

# NEWSMAKERS



Compiled by Shauna Rose Hermel, Angus Beef Bulletin editor

*Within this “Newsmakers” column we are pleased to share important news and accomplishments of our members, including state association activities, birth and marriage announcements, and news of Angus members’ passing.*

## Illinois historic Angus herd

In 1968 Duane and Doris Kruse established DeKap Angus Farm in Lanark, Ill. The American Angus Association recognizes the Kruses’ herd with the Historic Angus Herd award to showcase their commitment to the Angus breed. This award is presented to active Angus breeders and immediate family members who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

Duane and Doris chose the Angus breed because of its popularity in America. The couple purchased their first cattle from Ken Truman and

Richard Zuck and his daughter Susan, all from Lanark. He also purchased cattle from the Pioneer Dispersal Sale in Johnston, Iowa, and Colonel Tommy Williams of Comar, Ill.

The Kruses purchased Bradmar Queen 436 at the Williams’ sale. She became the foundation of DeKap Angus Farm, producing prize-winning animals shown at major shows across the country for the past decade.

The main focus of the DeKap operation has always been performance cattle, resulting in top-selling, high-performing cattle at several state bull tests and the

Annual Illinois Angus Futurity.

The Kruses continue to live on DeKap Angus Farm, where Angus cattle, Angus friends and family are simply a way of life. They have four children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more information on the Historic Angus Herd Award and to view a list of past recipients since the program’s inception in 1988.

## New arrivals

Regional Manager Casey and Kayla Jentz welcomed Savannah Marie Jentz Saturday, May 19 at 11:21 p.m.

## Alabama Angus Ass’n Spring Sale, April 21, Cullman, Ala.



*Officers and directors elected to the Alabama Angus Ass’n Board are (front row, from left) Chris Wisener, Arab, Ala., president; Cobie Rutherford, Starkville, Miss., second vice president; Richard Dyar, Crossville, Ala., treasurer; Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., executive secretary; (back row, from left) Rob Adams, Union Springs, Ala.; Craig Bryson, Titus, Ala.; Don Lyles, Harvest, Ala.; Sammy Walker, Toney, Ala.; David Osborn, Athens, Ala.; Jay Howard, Oxford, Ala.; Len Colvin, Bridgeport, Ala.; Robert Williams, Section, Ala.; Tandy West, Centre, Ala.; John Starnes, Fort Payne, Ala.; and Zane Troxtel, Geraldine, Ala.*

*Photo by Mark Sims, American Angus Association.*

She weighed 8 lb., 4 oz., and was 21 in. long.

Savannah was welcomed home by sister Sydney.

Regional Manager Drew and Morgan Feller welcomed Mila Belle Feller Wednesday, May 9. She

weighed 5 lb., 3 oz. and was 17.5 in. long.

Bret and Jaycee Farmer welcomed Cooper Michael Farmer at 1:13 a.m. Friday May, 4. He weighed 7 lb., 10 oz., and was 21 in. long. Jaycee works for Angus Genetics Inc.

## BCIA honors Dyar

The Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA) awarded Richard Dyar of Dyar Angus in Crossville with the 2017 Spirit of BCIA Award, and J. H. Graydon Farm, Rusty and Debbie Graydon of

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### Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, April 27, LeCompte



*From left, Elizabeth Benoit, Louisiana Angus Princess presents top-selling female awards for the 2017 March association sale to Lee Robbins, Ruston, bred heifer; Dave Means III, Gloster, fall pair; Edward Hymel, Vacherie, spring pair; and Nicholas Purpera, Plaquemine, open heifer. Also presenting is Olivia Shepherd, Miss Louisiana Angus.*



*From left, Elizabeth Benoit presents top-selling bull awards for the 2018 January ass'n sale to Lee Robbins, Ruston, bull under 20 months; Robert Burford, Gloster, bull over 20 months. Also presenting is Olivia Shepherd.*



*Dale Schexnayder (center), Port Allen, was named Breeder of the Year, presented by Benoit (left); and Shepherd.*



*The LeBeouf family, DeRidder, was named Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Benoit; Kurt, Kara, Lani and Angie LeBeouf; and Shepherd.*



*Elected to serve on the Louisiana Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row from left) Lana Myers, Jennings, junior advisor; Edward Hymel, Vacherie, secretary; Kevin Windham, Jena, president; Dale Schexnayder, Port Allen, treasurer; Kurt LeBeouf, DeRidder, vice president; (back row from left) Directors Ron Springer, Keithville; Dave Means III, Gloster; Drew Hall, Ethel; Greg Tate, Ville Platte; Robert Burford, Gloster; Warren Bryan, Ruston; Phillip Shoemaker, Winnsboro; and Lee Robbins, Ruston.*

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Montgomery the 2017 Purebred Producer of the Year at the Alabama BCIA 2018 Annual Meeting on March 10 in Huntsville.

Dyar has been involved in the Alabama cattle industry for more than 40 years. He demonstrates commitment to Alabama BCIA performance principles and has promoted Alabama BCIA in each level of his involvement within the beef cattle industry. Dyar Angus produces performance Angus seedstock with numerous years of participation in BCIA bull evaluations and consignment sales,

earning top bull honors and producing high-selling bulls.

Dyar currently serves on the American Angus Association Board of Directors. Dyar served as president of Alabama BCIA in 2007 and as president of the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Foundation from 2007 to 2016, where he was a primary originator of the foundation and its efforts. The Spirit of BCIA Award recognizes and honors a member who exemplifies the commitment to BCIA performance principles and who has sought to promote the BCIA program.

J.H. Graydon Farm is owned and operated by husband and wife team Rusty and Debbie Graydon. The farm has produced Angus seedstock for the past 30 years, utilizing the Angus Herd Improvement Record (AHIR®) system since the late 1980s to keep track of and analyze all performance records of their vast herd.

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and their customers. The Graydons are also active in the Alabama Angus Association, Alabama BCIA and their local Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association.

J.H. Graydon Farm will be nominated by Alabama BCIA for the national Beef Improvement Federation's (BIF) 2018 Outstanding Seedstock Producer of the Year Award.

### In passing

**Charles M. "Chuck" Pohlman, 72,** of Hadar, Neb., died May 14, 2018.

The son of Arthur and Bernice Pohlman was born March 30, 1946,

in Norfolk, Neb. He attended grade school in Hadar and graduated from Pierce High School.

Chuck received a bachelor's degree in agriculture education from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in



*Charles Pohlman*

1968 and master's degree from Iowa State University in 1970.

He married Linda Wrenn on March 14, 1970, at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Island, Neb. He started his education career in Iowa teaching high school in both Oakland and Elk Horn for two years at each location. They moved back to the Norfolk area where they raised their children — Scott, Bryan, Garrett and Emily — on their family farm. With Linda's partnership, he built a premier purebred Angus cattle operation.

Additionally, he started teaching

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agriculture at Northeast Community College in Norfolk in 1972. With his leadership, NECC became the state's first community college to add an ag program, building it from three to 200 students over the course of 40 years. The program's Agriculture

Complex, a \$2.4-million, 40,000-square-foot complex now bears his name. His teaching career culminated as dean of the Agriculture, Health and Science division of the college.

Chuck was an active member of

the community. He was both an usher and Sunday school teacher at Christ Lutheran Church. He served as president of the school board.

He also served as president of the Nebraska Angus Association for two terms. He was a long-time volunteer

### Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, May 4, Raymond, Miss.



*The Tony Thames family, Jayess, was named Family of the Year. D.R. Bozeman, Mississippi Angus Ass'n vice president, presents the honor to Luke, Jake, Sherry and Tony Thames.*



*Nancy and William Howard, Canton, were named Progressive Breeder of the Year. Bozeman (left) presents the honor to Nancy and William Howard.*



*Woods Angus, Benton, was honored with the Lifetime of Achievement Award. Bozeman presents the honor to (continuing from left) Robbie Woods; Karen Gunn, holding James Gunn and Trey Gunn.*



*Melanie Kiani, Morton, was recognized for her support and dedication with the Mississippi Angus Ass'n President's Award. Pictured are (from left) Ivan Kiani; Emma Collins; Stephen Gaines, Mississippi Angus Ass'n president, presenting; Melanie Kiani, recipient; and Kayla and Clint Collins.*



*Elected as officers and directors of the Mississippi Angus Ass'n Board are (seated, from left) D.R. Bozeman Jr., Flora, president; Lane Smith, Purvis, vice president; Marc Kimbrell, Carrollton, secretary; Kindra Whitlock, Iuka, treasurer; (back row, from left) Stuart Johnson, Tupelo; Jon Paul Whitlock, Iuka; W.E. Warren, West; Randy Walker, Potts Camp; Tony Thames, Jayess; Larry Blocker, Starkville; James Peden, DeKalb; and William Howard, Canton.*

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fireman with the Hadar Fire Department and a member of the Pierce County zoning board.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda Pohlman of Hadar, children Scott (Moriah) Pohlman of Hereford, Texas, Bryan (Nydia) Pohlman of Philadelphia, Garrett (Monique) Pohlman of Kearney, Emily (Mike) Ehle of Blair; seven grandchildren: Cutter, Colter, Natalia, Elizabeth, Dean, Mason, and Calum; siblings Marilyn and Jerry Glaser of Norfolk, Richard and Betty Pohlman of Hadar, Margaret and Donis Petersan of Lincoln, Dale and Susan Pohlman of Norfolk; in-laws

Kathy (Gene) Gosch of Kearney, Jane (Rod) Gangwish of Shelton, Van (Cindy) Wrenn of Omaha, Sara (Rob) Mitchell of Omaha; and numerous nieces and nephews. They will forever appreciate the positive example he set, his selfless work ethic, his commitment to family and his Christian faith.

**Wayne Delarmie "Doc" Smith, 90,** of Green Castle, Mo., passed away Monday, May 28, 2018, at Kirksville Manor Care Center. He was born Jan. 22, 1928, near Loeffler, Mo. He was the son of Frank Delarmie Smith and Sylvia Juanita (Rickard) Smith.

Doc grew up in the Loeffler community and graduated from Willow Branch Grade School then the Kirksville Senior High School in 1947. He received the FFA State Farmer Degree in 1947 and was FFA State Reporter. He received the FFA American Farmer Degree in 1948 and was in the High School Honor Society. He attended Kirksville State Teachers' College (now Truman State) and graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in agriculture in 1951, a master's degree in 1952, and a doctor of veterinary medicine in 1956.

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### Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 23, Springfield, Ill.



The Kevin Eathington family, Avon, was named the Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n Outstanding Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Amber Schiffbauer, Miss Illinois Angus, presenting; Lindsey Decker, and Kyle, Ella, Kevin, Katelyn, Emma and Patricia Eathington.



Alicia Miller (right), Forrest, receives the Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n Appreciation Award from Amber Schiffbauer, Miss Illinois Angus.



Alan Miller (left), Gridley, receives the Stan Prox Memorial Award from Linda Prox, right.



The Illinois Angus Ass'n presented Scott Anderson (left), Chrisman, and Trever Kuipers (right), Le Roy, with its Retiring Board Member Award.

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Wayne married Evelyn Ilene Young on Nov. 9, 1952, at the First Baptist Church in Columbia, Mo. He practiced veterinary medicine in Winigan, Mo., from June 1956 to October 1979. He became fieldman for the Missouri Angus Association Oct. 1, 1979, and graduated from Missouri Action School in January 1980. He worked more than 1,500 cattle sales and retired from the Association on Feb. 29, 2004.

As a member of the First Baptist Church in Winigan, he served as Sunday school teacher, Sunday school secretary, training union

director in addition to the Sunday school superintendent.

He served as chairman of the Sullivan County Health Department Board, Sullivan County Memorial Hospital Board and the Sullivan County Ambulance Board. He also served four terms as judge of the Sullivan County Court (now called County Commissioner) Organization Chairman, was first president of the Sullivan County Public Water District Organization chairman and first president of the Sullivan County Cattleman's Association. Doc served as president of the Sullivan County

Farm Bureau, was chairman of the Sullivan County Extension Council, and served on the state advisory council. He was chairman of the Sullivan County Republican Committee; served on the Agriculture Advisory Committee for Governor Kit Bond, Senator John Danforth and Representative Tom Coleman; and was appointed to the state ASCS Committee (now FSA) by the first George Bush, serving four years, one as chairman.

He was president of the Winigan 4-H and Community Park Board, a

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32 Degree Freemason, serving as District Grand Master, president of the Sullivan County Angus Association, president of the Chariton Valley Angus Association and secretary of the Green Hills Angus Association. He was recognized with a Who's Who in Veterinary Science and Medicine, Who's Who in Community Service, and 1980 Junior Angus Association Man of the Year.

In 1995 he was the first inductee to the Missouri Angus Breeders Hall of Fame; in 1997, inducted into the

National Junior Angus Honorary Foundation; and in 1997, the Missouri State Fair Cattle Show was dedicated to him. In 2001 he was inducted into the American Angus Heritage Foundation. In 2004, the University of Missouri Block and Bridle club named him Livestock Person of the Year. The 2004 National Junior Angus Association show was dedicated to him. Also in 2004, he was the second inductee into the Northeast Missouri Livestock Hall of Fame and named Missouri Cattlemen's Association

Pioneer Cattleman of the Year.

Doc has spent most of his life in the Loeffler and Winigan areas. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank; his mother, Sylvia; his brother, Donald; his wife, Evelyn on July 27, 2012; as well as his grandparents, aunts and uncles. He is survived by his nephews, Larry Smith and wife Brenda of Green Castle, and Terry Smith and wife Tonyunna of Licking, Mo.; great nephews, Dee Jay, Jay Dee, Jackson and Josh Smith; great niece Jesse Horton, and other relatives and many friends. 

### Mississippi Angus Ass'n Sale, May 5, Raymond, Miss.



*Left: Stephen Gaines (left), Brandon, was presented the outgoing president recognition award by Lane Smith, Mississippi Angus Ass'n vice president.*

*Right: The Mississippi Angus Ass'n gave a donation to the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary. Melanie Kiani (left) Mississippi Angus Auxiliary president, accepts the donation from Lane Smith, Mississippi Angus Ass'n vice president.*



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