

NEWSMAKERS

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Within this "Newsmakers" column we share important news and accomplishments of our members, including state association activities, birth and marriage announcements, and news of Angus members' passing.

In passing



Duane Lester Kruse, 80, Lanark, Ill., passed away Aug. 6.

Duane was born July 12, 1939, in Freeport, Ill., to Lester and Doris (Butterbaugh) Kruse. He attended Freedom School as a child, graduating from Lanark High School with the class of 1957.

On Nov. 14, 1958, at the Baptist Church in Mt. Carroll, Duane married his wife of 60 years, Doris Gelwicks, and they were blessed with four children.

Duane built a legacy breeding and raising purebred Angus cattle for 50 years. He established DeKap Angus Farm in 1968. Last year his herd was recognized by the American Angus Association as a Historic Angus Herd.

Duane sold Angus bulls throughout the Midwest for many years. In 1998 he was named Illinois Seedstock Producer of the Year.

Duane traveled the country attending numerous Angus events and was a regular at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver. Duane worked hard on his family farm and was a recipient of the Carroll County Conservation Farmer of the Year Award.

When he wasn't hard at work, Duane enjoyed dancing, flying his airplane, and family events.

Duane was a member of the Lanark Masonic Lodge. Above all else he loved and valued his family the most.

Survivors include his wife, Doris; son, Dan (Mary) Kruse, Mount Carroll, Ill.; daughters, Dena (Mike) McKnight, DeKalb, Ill., Danita (Dick) Emford, Lena, Ill., and Darci (Josh) Francque, Dixon, Ill.; eight grandchildren, Mistia Cook, Jose Castro, Rebecca Kruse, Haley Emford (fiancé, Kyle Johnson), August Emford, Mary Francque, JD (fiancé, Andrew Lauver), Victor Francque, and Alyssa McKnight; four great-grandchildren, Jozlynn, Cutter, Priseis, and Cyrus; two sisters, Darlene Breemes, Greenwood, Neb., and Diane (Frank) Konfrst, Blair, Neb.; a sister-in-law, Marcie Kruse, Lanark, Ill.; and nieces and nephews.



Maurice Leo Armstrong, 82, Eagleville, Tenn., passed away Sept. 24.

Maurice was born July 18, 1937, in Wartrace, Tenn. He was the owner and operator of Southeastern Machine Repair and Split Oaks Angus Farm. He was also a member and elder of College Grove Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Emma Mae Curbow Armstrong; sons, Kenneth (Sherrie) Armstrong, Jimmy (Jenny)

Armstrong; brother, Donald Armstrong; grandchildren, Dana (Jason) McGee, Matthew (Brandi) Armstrong, Brad Armstrong, Angela (Rob) Norton; Mandi (Bryan) Schooley, Kyle (Ashlee) Armstrong, Abi (Nick) Rippey, Ali (Ben) Boyce; and nineteen great grandchildren.

Angus arrivals



Samuel and Lauren Ebenkamp, Otwell, Ind., announce the birth of their son Henry Francis on Oct. 7.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Samuel and Lauren own and operate Ebenkamp Cattle Co. together.

In recognition

Historic Angus Herd

Poplar Springs Farm was established in 1965 in Moore, S.C., by Charles Boyter. As a retail market manager, he recognized Angus as having the best cuts of meat.

Boyter's first purchase was made from the Carolina Futurity held by Clemson University in Spartanburg, S.C. He went on to purchase cattle from a herd in Little Switzerland, N.C.

Starting out, Boyter's first purchases were commercial. Then

after doing some research, he found Graham Angus in Albany, Ga., where they were developing an Angus line that had proven successful. He purchased cow-calf pairs and then later bulls from Graham Angus. From this developed a relationship with the Graham Family that has lasted to this day.

Charles has been recognized as pure registered beef owner of the year by the Spartanburg County Livestock Producers, and Farmer of the Year by his local FFA.

The farm currently consists of 40 head of cattle and is managed by Boyter's daughter and son-in-law, Lynne and Steve Chastain.

Historic Angus Herd

Hughes Flippin Farms Inc. has been home to Angus cattle for more than 50 years.

Hughes Flippin Farms Inc. was established in 1954 in Flippin, Ky., by Lewis Hughes. Lewis, along with his son Billy, made his first purchase from J.L. and Minnie Celsor's farm. He purchased four bred heifers for \$600 for a 4-H project. While there, Minnie gave Hughes and his son an *Angus Journal* to take home and look through. After that, the decision was made to go into the registered Angus cattle business.

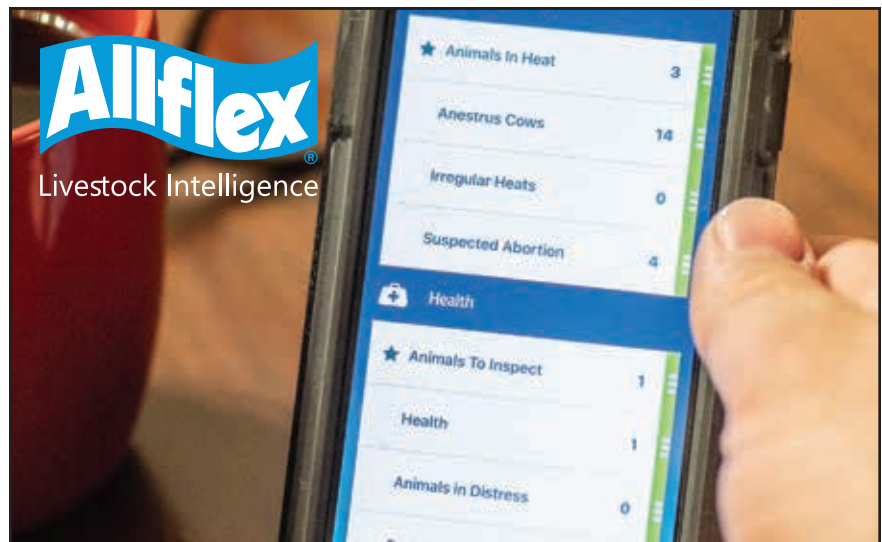
Lewis realized he needed an Angus bull for his herd, so in 1961, he purchased his first Angus bull, Bardoliermere MAF 2, from Joe Meng of Meng Farms. He also purchased cows during the 1960's from Al Gore Sr. and bulls from R & J Ranch. In April of 1987 Billy purchased the top bull in the University of Kentucky bull test. The herd continued to evolve throughout the 1990's with numerous bulls and cows registered.

The land on which Hughes Flippin Farms Inc. started has been in the

family for more than 205 years and, until 2007, was ran by Billy Hughes.

Billy graduated from Western Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in 1963 and in that same year, married his wife, Jo Ann. He also served as vice president of the South Central Kentucky Angus Association. The farm currently consists of 40

cows, 15 calves and one bull and is managed by Jeff Pedigo. **AJ**



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