



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Jon Means**, Van Horn, Texas, was elected president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) at its annual convention in March. **Louis Pearce Jr.**, Houston, was elevated from honorary director to honorary vice president. **Steve Sikes**, Fort Worth, was elected to the position of director.

**Farrell and Lucille Koontz**, Lexington, N.C., celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary March 19 with a reception at Beulah United Church of Christ. They were married March 17, 1937, and have two daughters, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Farrell still works full time for J.B. Green & Co. Milling, traveling no less than 1,500 miles each week to his territories in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. A retired educator, Lucille still volunteers with the 4-H Club, the Homemaker's Extension and teaches Sunday school.

Farrell is the last living charter member of the Welcome Civitans, which last year celebrated its 60th anniversary. Lucille is a lifetime member of the Davidson County Mental Health committee and a former volunteer for the March of Dimes. Life members of the American Angus Association since 1948, the couple still raises Angus cattle, currently managing 37 Angus cows.

## ANGUS ARRIVALS

**Ben and Meghan Richey**, Gower, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter, **Charlotte Turri**, born March 19. She weighed 8 lb., 4 oz., and was 21 in. long.

Grandparents are Steve and Judi Soderstrom, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Daniel and Rosalind Richey, New Castle, Ind.

Meghan is marketing and public relations assistant for the Angus Foundation, and Ben is the executive director of the U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA).

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Ashby Green** has joined the National

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## Idaho Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Twin Falls, Feb. 9

► The 2007 Idaho Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Dennis Boehlke**, Nampa, president; **Jackie Kohntopp**, Jerome, secretary/treasurer; **Steven Herbst**, Salmon, vice president; (standing, from left) **Mark Malson**, Parma; **Glenn Schutte**, Gooding; **Brian Stoller**, Melba; **Doug Kohntopp**, Jerome; and **Sarah Fuller**, Twin Falls.



► The **Eden String Quartet**, whose members are **Krista Miller**, **Megan Miller Goff**, **Therese Miller** and **Leah Miller**, recently played at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., during the "Hour of Power" television program. The quartet was formed in 1998 by the four daughters of **Chris and Mary Miller**, **Ascent Angus Farms**, Oakland, Ill.

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



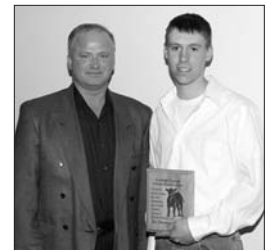
► **Callan Farms Inc.**, Stonington, receives the American Angus Association Historic Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) Jerry Cassady, Association regional manager, presenting the award to **Michael and Jean Callan**. The award recognizes farms and individuals who have been in continuous Angus production for 50 years or longer.



► **McLaughlin's Angus Farm**, Mason City, receives the American Angus Association Historic Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) Cassady, **Emily**, **Dorothy** and **James McLaughlin**.



► The **Robert Lemenager family**, Clifton, was honored with the Outstanding Junior Family Award, presented in memory of Mitchell Widholm. Pictured are (from left) **Todd Widholm**, and **Dalton**, **Gabrielle** and **Dillon Lemenager**.



► The **Bill Strawson family**, Wilmington, was also honored with the Outstanding Junior Family Award. Pictured are (from left) **Widholm** and **Kyle Strawson**.

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Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) as vice president, producer education. Green has more than 30 years experience in the veterinary medical industry in Mississippi, Missouri and Florida. He was most recently involved in veterinary consulting and working with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**Bruce Bjornson** has been appointed to a three-year term as a financial expert for the Farm Credit System (FCS) Financial board of directors, effective April 5.

**Chris Kolste** has been hired as a new member of the Trans Ova Genetics professional services team. Kolste will be

based at the company's regional center in Belgrade, Mont., where he will perform embryo transfer work on dairy and beef cattle and be in charge of the health maintenance of the donors and recipient females housed there.

Prior to joining Trans Ova Genetics,

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### Illinois Angus Ass'n Board of Directors Meeting, Springfield, March 12

► The 2007 Illinois Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Brian Finnestad**, Cordova, president; **Marvin Kramer**, Farina, vice president; **Stan Prox**, Macomb, business manager; **Rob Murray**, Milford, secretary; **Richard Dickinson**, Congerville, past president; (standing, from left) **Luke Lemenager**, Hudson; **Lee Stremsterfer**, Pleasant Plains; **Michael Dorethy**, Macomb; **T.J. Curtin**, Blue Mound; **Grant Bedel**, Saybrook; **James Head**, Benton; **Joel York**, Palestine; **Dale Rhode**, Kingston; **John De Rycke**, Prophetstown; **James Marsh**, Union; **Jeffrey Dameron**, Normal; **Wayne Conrady**, Lincoln; **Fred Swanson**, Trivoli; **Steven Spivey**, New Windsor; **Marvin Hobbs**, Good Hope; and **Chad Hoffman**, Colfax.



### Kentucky Angus Ass'n Banquet, Louisville, March 3



► Officers and directors of the 2007 Kentucky Angus Ass'n board are (seated, from left) **Anne Patton Schubert**, Taylorsville; **Todd Jeffries**, Canmer, president; **James Jackson**, Salvisa; **Henry Smith**, Russell Springs, vice president; **Anne Clark**, Sharpsburg, secretary-treasurer; **Dave Neely**, Franklin; (standing, from left) **Keith Johnson**, Slaughters; **Mark Warren**, Lebanon; **Davis Holder**, Gamaliel; **Briggs Cunningham**, Lancaster; **Shawn Gibson**, Bradfordsville; **James Coffey**, Hustonville; and **Charles Brost**, Lexington.



► **Stone Gate Farms**, Flemingsburg, receives the Performance Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) **Casey Story** and **Chris, Mary Jayne, Victoria**, and **Jere Cannon**, all of Flemingsburg.



► **Left: Johnathon Nunn**, Canmer, is named Herdsman of the Year. Pictured are **Michelle** and **Landyn Nunn**, both of Canmer.



► **Right: Russ Marshall** (left), Nicholasville, receives the Lifetime Achievement Award from James Coffey.



► **The James Jackson family**, Salvisa, receives the Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (seated, from left) **Elda** and **James Jackson**; (standing, from left) **Justin, Joseph** and **Joshua Jackson**.

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Kolste was an owner and practicing veterinarian with Valley Veterinary Service in northern Utah.

**Tom Ramey** has been hired as the new chief executive officer (CEO) of the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB). Ramey,

CBB's current Chief Financial Officer (CFO), assumed his new responsibilities May 1. He replaced Monte Reese, who retired April 30 after 17 years with the organization.

**Micro Beef Technologies Ltd.**, a privately-held, technology-based animal

management solutions company has announced its acquisition of **CattleLog Animal Information Systems**. Formerly held by eMerge Interactive Inc., CattleLog provides a suite of tools to help individual cattle producers participate in value-added marketing opportunities, including

### Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Staunton, Feb. 2

► The 2007 Virginia Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (seated, from left) **Louis Inzeo**, Pamplin; **Dan Wells**, Staunton, executive director; **Jay Fulk**, Broadway, treasurer; **Ken Barnhart**, Purcellville, president; **Steve Furrow**, Rocky Mount; **Jeffrey Powers**, Moneta, past president; (standing, from left) **Jon Repair**, Glasgow; **Gerald Hall**, Upperville; **Zachary Tucker**, Amhurst; **Michael Bazzle**, Harrisonburg; **Jerry Gustin**, Gloucester; **Dennis Pearson**, Warrenton; **Charles Rosson**, Louisa; **Dave Leonard**, Charlottesville; and **C.S. Fitzgerald**, Raphine.



► **Mandy Richardson** (left), Louisa, receives the 2006 Premier Senior Exhibitor Award presented by Mackenza Muncy (right), princess.



► **Connie Henderson** (right), Edgewood Farms, Williamsburg, receives the Barntenslager Award from Charles Rosson.



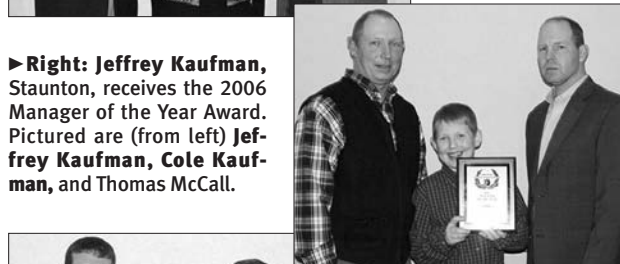
► **Left: The Coleman family** receives the Hall of Merit Award. Pictured are (from left) **Paul Coleman Jr.** and **Virginia and Paul Coleman**, both of Scottsville.



► **Louis Inzeo** (left), Pamplin, is honored with the dedication of the Virginia Angus Handbook by Paul Coleman.



► **Katherine Meadows** (right), Buchanan, receives the Distinguished Service Award from Jeffrey Powers.



► **Right: Jeffrey Kaufman**, Staunton, receives the 2006 Manager of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) **Jeffrey Kaufman**, **Cole Kaufman**, and **Thomas McCall**.



► **Left: Zachary Tucker** (left), Amherst, receives the 2006 Sale Chairman of the Year Award from Michael McDowell.



► **Jason Arehart** (left), Staunton, receives the 2006 Herdsman of the Year Award from McCall.



► **Gerald Hall** (left), Upperville, receives the 2006 Promoter of the Year Award from Ken Barnhart.



► **Kevin Fleenor** (left), Aldie, receives the 2006 Seedstock Producer of the Year Award from Barnhart.



► **Jonathan May** (right), Timberville, receives the 2006 Commercial Producer of the Year Award from Michael Bazzle.

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a USDA-approved Process Verification Program (PVP) and the CattleLog Listing Service.

**Michael Nichols** has accepted a position with Pfizer Animal Health's Beef Veterinary Operations team. He will be based in

Amarillo, Texas, and will be working primarily in stocker-feeder cattle health.

**Eldon White** is the new executive vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA). He has 28 years of agriculture-related association

management experience, including nearly 16 years serving as the chief staff officer for up to six associations concurrently. **Dave Scott**, Richmond, was elected first vice president, and **Joe Parker Jr.**, Byers, was elected second vice president and secretary

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► **Will Earhart**, Verona, receives the Outstanding Junior Advisor Award. Pictured are (from left) Chris Johnston, advisor; Muncy; Earhart; Richardson; Betsie Michael, advisor; and Wynn Herbers, advisor.



► **Michael McDowell**, Vernon Hill, is named the 2006 Cattleman of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Powers, presenting the award; **West, Wanda, Bridget** and **Michael McDowell**, all of Vernon Hill; and **Jonathan, Angela** and **Avery Collins**, all of Halifax.

### ► South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Clemson, March 16



► The 2007 South Carolina Ass'n board of directors includes (front row, from left) **Steve McPhail**, Seneca, president; **Lewis Smith**, Pendleton, vice president; **Windy Bartee**, Clover, secretary; **Mike Johnson**, Kinards, treasurer; (back row, from left) **Kevin Yon**, Ridge Spring; **Neil Boyd**, Clover; **Frankie Mullikin**, Pendleton; **Charles Cox**, Pelzer; **Stephanie Clark**, Fountain Inn; **William Rushton**, Johnston; and **Neil McPhail**, Seneca.

► **Right:** The 36th Annual Carolina Angus Futurity was dedicated to the **D.K. Warner Family**, Greenwood. Pictured are (from left) Dale Wilson, Abbeville, presenting the Angus bull trophy to **Viola** and **D.K. Warner**.



► **Walter McPhail II**, Seneca, was posthumously inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. **Walter Shealy** (far left) presents the plaque to the McPhail family.



► **Left:** **Derriel Owens**, Clinton, was posthumously inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. **Shealy** presents a plaque to the Owens family.

► **Right:** **Evelyn Edmunds, Circle E Farm**, Clover, was inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. **Shealy** presents a plaque to Edmunds and her family.



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of the association. New directors are **John Cantrell**, Cresson; **Beth Naiser**, Sandia; **Charles "Butch" Robinson**, Houston; **Steve Swenson**, Dallas; and **Dennis Webb**, Barnhart.

**Eldon Cole**, University of Missouri Extension regional livestock specialist, has been presented the first Hall of Fame award by the Missouri Agricultural Extension Specialists. Cole has 42 years of

service to the livestock industry, starting in 1964 as a Balanced Farming agent in Saline County.

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### Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Columbia, Feb. 24

►The 2007 Missouri Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Josh Worthington**, Everton, Missouri Angus Ass'n general manager; **Steve Birk**, Gordonville, vice president; **Vernon Yager**, Sturgeon, president; **Max Creason**, Cowgill, president elect; **Barbara McBride**, Centralia, secretary; **Kris Graupman**, Palmyra, immediate past president; (standing, from left) **Charles Gerloff**, Bland; **Rick Washam**, Pierce City; **Brent Murphy**, Houstonia; **Brian Meier**, Jacskon; **Todd Ragsdale**, Paris; **Deborah Thummel**, Sheridan; **Cynthia Ulm**, Pomona; **Lloyd Cash**, Fayette; and **Bill Harlan**, Huntsville.



►**Bill Harlan** (right), Harlan Angus Ranch, Huntsville, receives the Historic Herd Award from Jot Hartley, American Angus Association president.



►The 2007 officers of the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Eileen Meier**, Jackson, president; **Deborah Thummel**, Sheridan, first vice president; **Pam Naylor**, Buffalo, second vice president; **Amy Gooden**, Crocker, secretary; and **Darla Eggers**, Columbia, treasurer.



►**J.R. Herd**, Fair Grove, receives the Pioneer Breeder Award. Pictured are (from left) **Kim Hope** and **J.R. Herd**; **Dan Weigand**, presenting the award; and **Mark Herd**.



►**Brenda Weigand** (right), Warrensburg, receives the Top Membership Recruiter Award from Curtis Long.



►**Brent Schuering** (left) of Sydenstricker Genetics, Mexico, receives the Herdsman of the Year Award presented by Brent Murphy.



►**Rick Eggers** (left), Eggers Stock Farm, Jackson, receives the Get-of-Sire Award from Kris Graupman.



►**James Pipkin** (right), Clearwater Farm, Republic, receives the Breeder of the Year Award from Holly Bellis, Missouri Angus Queen.



►**Cody Smith**, West Plains, won the 2006 Show Bull of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Bellis and Kelly Smith, receiving the award for Cody Smith.



►**Carter Ward** (right), Plattsburg, receives the 2006 Show Heifer of the Year Award from Bellis.



# 2007 LEAD Conference

**J**uniors, make plans now to attend the 2007 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference Aug. 2-5 in Athens, Ga. Open to members of the NJAA who are 14 to 21 years old, the annual leadership conference includes activities such as industry tours, guest speakers and workshops conducted by the NJAA Board of Directors.

At the conference, themed “Life’s a Peach, So Eat It Up,” attendees will be challenged to seize life’s opportunities and prepare themselves to be the next leaders of the agriculture industry. Conference tours and recreational activities will offer an inside look at exciting Georgia attractions and allow time for fun and friendship. Beef industry leaders will provide invaluable insight about the business of agriculture, while motivational speakers will energize attendees. New Board members elected at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Tulsa, Okla., will also start their leadership responsibilities at LEAD.

Speakers and activities will focus on Georgia agriculture. On Friday, the conference takes to the road for a tour of notable Georgia attractions and the local agriculture industry. The day concludes with a tour of Three Trees Ranch in Sharpsburg, Ga., and dinner hosted at the ranch.

On Saturday, NJAA Directors will lead conference attendees in various workshops focused on industry knowledge and personal development. Shoulderbone Plantation of White Plains, Ga., will end the day by opening its gates for an exclusive tour of its operation, followed by a dinner and dance at the ranch.

Check the NJAA web site later this spring for more details about the conference.

The NJAA is able to offer youth this dynamic and motivational conference because of the financial support it receives from the Angus Foundation. Charitable gifts from Angus breeders, allied industry interests and friends of the Angus breed support the Angus Foundation’s investment in youth activities like LEAD.

Conference space is limited to 200 participants, so reserve your spot soon. Due June 15, early registration for juniors, advisors and parents is \$175. After this deadline, the rate increases to \$200, if space is still available.

Registration and release forms are available in the green NJAA information packets that were mailed to all junior members earlier this year. You can also register online at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info). For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100, or visit the NJAA web site. 