



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Junior Leathers, Johnsonville, Ill., has been recognized by the American Angus Association with the organization's Historic Angus Herd Award for his dedication to the production of Angus cattle.

Leathers has been a member of the Association since 1952.

His foundation stock came from Joe Kuhl, Newton, Ill., and David Deatherage, Oblong, Ill. Today, Leathers manages 50 head of registered Angus.

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

C.E. Varley and Son, Stuart, Iowa, was awarded the Historic Angus Herd Award at the 2003 Iowa State Fair, Tuesday, Aug. 12.

The Varley family joined the Association

in 1945, but started their Angus herd as early as 1939. Angus legends such as Eileenmere, Blackcap, Earl Marshall and Bandolier can be found in their herd's lineage. They bought their foundation stock from Angus breeders including Perry Phillips and J.C. McClean.

Today, Charles Varley Jr., along with his son, Evan, manage the herd of approximately 300 females. They have hosted 40 production sales and have sold Angus cattle to patrons in 38 states. The Varleys have experienced success in the showing as far back as the 1962 Ak-Sar-Ben and as recently as the 2001 Houston Livestock Show.

Varley and his wife, Dorothy, raised three children: Connie, Susan and Evan.

Harriett McClarnon & Son, Greenfield, Ind., has been presented with the Historic Angus Herd Award for maintaining an Angus herd for more than 50 years. Since joining the Association in 1948, the Harriett McClarnon & Son operation has contributed

greatly to advancing the Angus breed.

Strong Angus genetics have always been found in the herd. The 1962 International grand champion bull, Ankonian Eclipse, was owned, in part, by the ranch and is found in many of its pedigrees. The McClarnons had their first production sale in 1970 and still maintain a herd of 60 Angus females.

Managing the herd is a family effort. Harriett, her son James, and daughter and son-in-law Judy and Keith Brown manage the historic farm.

On July 12, Harriett was honored with the Angus Pioneer Award at the American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

Dal'bairn Farm, Carlisle, N.Y., has been honored by the Association with the Historic Angus Herd Award for its continued ownership and production of Angus cattle.

The farm is owned and operated by the Fletcher family. The Dal'bairn herd traces its roots back to breeders like Carlton Fancher and Henry Jackson. Bulls such as Bandolier of Anoka 7 and Briarcliff Barbarian can be found in the herd's pedigree.

Dale Fletcher started the herd with stock he received as a gift from Bethel Farms. The Fletchers became Angus members in 1952. Today, William Fletcher, his son Mark and grandson Matthew manage the herd.

Casey Worrell, American Angus Association regional manager, was elected

National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) convention, Des Moines, Iowa



► **Lawrence Johnson** (left), USDA Agricultural Research Service, receives the Research Award from Doug Blair, immediate past chairman of the NAAB.



► **David Mellinger** (left) receives the Pioneer Award on behalf of his father, James Mellinger. Doug Blair presents the award.



► **Mike Hahn** (left), Accelerated Genetics, receives the Member Director Award from Doug Blair.



► **Lloyd Jungmann** (left), Hawkeye Breeders Service, receives the Distinguished Service Award from Doug Blair.

► NAAB board of directors are (from left) **Gordon Doak**, president; **Doug Blair**, Alta Genetics; **Michael Cowan**, Accelerated Genetics, third member of the executive committee; **Denny Funk**, ABS Global, vice chairman; **Alfred Kuck**, Genex Cooperative; **Donald Monke**, Select Sires, chairman; and **Dick Witter**, Taurus Service Inc.



president of the Texas Purebred Cattle Alliance (TPCA). The TPCA was established to form an alliance of all purebred breeders and purebred associations to promote and protect the seedstock industry in Texas and to improve production techniques. It is also intended to improve the conditions of those in the purebred cattle industry.

▣ IN PASSING

Virgil Grandpre, 72, Aberdeen, S.D., died May 29.

Grandpre was born Aug. 22, 1930, in Mellette, S.D., to Ernest and Anna (Haessig) Grandpre. He graduated from Brentford High School in 1948.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He married Beatrice Barton in 1953. They farmed and raised Angus cattle together until retiring in 2001. They moved to Aberdeen that year. Grandpre helped many young farmers and ranchers get started into farming and the cattle business.

Grandpre enjoyed his time on the farm and fishing. He was a member of the Brentford Volunteer Fire Department, the Brentford Legion, the Paul A. Schleher VFW Post #2744 in Redfield, the 40 et 8 club, the South Dakota Angus Association and the Tetonka Township Board.

Grandpre is survived by his wife. He was

preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda, in 1960.

Quincy Darbyshire, 76, Moultrie, Ga., died Aug. 13 in Tuckasegee, N.C.

Darbyshire was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Bainbridge, N.C., and was the son of Vera and Glen Douglas Darbyshire.

Darbyshire owned and operated Darbyshire Angus in Moultrie. He also was a retired veterinarian, a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma; two sons, Glen and John; one daughter, Laura; and seven grandchildren.

▣ ANGUS ARRIVAL

Ryan and Tracy Hurlbutt, Olathe, Kan., announce the arrival of their son, **Joshua Ryan**, July 26. He weighed 6 lb., 14 oz. and was 19 in. long. Grandparents include Robert and Judy Hurlbutt, Kimberling City, Mo., and Dean and Gloria Hurlbut, Saint Joseph, Mo. Dean is retired from the American Angus Association after 43 years of service, and Gloria is the supervisor of the Association's Breed Improvement Department.

▣ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The American Gelbvieh Association board of directors has selected **Wayne Vanderwert**, Madison, Mo., as its new executive director. Vanderwert began work Oct. 1 and replaces Don Schiefelbein, who returned to his family farm in Minnesota.

American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill., hired **John Nimmo** as marketing director. He will administrate the company's national marketing programs and assist in the underwriting department and in management of American Live Stock Insurance.

GeneNet's exclusive carcass merit grid with **Swift & Co.** recently returned record prices on three loads of cattle. The cattle fed through a GeneNet certified feedlot, Flint Rock Feeders, Gruver, Texas, brought a record \$89.65 per hundredweight (cwt.). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) weighted average for Texas that week was \$79.74, making the premium \$108.32 per head on 129 head. The cattle graded 91.5% USDA Choice and above, with 91.5% Yield Grade (YG) 1s and 2s. Swift & Co. reported this was the highest price they have ever paid for a set of cattle.

