

Newsmakers

■ IN THE NEWS

The University of Tennessee (UT) Block and Bridle Club recognized **Mary McCurry** as one of their "Distinguished Alumni" during its 2000 Awards and Recognition Banquet. McCurry, a 1975 UT graduate, majored in food technology and science and



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minored in animal science. She received a master's degree in meat science from Kansas State University (K-State). For three years, McCurry served as an officer of the American Angus Auxiliary, serving as president in 1998-99. She has worked to develop programs that recognize and encourage Angus youth. She currently serves on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board advisory team.

McCurry and her husband, Andy, have two children, John and Emily. The family manages a 125-cow purebred Angus operation near Burrton, Kan.

Kevin Maas joined the Kent Feed sales department as district sales manager in southwest Iowa. Maas, who has a bachelor's



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degree in animal science from Iowa State University, previously served as an area manager for a feed dealership in west-central Iowa. He resides in Adair, Iowa, with his wife, Darci, and daughter, Margaret.

Angie Siemens is the 2000 recipient of the World Beef Expo's Paul May Award. The annual award is given to an individual who has contributed significantly to the expo. Siemens has served as show superintendent since its inaugural show in 1993.

Siemens served on the first NJAA Board and competed in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. She returned to judge the 1999 national showmanship contest.

Siemens is currently vice president of food safety for Smithfield Packing Co., Smithfield, Va.

Angus member **Richard Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) by its board of directors. Tokach, a lifelong Angus producer, was raised on the operation where he resides with his wife, Kathy, and their three children.

Bobby Rankin retired as head of New Mexico State University's (NMSU's) animal and range sciences department. His experience at NMSU includes 10 years as a livestock specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service, 25 years of teaching and 15 years in administration.

He has advised international students who became ministers of agriculture, university professors and business leaders around the world. Rankin has taught in Latin America and Africa. He also worked in Belize, Algeria and Gambia.

Rankin and his wife, Margie, plan to travel frequently.

Dave Nichols, Bridgewater, Iowa, was named a regional winner of the National Cattlemen's Foundation 2001 Vision Award: Beef Innovator of the Year.

Awards were evaluated primarily on the basis of effective use of available production technology, effect on cost of production, ingenious implementation, successful and innovative marketing, benefit on the industry, and optimum resource management.

■ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Don and **Juliana Benner** of Benfield Angus in Deerfield, Va., announce the birth of their daughter, **Kendall Hite**, on July 24. She weighed 6 lb., 14 oz. and was 19.5 in. long. Kendall is welcomed home by siblings John, Madison and Kaye.

Grandparents include William and Margaret Lee Benner, Warrenton, Va., and John and Laura King, Churchville, Va. William is the former president of Benfield Farms Inc. and continues to manage the Benfield operation in Warrenton.

Ron and **Lannette Frye** of Shepherd, Mont., announce the arrival of their daughter, **Jillian Pearl**, on Sept. 11. She weighed 6 lb., 6 oz. and was 19 in. long. Jillian was welcomed home by her two

brothers, Randy and Kyle. Ron is the Association's regional manager in Alaska, Montana, North Dakota and Wyoming.

Angus Productions Inc. (API) Advertising/Production Manager **Cheryl Oxley** and her husband, John, Saint Joseph, Mo., announce the arrival of their granddaughter, **Emily Dean Jennings**. She weighed 5 lb., 9 oz. and was 18 in. long. Emily's parents are Carl and Nancy Jennings, Saint Joseph.

Craig and **Heidi Roth** of Roth Angus Ranch, Freeman, S.D., announce the birth of their daughter, **Dayna Marie**, on Sept. 12. She weighed 7 lb., 1 oz. Dayna was welcomed home by twins Cody and Cailey, age 3.

■ IN PASSING

Delbert Frank Ohnemus, 78, of Milo, Iowa, died Aug. 8 of carbon monoxide poisoning from a fire caused by lightning.

Ohnemus lived in Milo all his life. He was an Army veteran and a member of the American Legion. He operated Ohnemus Century Farm and was a longtime member of the American Angus Association. He was a member of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Warren County Cattlemen's Association and Farm Bureau. Ohnemus was the 1994 Iowa Cattlemen's Commercial Cattlemen of the Year.

He is survived by a son, Duane, of Milo; two daughters, Barbara Ohnemus-Kawamura of Indianola and Marcia Roth of Altoona; a sister, Maxine Howe of Des Moines; a brother, Edwin, of Milo; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Adeline McCormick-Ohnemus.

Contributions may be made to A.L. McCormick-Ohnemus Community Center or Milo Fire and Rescue.

■ ALSO IN THE NEWS

Linda Logan-Henfrey was selected to serve as the state veterinarian of Texas and the executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) after **Terry Beals** retired Sept. 1. Logan-Henfrey has served as the national animal health program leader at the Maryland headquarters of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag Research Service (USDA-ARS) the past four years.

OvaGenix LP, a full-service cattle embryo transfer (ET) company, is now based in Bryan, Texas. Charley Looney, Don Wideman Jr. and David Faust are the principal partners in the firm.

