forest, Va. Al Stroobants purchased Miss World in 1983, and she has resided at Northcote since then.

She produced many champions and more than a million dollars worth of progeny. Miss World was laid to rest on the farm next to her stallmate, Cobble Pond Miss Zara.

John E. Dudley, Comanche, Texas, was re-elected president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) during its March annual convention in Fort Worth.

Four herds honored as Historic Angus Herds

The American Angus Association recently

named **Ahlgren Angus Ranch**, Grass Range, Mont.; **Bud Barnes**, Cordell, Okla.; **Benson Angus Farms**, Irwin, Iowa; and **Smart Angus Farm**, New Bloomfield, Mo., as historic Angus herds.

The Historic Angus Herd Award is presented to active members of the Association who own a herd that has been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more by the same person or members of the immediate family.

The Ahlgren herd was founded by Bob and Dorothea Ahlgren in 1946 with the purchase of 20 bred heifers from the Estella, Betty, Adeline and other Angus cow families. Over the years the Ahlgrens have maintained a herd strong on Pathfinder dams, proven artificial insemination (AI) sires, carcass traits and good disposition. Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) and ultrasound are used to manage the herd and track genetic progress.

In 1989, Bob and Dorothea's son, Dan, and his wife, Kathy, assumed management of the herd. Today they and their daughter, Abbey, oversee the herd of 200 cows.

Bud Barnes established his Angus herd in 1952 with the purchase of a registered Angus cow and a heifer calf as a 4-H project. The foundation cattle were purchased from J. Gilmer Capps, Tipton, Okla., and the herd was built from that point by keeping raised heifers. The use of AI was implemented in 1962 to improve genetics.

Barnes had four sons who showed Angus

heifers at various district and county shows, and showed champions in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The third generation of the Barnes family is now showing heifers from the herd.

The Benson Angus Farms herd was founded in the early 1950s by Jesse Benson and was then named Jesse Benson & Sons. The first heifers were purchased from Val Mar Farms, Manilla, Iowa. Today the herd includes 100 Angus cows and is managed by Jesse's son Edwin Benson and his son Lonnie.

The Smart herd was founded by Samuel Richard Smart, who was better known as S.R. Smart, in 1936. He and his wife, Julia, had three children, James, Nellie and Richard. The herd was managed by S.R. and Richard until S.R.'s death in 1967.

The foundation cattle were purchased from Curtis Eastwood, Fulton, Mo., who was S.R. Smart's brother-in-law. One of the first bulls purchased was named Earl Eric 27.

Today the herd consists of 50 cows and is managed by Richard, wife Helen and son John, along with John's wife, Corrine, and their children, Bethany and Daniel. Most activities with the herd are on the local level, with a few bulls and females being sold each year. The Smarts have participated in performance tested bull sales, association consignment sales and local fairs.

► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Joe and Brenda Anderjaska, Rocking Lazy J Angus, Hayes Center, Neb., announce the Feb. 28 birth of their son **Jakob Wyatt**. He weighed 9 lb., 2 oz. and was 21½ in. long. He was welcomed home by his brothers, Erik and Joey Zaak; and his sister, Jessica.

Grandparents are Roland and Marilyn Anderjaska, Hayes Center, Neb.

► IN PASSING

Joanne Goodnight, 62, Clarksdale, Miss., passed away March 11 at her home.

► East Tennessee Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 16, Knoxville



► Serving as officers for the East Tennessee Angus Ass'n during the next year are (front row, from left) **Wayne Loveday**, Sevierville; **John Smalling**, Maryville, vice president; **David Cawood**, Cleveland; **Robert Stinson**, Jefferson City, secretary; (back row, from left) **Tim Hair**, Maryville, president; **Neal Richardson**, Lancing; **Taylor Cawood**, Cleveland; **John Lowe**, Telford; and **Phillip Warfield**, Andersonville.

► Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 13, Des Moines



► **Nelson and Mariann Thornton**, Winterset, exhibited the 2001 Iowa Angus Ass'n Show Bull of the Year. Evan Rayl (left), Iowa Angus Ass'n past president, presents the award to **Nelson Thornton**.



► **Cara Claussen** (left), Stockton, exhibited the 2001 Show Heifer of the Year. Evan Rayl, Iowa Angus Ass'n past president, presents the award.

She was a homemaker and member of Rena Lara, Miss., Baptist Church.

Goodnight is survived by her husband George; her two sons, Bob and George "Bubba"; and two daughters, Carrie and Joan.

Lawrence Jackson "Jack" Thornton, 57, Madison, Ga., passed away March 2 in Lexington, Ga. He was born in Washington, Ga., and was the son of Myrline Thornton and the late Lawrence Thornton.

Thornton was a State Farm Insurance agent in Athens and a breeder of Angus cattle.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; son, Russ; and daughters, Nechelle and Ashley.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) Executive Committee has hired **Scott Ressler**, Linton, N.D., as its environmental services director.

All three universities in the Food Safety Consortium are ranked in the top 10 meat and poultry-related programs as compiled by the Nov. 1, 2001, edition of *Meat and Poultry* magazine. The three universities, **Iowa State University**, **Kansas State University** and the **University of Arkansas**, placed second, third and fifth respectively.

ABS Global announced that **Stephen Fried** will rejoin ABS Canada as general manager.

eMerge Interactive Inc. has hired former Texas A&M University animal science professor, **Bill Mies**, as director of supply-chain management.

Browarny Photographics LTD, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, the official photographer for the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), announces the addition of **Jim Koch**,

Arvada, Colo., to the photography and livestock marketing staff of Browarny Digital.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association has hired Montana native **Jay Bodner** as natural resource coordinator. Bodner will manage all natural resource issues affecting Montana's livestock industry, including

endangered species, land use policy, and public and private land management issues. He will also serve as executive secretary for the Montana Association of State Grazing Districts and will oversee the Montana Public Lands Council.



Missouri Angus Ass'n Banquet, Feb. 23, Columbia



► The Missouri Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) **Ben Eggers**, Mexico, American Angus Association director; **Doc Smith**, Winigan, fieldman; **John Moffitt**, Kirksville, president elect; **Karen Jones**, Gainesville, vice president; **David Innes**, Armstrong, president; **Jean Ryan**, Willard, treasurer; **Curtis Long**, Butler, past president; **Vernon Yager**, Sturgeon, director; **Kris Graupman**, Palmyra, director; **Allen Robinson**, Montgomery City, director; (back row, from left) **Bill Harlan**, Huntsville; **Steve Birk**, Jackson; **Max Creason**, Cowgill; **Dan Weigand**, Warrensburg; **Truman Wiles**, Willow Springs; and **Leon Kleeman**, Miller.



► Officers of the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Tammy Wallace**, Mount Vernon, president; **Jo Ann Pipkin**, Republic, first vice president; **Gigi Hunter**, Fair Grove, second vice president; **Darla Eggers**, Mexico, treasurer; and **De Etta Murphy**, Houstonia, secretary.



► **Cecilia Eck**, Pierce City, was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Pictured (from left) are **Linda Eck Elderton**, **Cecilia Eck**, **Mary Jo Eck Washam** and **Richard Eck**.

Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 2, Plain City

► The Ohio Angus Ass'n board of directors are (sitting, from left) **Vernon Hall**, Greenville, chairman; **Jim Rentz**, Coldwater, president; **Tom Woodward III**, Gallipolis, vice president; **Brent English**, Elida, treasurer; **Sandra Wallace**, Gibsonburg, director; (standing, from left) **John Grimes**, Hillsboro; **David Long**, Hamilton; **Jay Clutter**, Wapakoneta; **Robert Deitrick**, Zanesville; **Daniel Miller**, Luckey; **James Winters**, Ashville; **Rodney Ferguson**, Rittman; **Wayne Baird**, Washington Court House; **Paul Hill**, Bidwell; **Steve Smith**, Johnstown; **John King**, Tiffin; **William Levering**, Fredericktown; **David Felumlee**, Newark; and **Michael McCauley**, Cambridge.



► **Richard Sour** (left), Urbana, was presented with the Distinguished Service Award. **James Rentz**, Ohio Angus Ass'n president, presents the award.