



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Mark Davis is the new manager for Eastfield Farm, Shelbyville, Tenn. He was formerly with Sugar Loaf Farms in Virginia.

George Obernagel, Waterloo, Ill., has been reappointed to serve on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets for another two years.

Jennifer Scharpe, Arlington, Minn., recently returned home after serving two years as a sustainable agriculture/animal

production Peace Corps volunteer in the small rural community of Cosanga, Ecuador.

Scharpe worked with the local elementary school, growing organic vegetables and teaching English to the students. She also worked with a community women's organization educating and helping individual women improve production practices for their small animals, including chickens, pigs, rabbits and guinea pigs.

Scharpe is currently a member of the American Angus Association and the Minnesota Angus Association. She will attend Iowa State University where she plans to study public relations and ag communication while pursuing a master of science degree.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Jeremy and Jamie (Brown) Lowes, Greenfield, Ind., announce the birth of their daughter, **Kaitlyn Ann**, born March 5. She weighed 9 lb., 1½ oz., and was 22 in. long.

Grandparents are Keith and Judy Brown, Greenfield, and Jim and Sara McCain, Franklin, Ind.

IN PASSING

Wilbur Leroy "Roy" Evans, 81, Elkton, Ore., died Feb. 14 at the Veterans Administration Transitional Care Unit in Roseburg, Ore.

Roy was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Blue Hill, Neb., to Walter Evans III, a U.S. Marshall, and Martha (Thompson) Evans. He was a WWII Navy veteran, one of just 60 survivors of the Feb. 21, 1945, sinking of the USS Bismarck Sea, an aircraft carrier that was part of the U.S. battle for Iwo Jima. Struck by two kamikaze planes, with the second plane striking the aft elevator shaft and exploding on impact, the ship sank within minutes with a loss of 218 men.

Roy was a cowboy, and for most of his life raised registered black Angus cattle and thoroughbred horses on the Black Diamond Ranch he and his wife owned and operated, first in California and then in Oregon, starting in 1969. Roy had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1971.

Roy is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elaine.

Buddy Jeffers, 75, Ennis, Texas, died April 9 in Palo Pinto County, Texas.

Buddy was born Dec. 7, 1931, in Dallas, Texas, to Carl and Hazel Jeffers. He had been a successful farmer and rancher from the age of 16. Buddy was instrumental in starting American Plant Food Corp. in 1964 and served on its board of directors for 43 years.

In 1986, Buddy cofounded Superior Livestock Auction Inc., the nation's first satellite video cattle auction. The firm is now the largest cattle auction in the United States, marketing nearly 2 million head of cattle nationwide each year. He was recognized as a leader and pioneer in the beef cattle industry in 2006 with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) "Vision Award" for utilization of the latest technology and management techniques to increase the efficiency and profitability of the beef industry.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Harriet (Hines) Jeffers; daughters Brenda, Rebecca and Nancy, son Thomas and their mother, Helen; and three grandchildren.

James Daniel Jarrard, 16, Starr, S.C., died May 5 in a vehicle accident.

Daniel was born Sept. 10, 1990, in Anderson, S.C. He was a sophomore at Crescent High School where he was a member of the Crescent FFA and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Daniel was a member of the Grove Volunteer Fire Department, the South Carolina Junior Hereford Association, the South Carolina Junior Angus Association, the National Junior Angus Association and the Anderson Cattlemen's Association.

He won many scholarships, including the Junior Beef Scholarship sponsored by the South Carolina Farm Bureau. Daniel was the owner and operator of Jarrard's Lawn Service. He was a member of Good Hope Baptist Church, where he was an active member of the Fragments youth group.

Daniel is survived by his parents, James David and Emily (Crumpton) Jarrard; a sister, Rachel; and his grandmothers.

LaVerne Dameron, 89, Towanda, Ill., died May 14 at her home.

Laverne graduated from Illinois State Normal University with a degree in

Logan Ipsen has joined the ranks of the American Angus Association as regional manager in the Western U.S., including the states of Arizona,



Logan Ipsen

at numerous events including conventions, shows and sales; and sell advertising for Angus Productions Inc. (API).

Ipsen brings a variety of beef industry experience to the Association. He was raised on a purebred Angus and Hereford operation in Idaho, has fit and shown cattle, and also has experience in feed and semen sales. Ipsen earned a bachelor's degree in animal science with a minor in agricultural business at Utah State, where he was active in student senate and Animal Science Club.

Ipsen fills a position previously held by John Dickinson, who worked for the Association for nearly nine years. The vacated territory was expanded to include Utah to provide better service to Association members. Rod Wesselman remains the regional manager in the Northwest, and still covers Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Ipsen and his wife, Stevie, reside in northern California.

California, Nevada and Utah. Ipsen, a recent graduate of Utah State University, will be the membership liaison for the Association; provide assistance to members; promote the breed



elementary education and was a teacher for the Unit 5 school district in Normal, Ill.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Normal, a past matron of the Eastern Star and served on the Pennell Cemetery Board.

LaVerne is survived by two sons, Gary and John; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Bernard Hambleton, 91, Sun City, Ariz., died May 22 at his home.

Bernard was born in Guthrie County, Iowa, to Asa and Edna Hambleton. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Bernard and his wife lived most of their married life in the state of Washington and enjoyed wintering in Sun City. In Washington, Bernard worked as a hospital administrator from 1950-1974.

Right before his retirement, Bernard became interested in black Angus cattle, establishing Glacier View Angus Ranch in Rockport, Wash., with a herd of more than 200 head on the 300-acre ranch. He showed cattle in various fairs, with the Glacier View herd producing many Western U.S. sale champions, culminating with the 1975 National Western Grand Champion Female, "Dutchess." Bernard had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1955.

Bernard and his wife moved to Sun City permanently in 2005, where he enjoyed golf and was a member of the Union Hills Country Club.

Bernard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marion; sisters Pauline and Dorothy; a sister-in-law; a brother-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arlos Rusk, 75, Medicine Lodge, Kan., died May 26 at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

Arlos was born in Wellington, Kan., March 24, 1932, to Ray and Roberta

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▶ Officers and directors for the Alabama Angus Ass'n for 2007 are (seated, from left) **John Harrell**, Opelika, president; **Mahlon Richburg**, Auburn, vice president; **Tillman Griggs**, Gurley, second vice president; **Lanny Upton**, Decatur, treasurer; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, executive secretary; **David Ficken**, Huntsville, past president; (standing, from left) **Rusty Graydon**, Montgomery; **Michael Hill**, Holly Pond; **Dale Parris**, Albertville; **Kenneth Barrentine**, Pisgah; **Gregg Blythe**, Madison; **Randy Crowell**, Elrod; **William Rutherford**, Town Creek; **Kenneth Putman**, Huntsville; **Len Colvin**, Bridgeport; and **Jay Watson**, Lincoln.



▶ Left: The 2007 officers of the Alabama Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Sabrina McKinney**, Autaugaville, president; **Kimberly Barrentine**, Pisgah, vice president; **Mary Richburg**, Auburn, secretary; and **Melissa Reeves**, Slocomb, treasurer.



▶ Below: Consignors of the top lots to the Alabama Angus Ass'n Spring Sale are (from left) **Jackie Thrower**, Arab, reserve champion female; **Randy Crowell**, Elrod, champion female; **George Richburg** and **Mahlon Richburg**, both of Auburn, reserve champion bull; and **Banks Herndon**, Opelika, champion bull.

▶ **Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet**, Rochester, March 21

▶ Right: Officers and directors for the Minnesota Angus Ass'n for 2007 are (seated, from left) **Jim Scharpe**, Arlington, secretary-treasurer; **Richard Walser**, Minnesota Lake, president; **Dusty Martin**, Blue Earth, vice president; (standing, from left) **Joe Hammell**, Caledonia; **Gregg Johnson**, Pipestone; and **Pete Hassing**, Wells. Not pictured is **Dan Palmer**, Fairfax.



▶ Left: **Jean and Dennis Youngberg** (center), Springfield, are honored for their service to the Minnesota Angus Ass'n and to Minnesota juniors. Pictured with the Youngbergs are **Dick Walser** (left) and **Joe Hammell** (right).

(Frankum) Rusk. He graduated from Wellington High School in 1950. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, serving in the U.S. Army from 1951-1954. On Nov. 20, 1955, Arlos married Maxine Waite at Winfield, Kan. Arlos was a resident of rural Barber County, Kan., for 47 years, moving there from Sumner County in 1960.



Arlos Rusk

Arlos was a purebred cattleman and traveled extensively pursuing purebred cattle interests. He and his wife owned and operated Rusk Ranch in Medicine Lodge. Arlos valued his Angus friendships and memories with fellow cattlemen through the years.

Highlights of his career in the purebred cattle business included serving as president of the Kansas Angus Association, serving as a voting delegate from Kansas to the American Angus Association's annual meeting, and

being named the 2007 Kansas Angus Honorary member.

Arlos was a life member of the American Angus Association since 1978; a member of the Kansas Angus Association, American and Kansas Hereford associations; the Barber County Cattleman's Association; the Barber County Fair Board; and the First Christian Church of Medicine Lodge.

In addition to his wife, Arlos is survived by sons Greg, Clint and Clay; daughters Mona and Robin; 14 grandchildren; and two sisters.

The family has named the Angus Foundation as a charitable organization to receive gifts in memory of Arlos. Gifts can be made payable to the Angus Foundation and designated in memory of Arlos Rusk. Mail gifts to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Craig Morris has been named deputy administrator of the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Livestock and Seed Program.

Morris most recently served as the deputy administrator of AMS Poultry Programs.

John Hasley has been appointed director of operations at Diamond V® Mills Inc., where he will oversee the manufacturing process, production schedules, customer service, employee safety and the company's compliance with environmental regulations. Hasley was most recently manager of hot cereals operations for Quaker Oats Co. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Lana Olson, Hutchinson, Minn., has been selected as the Accelerated Genetics public relations and advertising intern, responsible for interviewing, researching and writing feature articles for the company newsletter, writing news releases, designing promotional brochures, helping with the development of advertising campaigns, and representing the company at various conferences, conventions, dairy shows and events throughout the summer.



Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Stillwater, April 27



►Officers and directors for the Oklahoma Angus Ass'n for 2007 are (seated, from left) **Tim Meier**, Hitchcock, director; **Jot Hartley**, Vinita, American Angus Ass'n president; **Chuck Stewart**, Ravia, president; **Carol Smith**, Claremore, vice president; **Richard Samuelson**, Chester, secretary; **Jarold Callahan**, Edmond, American Angus Ass'n director; **Alan Armbruster**, Burlington, past president; (standing, from left) **Mark Squires**, Noble; **Don Abernathy** and **Earl Abernathy**, both of Altus; **Al Williams**, Tahlequah; **Clarence Frey**, Mulhall; **Rod Channel**, Miami; **Lon Hawkins**, Cherokee; **Will Cabbage**, Oologah; and **Michael Garrison**, Okemah.



►**A.J. Smith** (right), Tuttle, receives the Oklahoma Angus Hall of Fame Award from Eddie Sims.



►**Todd and Tracy Kunkel** (right), Lazy K Cattle Co., Blue-jacket, receive the Commercial Producer of the Year Award presented by (from left) Sims and Bill Hall.



►**John and Gaye Pfeiffer** (right), Orlando, receive the Mr. Angus Award from Keith Grissom.