



Newsmakers

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IN THE NEWS

Andy Schuler Jr. was recently honored as the 2007 Outstanding Stockman by the Kansas State University (K-State) chapter of the National Block and Bridle Club.

The award is based on a person's promotion and development of quality livestock. Schuler owns and operates Fairview Angus Farm, Chapman, Kan. The Schuler herd was started in 1898 by his father, making it one of the oldest Angus herds in the nation.



Andy Schuler Jr.

Schuler served as president of the Geary-Dickinson Angus Association from 1952 to 1955. He was vice president of the Kansas Angus Association at age 20, becoming the president 14 years later in 1958. He was also president of the Kansas Purebred Beef Council in 1958. In 1959, Schuler became one of the youngest people ever elected to the American Angus Association Board of Directors, a position he retained until 1966.

For many years Schuler helped sponsor "Better Livestock Day," which was founded in part by his father in 1926. It was a judging school and contest mainly for college judging teams, FFA and 4-H youth. In 1981, Schuler followed in his father's footsteps when he was named an honorary member of the Kansas Angus Association. There are only three father-son pairs who have been honored in this way.

In 1986, Schuler and his late wife, Rosie, were named a Master Farmer and Master Homemaker by the K-State Extension Service. He has judged numerous fairs at the county, state, and national levels, including the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) three times. A life member of the American Angus Association since 1945, Schuler has been a member of the Kansas Livestock Association for 63 years, and continues to be a member of agricultural organizations such as the Dickinson County Cattle Association.

In 2005, Schuler was inducted into the newly established State Fair Beef Breeders Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding contributions to beef cattle

development in Kansas. A plaque is displayed in the new Beef Cattle Palace in the Prairie Pavilion on the Kansas State Fairgrounds.

In honor of his recognition as Outstanding Stockman, Schuler's portrait will now hang in Weber Hall on the K-State campus, joining the portrait of his father, who received the same honor in 1957. They are one of only two father-son pairs to receive this honor.

Sunrise Club Calves, Shippenville, Pa., Region I; **Dee River Ranch**, Aliceville, Ala., Region II; and **Yolo Land & Cattle Co.**, Woodland, Calif., Region VI, were announced as regional winners of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Environmental Stewardship Awards. This is the 17th year for the awards program, which honors environmental innovation and perseverance among U.S. cattle producers and is sponsored by Dow AgroSciences and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

IN PASSING

Leo Palmer, 75, Corydon, Iowa, died July 2 at the Wayne County Hospital in Corydon.

Leo was born June 30, 1932, at Sewal, Iowa. Following his graduation from Sewal High School in 1947, he worked for the Iowa State Highway Commission until entering the U.S. Army in 1952 as a surveyor in the Philippines. After leaving the Army he returned to the Highway Commission.

Leo married Betty Lou Kemp April 3, 1955. Betty Lou's parents bought a farm at Alburnett, Iowa, in 1957, where they started an Angus herd with Betty Lou's five Angus females. They began raising Angus cattle exclusively in 1963, starting with Eiltonier 7185 as their herd bull. In 1965, Leo put together a show herd and won more honors at the Iowa State Fair than any one herd had previously won.

In 1966, following the death of Betty Lou's father and the dispersion of Kemp Angus Farms, Leo and Betty Lou started their own herd under the name Le & Be Angus Farm. A life member of the American Angus Association since 1967,

Leo served as president of the Hawkeye Angus Association and served many years as director and president of the Iowa Angus Association. The family moved to southern Iowa in 1972 and continued their cattle operation. Leo and Betty Lou sold their Angus herd in 1988.

On July 2, 1992, Leo suffered a massive stroke, leaving him unable to speak and paralyzed on his right side. For the next 15 years, he continued attending shows, reading the journals and watching his grandchildren show cattle.

Leo is survived by daughters Judy and Linda, a son, Gary, and six grandchildren.

Dale Hammarlund, 84, Saint Marys, Kan., died July 4 at the Valley Vista Good Samaritan Center in Wamego, Kan.

Dale was born Oct. 21, 1922, near Maple Hill, Kan., to George and Lillie (Holvorson) Hammarlund. He lived in the Kaw community in Wabaunsee County and graduated from Saint Mary's High School. He married Dorothy Marqueling April 9, 1960, in Topeka, Kan.

Dale was active in 4-H in his youth, winning a trip to the 4-H Congress in Chicago, Ill., in 1941. A life member of the American Angus Association since 1966, Hammarlund Angus Farm was honored with the Historic Herd Award in 1983 for being a continuous producer of registered Angus cattle for 61 years. Dale was honored in 2004 for more than 40 years of service to the Association membership as an official counter and observer of delegate ballots for the Association's Annual Meeting.

Dale was a member of the Kansas Livestock Association for 58 years and a member of the Saint Mary's Co-op Board for 21 years, serving as secretary, vice president and president. He was a member of the Kansas Angus Association for many years, and he was made an honorary member in 1997.

Dale was a life member of the Potawatomi Masonic Lodge No. 52 A.F. & A.M., serving through the offices, and as a district deputy. He was also a member of Lake Lodge No. 50, Silver Lake, Kan., and had served on the Saint Mary's High School Alumni Association Committee.

In addition to his wife, Dale is survived by a daughter, Janice, and a son, Ray.

Elizabeth Yeomans, 82, Hot Springs Village, Ark., died July 12.

Elizabeth was born June 19, 1925, in Alexandria, La., to Mary Anna (Pearce) Hickman and John Hickman. She attended Virginia Intermont Junior College in Bristol, Va., and went on to graduate with a degree in English from Louisiana State University,

Baton Rouge, La., where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Elizabeth was a founding communicant of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hot Springs Village. She enjoyed playing bridge, participating in the Red Hat Society, reading and traveling.

She is survived by her second husband, John; one son, Alan Campbell; daughters Diane, Katie and Shirley; three sisters; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Brian and Janelle (Sommers)

Deatsman, Leesburg, Ind., announce the birth of their son, **Collin Graham**, born July 25. He weighed 7 lb., 15 oz., and was 19¾ in. long.

Grandparents are Max and Gina Deatsman, Leesburg, Ind., and Richard and Sharon Sommers, Silver Lake, Ind. Great-grandparents are Dorris and Mildred Harrold, Akron, Ind.; LaVern Marks, Hanna, Ind.; Helen Deatsman, Leesburg; and Dale Graham, Warsaw, Ind.

Janelle is a former National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) chairman and director.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Charles Christopherson Jr. has been appointed chief information officer (CIO) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Christopherson currently serves as USDA's chief financial officer (CFO), a role he will retain.

As CIO, Christopherson will be responsible for the effective implementation and management of technology solutions to support USDA's programs in a cost-effective and citizen-centered manner.

Cindy Smith has been appointed the acting administrator for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). As acting administrator, Smith will manage one of USDA's most multi-faceted agencies, which includes programs that are critical to the protection of America's livestock, plants and food supply.

She is acting as a replacement for Ron DeHaven, who retired Aug. 3 after 28 years with APHIS. Smith was previously associate administrator for APHIS.

Oak Knoll Ranch, Salem, Mo., Region III; **Roaring Springs Ranch**, Frenchglen, Ore., Region V; and **Alexander Ranch**, Sun City, Kan., Region VII were announced as regional winners of the NCBA Environmental Stewardship Awards.

The **National Cattlemen's Foundation** (NCF) honored **W.D. Farr**, 97, Greeley,

Colo., with two annual \$12,000 graduate scholarships in his name. **Sandra Gruber** and **Dale Woerner**, doctoral candidates in the Department of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University, were selected to receive the scholarships from a field of 29 applicants from 16 universities across the country, along with two international applicants.

Chris Sparks has joined Lallemand Animal Nutrition, North America as monogastric manager. Sparks has more than 15 years of experience in agribusiness and most recently worked for ADM. He has a

doctorate in animal nutrition from Iowa State University.

The **National Beef Cook-Off**,® a biennial contest created in 1974 by the American National CattleWomen Inc. and the NCBA, has announced its 25 national finalists for the 2007 event. Chicago, Ill., will be the site of the cook-off Sept. 11-13, with competitors vying for their share of more than \$100,000 in cash prizes. One finalist will be named the \$50,000 "Best of Beef" grand prizewinner.

