



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

McLand Angus, owned by **Ronald** and **Karen McClelland**, Mendon, Ill., has received the Historic Herd Award from the American Angus Association. Ronald McClelland purchased his first registered Angus female for \$255 in 1954 for a 4-H project. Ronald has continued to build his herd and has been a life member of the Association since 1980.

When their children, Tim and Carla, each turned 6 years old, a heifer was given to them to begin their herd. Both Tim and Carla participated in 4-H and FFA and competed in junior Angus shows.

Artificial insemination (AI) has been a part of the McLand program since 1976. Recordkeeping has always been important to the McClellands, and when the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program was established, they submitted three years of past Illinois Beef Performance Records. Ronald is a past president of the Lamoine Valley Angus Association. He is also a past president and director of the Western Illinois Angus Association.

The American Angus Association presents the Historic Angus Herd Award to Angus herds that have been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle by the same family for 50 years or more.

Hal and Lois Schudel, Terrebonne, Ore., have announced the sale of their **Holiday Ranch**, including the entire registered Angus herd, to **Ankony Farms**, Clarkesville, Ga.

Lorissa Harris, 17, Shepherd, Mont., was named Miss Teen Rodeo Montana 2007 at the Great Falls Hampton Inn Jan. 14. Along with the title, Harris swept all of the category awards, including the style show, photogenic, speech, horsemanship, personality, appearance and projection, and presentation awards.

Harris is a student at Shepherd High School where she is active in tennis, cheerleading, golf and the National Honor Society (NHS). She is a member of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), the Shepherd FFA, the American Angus Association and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).



Lorissa Harris

She has held the titles of Montana Angus Princess 2003, Miss Dillon Jaycee Princess 2004-2005, Miss Rodeo State Fair 2005-2006, and Montana Angus Queen 2004-2005. Harris plans to major in business and pre-law at Montana State University, Bozeman, after graduating from high school.

She is the daughter of Todd Harris and Andy and Linda Rest of Shepherd.

IN PASSING

John Brethour, 72, Hays, Kan., died May 29 at his home.

John was born Sept. 30, 1934, in Junction City, Kan., to Raymond and Ruth (Wolfe) Brethour. He graduated from high school in Clay Center, Kan. John earned a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry at Kansas State University (K-State) and a master's degree in animal nutrition at Oklahoma State. In 1957, after doing research for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), he became the beef cattle research leader at the K-State Agricultural Research Center in Hays.

John held the rank of full professor on the research and graduate faculty at K-State. He conducted research in ultrasound technology in beef cattle production; computer software development; ruminant nutrition; feed evaluation; storage processing; livestock systems design; cow herd management; breed evaluation; and reproduction.

John married Carol June Thomas Aug. 16, 1964, in Lake City, Fla. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Hays Lions Club, and Sigma Psi. He was an original member of the Hays Medical Center hospital board, and a member of the Hadley Foundation, both of Hays. John was a founding partner in the Cattle Performance Enhancement Co. (CPEC), Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) and the American Contract Bridge League.

John was honored as the 1980 Distinguished Nutritionist by the Distillers Feed Research Council; for Outstanding Achievement in Grain Sorghum Utilization

in 1989 by the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association; and as Grand Champion in the Garden City Beef Empire Days carcass contest in 1991 and 2001.

He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1997 from the KSU Agricultural Alumni Association, had the 1999 grand champion in the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) carcass contest, and won the \$100,000 prize in the 2003 "Best of the Breed" national contest, which validated ultrasound research for identifying superior animals upstream in the production process.

In 2004, he was named one of the 40 most influential people in the beef industry in the 40th anniversary edition of *BEEF* magazine, and in 2006 John was named regional winner of the National Beef Cattlemen's Association's (NCBA's) Vision Award, and the Livestock and Meat Industry Council's "Stockman of the Year."

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, John Jr., and one brother.

Bill Bell, 85, Osceola, Iowa, died June 17 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Bill was born to Ralph and Olive (Thurlow) Bell March 27, 1922. He attended country school, graduated from Osceola High School and completed two years of junior college in Creston, Iowa.

He served in the Naval Air Corps during World War II and was trained as a navigator. Bill married Kathryn Helland Feb. 27, 1977. A lifelong resident of Clarke County, he got his first Angus 4-H heifer in 1937, which led to a lifelong career as a purebred Angus seedstock producer. Bill was a lifelong Democrat and was deeply involved in politics.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by stepson Paul, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Brian McClure, 29, Tazewell, Tenn., died June 22 at the University of Tennessee Hospital in Tazewell.

Brian was a 1995 graduate of Claiborne County High School and a member of the Seals Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Tazewell. After graduating from high school, Brian worked as a herdsman at J.L. Hadden and Sons Polled Herefords, Gibson, Ga. His career working with cattle included being a herdsman for Toebben Triple T Angus Farm, Union, Ky., and JWR Land and Cattle Co., Rockmart, Ga. He had also worked as a manager for Seven Oaks Plantation, Senoia, Ga.

Brian was known for show and sale cattle preparation. Brian fitted numerous champions for his sister, Amanda Lassie-Rose

Brooks, in addition to fitting show and sale cattle for a number of elite Hereford and Angus ranches across the country.

Brian is survived by his parents, C. Wayne McClure Jr. and Robert and Brenda Brooks; his sister, grandparents, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Frank Jett, Palmetto, Ga., died June 29.

A life member of the American Angus Association since 1975, Frank and his wife owned and operated Jett's One Cow Ponderosa in Palmetto. He retired from Delta after 40 years of service.

Frank is survived by his wife, Martha; daughter, Martha; son Frankie; and grandchildren Christy and Jenifer.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Sarah and **Jason Schaffer**, Indianapolis, Ind., announce the birth of their son, **Maddox Franklin**, born June 25. He weighed 7 lb., 10 oz., and was 20 in. long. He joins a brother, Carter.

Grandparents are Paul and Lynn Hill, Bidwell, Ohio, and Joe and Barb Schaffer, Cincinnati, Ohio.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) has added a new vice president of affiliate relations and member services, **Polly Ruhland**, and two new field representatives, **Dan McCarty**, Region V, and **Melanie Sojourner**, Region II.

Trent Stewart, Redmond, Ore., was named world champion in the 44th annual World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC) June 16 at the Livestock Marketing Center, Springfield, Mo.

Reserve world champion was **Ty Thompson**, Billings, Mont., and the runner-up world champion was **Tom Frey**, Creston, Iowa. The remaining seven finalists were, in order of appearance, **Matt Lowery**, Burwell, Neb.; **Lance Cochran**, Medford, Okla.; **Brandon Neely**, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; **Gabe Spikes**, Bowie, Texas; **Kent Korte**, Metropolis, Ill.; **Jim Knopp**, Bosque Farms, N.M.; and **Justin Dodson**, Welch, Okla.

Lelve Gayle, executive director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory since 2002, retired July 31. The lab, one of the busiest full-service diagnostic facilities in the world, handling more than 220,000 cases a year, is one of five in the country that comprise the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, which provides surveillance and response to high-consequence animal diseases. **Gayne Fearneyhough** has been serving as interim executive director since Aug. 1.

Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day & Junior Preview Show, June 1, Opelika



► **Left: The Michael Reeves family**, Slocomb, receives the Alabama Angus Ass'n Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Melissa, Michael and Jessica Reeves.

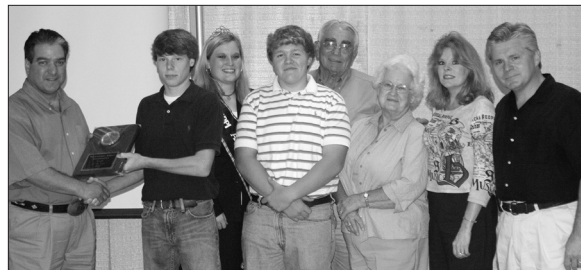


► **Right: Plantation Farms**, Elrod, receives the Progressive Breeder Award. Pictured are (from left) Randy, Paige, Bonnie and Megan Crowell.

Mississippi Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, May 4, Raymond



► **Carleton Angus Farm**, Union, receives the Mississippi Angus Ass'n Progressive Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Wayne Carleton and Russell Carson, presenting.



► **The Donahoe family**, Indianola, receives the Mississippi Angus Ass'n Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Ivan Kiani, presenting; Trey Donahoe; Jenny Bibbs; Morgan McDowell; Edgar Donahoe Jr.; Nell Donahoe; Jana Donahoe; and Eddie Donahoe.



► The 2007 board of directors for the Mississippi Angus Ass'n includes (seated, from left) **Mike Howell**, Baldwin, vice president; **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Wayne Carleton**, Union; **Russell Carson**, Coldwater; **Buddy Jones**, D'Lo; **Terry Kiser**, Mississippi State; **Robbie Woods**, Benton; **William Howard**, Canton; and **Cary Childs**, Ripley.

Dave Combs, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) chief information officer for the last five years, retired June 30 to return to his home state of North Carolina. **Jerry Williams**, USDA's deputy chief information officer, is serving as acting chief information officer until a new chief information officer is appointed.

Katherine "Kitty" Smith has been selected as administrator of the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS), the agency that conducts research, analyzes food and commodity markets, produces policy studies, and develops economic and statistical indicators to inform decision-makers about food, agriculture, natural resources and rural development. Smith most recently served as acting administrator of ERS and has directed the agency's Market and Trade Economics

Division and its Resource Economics Division.

Kate Houston has been appointed deputy undersecretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, responsible for improving the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting science-based dietary guidance and administering the USDA's 15 nutrition assistance programs. Houston was most recently deputy administrator for special nutrition programs at USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

Lowell Randel has been named deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Congressional Relations. Prior to this appointment, Randel served as director of legislative and intergovernmental affairs for USDA's research, education and economics mission area.

