

IN THE NEWS

Carlos Ojea Rullan, Buenos Aires, Argentina, has been selected as the official judge for the 2008 All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity. This is the first time in the 61-year history of the show that a judge from outside the North American continent has presided. This will also be the first time in more than 50 years that a judge from outside North America has



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presided over a major Angus show in the United States, according to a news release presented by the American Angus Hall of Fame, Smithville, Mo.

Descending from a family involved in the cattle business since 1886, Carlos Ignacio Ojea Rullan was born in 1964 and began helping cattlemen at the Palermo Show at the age of 15. When he was 19 he was hired for his first official work with registered cattle, and in 1984 he spent three months working at Beartooth Ranch, Columbus, Mont. For five years Rullan was the beef genetic consultant for CIALE, the largest artificial insemination (AI) stud in the country, before founding his own AI stud, Genética Global.

Rullan owns an Angus ranch in Argentina called "Surangus." He has judged national and international shows in South America for the Angus, Hereford and Braford breeds. Rullan has been attending the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., for the last 24 years. He also goes to sales and visits ranches and AI studs in the United States five times a year. He has bred many of the most influential sires and donors in Argentina.

IN PASSING

Barbara "Barb" McHargue, 68, Newtown, Mo., died Nov. 29, 2007, at Sullivan County Memorial Hospital in Milan, Mo.

Barb was born March 24, 1939, in Harris, Mo., to Ralph and Ruth (Henderson) Tucker. She and her husband, Jack, were raised in the Newtown-Harris area and were married 37 years, farming and participating in local community activities together.

Barb's passions included breeding, raising and showing cattle. She was involved in the cattle business her entire professional life, with a special passion for show cattle from her early days as a junior exhibitor through her adult life.

She was supportive of exhibitors of cattle at regional and national shows, with a particular interest in junior exhibitors. She could be found helping youth exhibitors at

the Missouri State Fair and other livestock shows across the country. Barb received the National Charolais Herdsman of the Year Award in 2001 at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo.

Early in her career, Barb worked for Litton Charolais Ranch, Chillicothe, Mo., beginning in 1968. She later worked as a freelance contractor, most recently at Keystone Cattle Service, Lebanon, Pa., and at Wilson Cattle Co., Cloverdale, Ind. After numerous cattle shows and countless miles, physical restraints had limited her business to blade sharpening.

Barb was a fan of the Newtown-Harris basketball teams and actively attended the Newtown Christian Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her brother, Jerry.

Lester Leachman, 87, Green Valley, Ariz., died March 5 at La Hacienda Assisted Living.

Lester, the youngest of seven children, was born in Adamsville, Ohio, Aug. 19, 1920, to James and Alice (Starret) Leachman. He grew up and attended school in rural Ohio. He was a graduate of Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Lester is internationally respected as one of the greatest masters in the art of the production of superior beef cattle. The Angus cattle bred by Lester during the course of six decades have significantly changed the beef industry of many nations. Even

Nebraska Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Broken Bow, Feb. 3



► The Nebraska Angus Ass'n 2008 officers and district directors are (seated, from left) **Stewart Hartwell**, Oakland, past president; **Craig Dethlefs**, North Platte, president; **Suzy Hebbert**, Ashby, secretary/manager; **Lemoyne Dailey**, Thedford, vice president; (standing, from left) **Ronald Sabata**, North Platte, Central district; **Randy Pettera**, McCook, South district; **Leslie Hall**, Bassett, North district; **Kenneth Pelster**, Bartlett, commercial representative; and **Jake Scott**, Gordon, West district.

Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Des Moines, Feb. 13



► **Schroeder Dakota 1696** was named the Iowa Angus Ass'n 2008 Show Bull of the Year. Accepting the award are (from left) Glen and Judy Swanson, Durant; and Drew Schroeder, Clarence.



► **Richard and Lois Reimer**, Smithville, receive the Distinguished Service Award from awards chairman Vernon Hall (right).

more important, the men who have been positively influenced by this soft-spoken and elegant gentleman have spread his unique combination of sincerity and integrity beyond the confines of agriculture.

Lester worked with and was influenced by his brother, Lee Leachman, and their longtime business associates Allan Ryan and Myron Fuerst, all of whom contributed to the growth and success of Ankony Farms,



Les Leachman

which dispersed in the 1960s.

In the 1970s Lester began a new ranching business in Bozeman, Mont., with his youngest son, Jay. Leachman Angus Ranch produced many of the high-producing

sires and dams in the Angus breed during its 35 years in business. Equally as important, the art and science of breeding superior seedstock has been passed to son Jay and grandson Eric Leachman, who carries on the family tradition in Montana.

The accomplishments of six decades of cattle breeding by the Leachman family could fill a book, and they did. Lester compiled and wrote *No Better Bull: A Chronicle of Family and My Life with the Angus Breed*.

Lester was well-known for his lifetime achievement as a pioneer, leader and breeder of purebred Angus cattle. His portrait was hung Nov. 12, 2007, at the world-famous Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery.

Lester is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Ruth (Arnold) Leachman; sons William and Jay; a granddaughter; two grandsons; Joshua Leachman; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family has requested that friends

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► The 2008 Ohio Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Allen Gahler**, Graytown, executive secretary; **Robert Deitrick**, Zanesville, vice president; **Doug Majors**, Lancaster, president; **Brent English**, Elida, treasurer; **John King**, Tiffin, chairman of the board; (standing, from left) **Joe Sanders**, Harrod; **Rodney Ferguson**, Rittman; **Mick McCauley**, Cambridge; **Chip Enos**, Cambridge; **Tim Harsh**, Radnor; **Wayne Baird**, Washington Court House; **John Grimes**, Hillsboro; **Vernon Hall**, Greenville; **Fred Penick**, Hebron; **David Felumlee**, Newark; **Paul Hill**, Bidwell, American Angus Ass'n president; **Kelvin Egner**, Shelby; **Sandra Wallace**, Kansas; and **William Levering**, Fredericktown.

► Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jackson, March 9



► The 2008 Michigan Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Charles Reid**, Eaton Rapids, president; **Lawrence Bryson**, vice president, and **Pam Bryson**, secretary, both of Bellevue; **Bonnie Canfield**, Clarksville, treasurer; **Steve Fitzner**, Bellevue, chairman of the board; (standing, from left) **Steven Thelen** and **Julie Thelen**, both of Saline; **Tim Ruggles**, Kingston; **John MacMaster**, Harrisville; **Charles Preston**, Prescott; **David Lutchka**, Grass Lake; **Monte Bordner**, Sturgis; **Merle Boehmer**, Williamston; **Jonathon Taylor**, Gregory; and **Pat Goheen**, Deckerville.



► The 2008 Michigan Angus Auxiliary officers and committee chairs are (seated, from left) **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, American Angus Auxiliary president; **Barb Sweeney**, Mason, president; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, vice president; **Vicki Meiburg**, North Branch, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Janel Horrocks-Boehmer**, Williamston, scholarship; **Melanie McNees**, North Branch, awards; **Renee Thelen**, Saline, queens; and **Lois Foster**, Niles, historian.



► **Brumfield Angus**, Three Oaks, purchased the heifer donated by Seldom Rest Farms, Niles. Pictured are (from left) Nancy Thelen and Barb Sweeney, Michigan Angus Auxiliary representatives; Chris O'Neill, representative of Brumfield Angus, buyer; and Lois Foster and Dale Foster, Niles, donors.



► **Barb Sweeney** (right), Mason, receives the Michigan Angus Ass'n Heritage Award from Janel Horrocks-Boehmer.

honor Lester's memory by making contributions to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506 to support the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

Paul Hitch, 64, Guymon, Okla., died March 14 in Amarillo, Texas.

Paul was born May 25, 1943, in Liberal, Kan., to Lala (Moores) and Henry Hitch Jr. He attended school in Guymon until high school, at which time he transferred to Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo., for his final two years, graduating in 1961. Upon graduation, Paul attended Oklahoma State University where

he completed an undergraduate degree in animal science in 1965. After completing his undergraduate degree he moved to Palo Alto, Calif., to complete a master's degree in business administration at Stanford University.

Paul was united in marriage to Lynda Surguy July 22, 1967, in Bartlesville, Okla. After the wedding, the couple resided in Guymon, where Paul had already joined his father and grandparents at Hitch Enterprises Inc., the family's agricultural business. During his lifetime in the business, Paul saw the business grow from cattle feeding into a credit corporation, cattle buying services, commodity services and pork operations.

He became president of the business in 1978 and assumed the additional title of chairman of the board in 1996, positions he held until his death.

His dedication to the business was obvious as he worked every day until his last. Within the cattle industry, Paul was active at both state and national levels, serving in various leadership capacities for the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, Texas Cattle Feeders' Association and National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), including most recently holding the position of president-elect for NCBA.

At the community level, Paul believed

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Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Louisville, Feb. 29

►The 2008 Kentucky Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Victoria Cannon**, Flemingsburg; **Todd Jeffries**, Canmer, past president; **Henry Smith**, Russell Springs, president; **Mark Warren**, Lebanon, vice president; **Anne Clark**, Sharpsburg, secretary-treasurer; **Anne Patton Schubert**, Taylorsville; (standing, from left) **Kenley Conner**, Hodgenville; **Herb Brown**, Bowling Green; **James Coffey**, Hustonville; **James Jackson**, Salvisa; **Dave Neely**, Franklin; **Keith Johnson**, Slaughters; **Shawn Gibson**, Bradfordsville; and **Davis Holder**, Gamaliel.



►Left: **Stone Gate Farms**, Flemingsburg, receives the Historic Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) Jeffries, presenting the award; Victoria Cannon; Casey Story; Mary Jayne Cannon; and Jere Cannon.



►**Henry Weining** (right), Shelbyville, receives a Lifetime Achievement Award from Todd Jeffries.

►Right: The **Mark Warren family**, Lebanon, receives the Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (seated, from left) Mark and Helen Warren; (standing, from left) Kallan Hood, Lee Hood, Jillian Warren and Bradley Warren.



►**Shawn Gibson** (right), Bradfordsville, receives the Kentucky Herdsman of the Year Award from Jeffries.

►The 2008 Missouri Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Josh Worthington**, Dadeville, general manager; **Cindy Ulm**, Pomona; **Steve Birk**, Gordonville, president-elect; **Max Creason**, Cowgill, president; **Barbara McBride**, Centralia, secretary; **Rick Washam**, Pierce City, vice president; **Deb Thummel**, Sheridan; (back row, from left) **Brian Brockman**, Brookfield; **Brent Murphy**, Houstonia; **Mark Herd**, Fair Grove; **Charles Gerloff**, Bland; **Todd Ragsdale**, Paris; **Vernon Yager**, Sturgeon; **Lloyd Cash**, Fayette; **Norman Garton**, Nevada, American Angus Ass'n Director; and **Brian Meier**, Jackson.



►The 2008 officers for the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Deb Thummel**, Sheridan, president; **Pam Naylor**, Buffalo, first vice president; **Amy Gooden**, Iberia, second vice president; **Susan Coon**, Bethel, secretary; and **Darla Eggers**, Mexico, treasurer.



► **Samuel Wallace**, Stotts City, receives the 2007 Show Bull of the Year Award.



► **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, receives the 2007 Show Heifer of the Year Award.



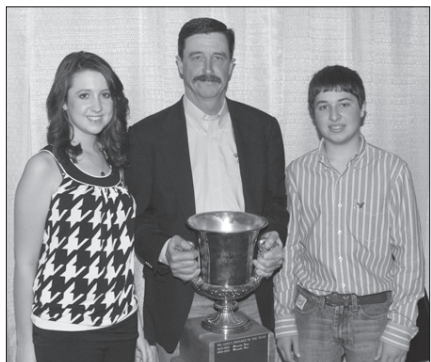
► **Eggers Stock Farm**, Jackson, receives the Get-of-Sire Award. Pictured are (from left) Ben Eggers and Richard Eggers.



► **Fred Blades**, Holliday, receives the Pioneer Award. Pictured are (from left) Lynn and Fred Blades and Vernon Yager, presenter.



► **Vernon Yager** (left), Sturgeon, receives a gavel honoring him for his years of service as president of the Missouri Angus Ass'n from Max Creason.



►The **Wallace family**, Stotts City, receives the Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Paige, Ernie and Samuel Wallace.



►The **Charles Gerloff family**, Bland, receives the Herdsman of the Year Award from Brent Murphy (second from right).

in giving back, as evidenced by his active participation in numerous organizations, including the Guymon Chamber of Commerce, the board of City National Bank and Trust Inc., the board of the Texas County Family YMCA and PROAG. At the state level, Paul was a member of the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Governors, the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs. Additionally, he served for six years on the Oklahoma Board of Agriculture.

Paul's church, Victory Memorial United Methodist Church of Guymon, was also important to him. He served on countless committees through the years and also acted as a local and state layperson representative for state and national Methodist conferences. Paul also served as a member of the board of trustees for the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation.

Survivors include his wife; sons Jason

and Chris; his mother; grandson Tyler; sister Jane; and many other extended family members.

Nemah Daniel, 89, died March 27.

She was born in Griggs, Ark., to Frank and Elizabeth Nunnelee. She received her education in the Ratcliff, Ark., public schools and was a graduate of the Stoner School of Cosmetology in Fort Smith, Ark. She was a member of Colbert First Baptist Church where she taught in Primary Sunday School Class for many years. She served on the board of trustees of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home during the 1970s and early 1980s.

Most important to "Miss Nemah" were her faith, her church and her family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was an excellent cook who always enjoyed cooking and baking for family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, O.G.

"Dan" Daniel; son Randy; daughters Dannette and Pam; sisters Glenda and Gequetta; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Jon Holladay has been selected as the deputy chief financial officer (CFO) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). In his new position, Holladay will be responsible for supporting the requirements of the Chief Financial Officers Act and providing oversight to USDA financial operations, the National Finance Center (NFC) and agency financial organizations.

Marilyn Adams, Earlham, Iowa, has been named America's Greatest Hometown Hero in Volvo's annual Volvo for Life Award. Adams won the grand prize, a \$100,000 charitable contribution and a new Volvo every three years for the rest of her life, for her creation of a nonprofit farm safety organization, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, dedicated to promoting safe farm environments and eliminating farm-related child health hazards, injuries and fatalities.

Kenny Wells assumed the position of manager of the Jackson Agricultural Research Station in southeastern Ohio, part of Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) May 1. The station plays a key role in supporting beef cattle production research and evaluation of forage production systems.

Aaron Arnett has been chosen to serve as beef genetics specialist at Select Sires, with responsibilities including acquisition and progeny testing of young sires and beef sire selection management. He will also develop marketing and service programs and acquire a comprehensive lineup of beef pedigree choices for the company's member-owners.

Brian House, former beef specialist, has been promoted to beef program manager. He will assume all responsibility for managing the beef staff and genetic and marketing programs at Select Sires. Arnett and House will be based at the company's headquarters in Plain City, Ohio.

Darin Henry, Camas, Wash., has joined Diamond V as western regional manager,

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Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 7



► The 2008 Louisiana Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Greg Tate**, Ville Platte, president; **Enyart Mitchell**, Coushatta, vice president; **Gary Greene**, Covington, treasurer; **Casey St. Blanc**, Folsom, secretary; (standing, from left) **Lana Myers**, Jennings; **Warren Bryan**, Ruston; **Dale Hoover**, Clinton; **Chris Roussel**, Gramercy; **Dave Means III**, Gloster; and **Ronald Dobson**, Campti.

Kittatas County (Wash.) Relay for Life Cancer Benefit

► **Right:** The Kittatas County "Relay for Life" for cancer research benefited from the sale of a heifer donated by **Mackenzie Forman** (right), Ellensburg, Wash. Forman donated the heifer that sold to begin the Trinity Farms Sale March 1. **Bob Matthieson**, Mansfield, Wash., purchased the heifer for \$2,300. This amount was added to by participating livestock producers to accumulate more than \$6,000 for the program.



supervising the field staff in the western U.S. Henry graduated from Oregon State with a bachelor's degree in animal science and veterinary science, and completed his doctorate of veterinary medicine at Oregon State in 1995.

JuLee Combs, Marshalltown, Iowa, has been appointed a senior resource

coordinator for North America for Diamond V, where she will be responsible for supporting Diamond V field staff in the implementation of the overall business.

Heather Steffen, Garber, Iowa, has been named a resource coordinator for North America for Diamond V. In her new position, Steffen will be responsible

for supporting Diamond V field staff in the implementation of the overall business plan.

Katlin Wiest, Lykens, Pa., has been named the Agricultural Council of America (ACA) national 2008 Ag Day Essay Contest Winner. ACA asked seventh- to 12th-grade students nationwide to submit original essays of 450 words about the importance of agriculture in the United States, using as a theme "Agriculture — Bigger Than You Think."

Wiest, an eighth-grader at Upper Dauphin Middle School, read her essay to industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and others at the Celebration of Agriculture dinner in Washington, D.C.

Dannette Boyd has been appointed CFO for Integrated Management Information Inc. (IMI Global), a provider of verification and Internet solutions for the agricultural/livestock industry. Boyd replaces the retiring Mark McGregor.

Scott Fleetwood has been appointed executive director of markets and products for Novus International Inc. Fleetwood will have overall responsibility for the marketing of the swine, poultry, ruminant, industrial and feed-quality business units of the company.

Pam Fretwell is the new corporate spokesperson for the agricultural division of the Conklin Co. Inc. As past president of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters (NAFB) for 2006-2007, Fretwell plans to continue to do some weekly on-air programming and maintain her NAFB connections while leading public relations and media development training at Conklin's Kansas City location.

Gerald Evers, Kilgore, Texas, a Texas AgriLife Research forage management scientist, has received the 2008 Distinguished Grasslander Award from the American Forage and Grassland Council. The council recognized Evers for his 37 years of experience conducting research in all aspects of annual clover production.

Karen Wishart, vice president, human resources for strategy and operations for Monsanto, and **Tim Merrett**, vice president, agricultural marketing U.S. and Canada for John Deere, have been elected to the board

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Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Rochester, March 18



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►Minnesota Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Bruce Waugh**, Goodhue; **Richard Walser**, Minnesota Lake, president; **Dustin Martin**, Blue Earth, vice president; **James Scharpe**, Arlington, executive secretary; (standing, from left) **Pete Hassing**, Wells; **Mark Holmen**, Fountain; **Gregg Johnson**, Pipestone; and **Joseph Hammell**, Caledonia.



►Above: The 2008 Minnesota Angus Auxiliary officers and chairs are (seated, from left) **Kelly Hansen**, Marshall, president; **Myrna Scharpe**, Arlington, vice president; **Amber Nord**, Wolverton, secretary; **Kari Scholtz**, Comfrey, treasurer; (standing) **Rebecca Scharpe**, Edina, scholarship; **Nancy Johnson**, Pipestone, ways and means.

►Right: **Jim and Marie Hassing**, Wells, are honored as Breeder of the Year. They have been active with the Minnesota Angus Ass'n for many years; Jim served as president in 1991-1992.



of the Agriculture Future of America (AFA). AFA's mission is to create partnerships that identify, encourage and support outstanding college men and women who are preparing for careers in the agriculture and food industry.

Alltech has opened its first office in New Zealand as part of its continuing global expansion. The new Auckland-based office will provide sales and service support to the growing number of partners and customers in the country. Cundy Technical Services Ltd. (CTS) has supported the company's

products in the New Zealand market, and Mike and Diana Cundy will continue to provide support and consultative services to Alltech (NZ) Ltd. Other employees of CTS will join Alltech's Asia-Pacific team during its developmental stages.

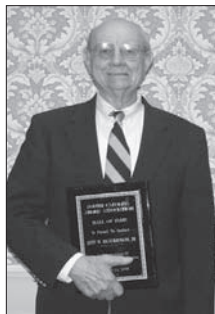
Smithfield Foods donates \$25,000

Smithfield Foods Inc. and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) launched a program April 2 to promote environmental education for elementary school students in the state's economically disadvantaged areas.

The \$25,000 that Smithfield Foods' Learners to Leaders™ educational alliance donated will benefit the Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources (FVNR) and the DEQ's Virginia Office of Environmental Education. The donation will help fund a state program that raises students' awareness of Virginia's natural resources and teaches them about environmental stewardship. About half of the Learners to Leaders funding has been designated for professional development of elementary school teachers.



South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 14, Clemson



► **Jeff Richardson Jr.**, Simpsonville, is inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame.



► **Ann Blumer** (left), Chesnee, receives a gift of appreciation from the South Carolina Jr. Angus Ass'n presented by Sally Yon.



► **Shirley Brown** and **Doris Blackmon**, both of Tigerville, are inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. The sisters own Famoda Farm.



► The 37th Annual Carolina Angus Futurity was dedicated to the **Bobby Mullikin Family**, Pendelton. Pictured (in back, from left) are Sandi, Bobby, Diana and Frankie Mullikin; and (in front, from left) Olivia and Lena Mullikin.

Illinois Angus Ass'n Board of Directors Meeting, Springfield, March 17



► The 2008 officers and directors of the Illinois Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Marvin Kramer**, Farina, president; **James Marsh**, Union, vice president; **Joel York**, Palestine, secretary; **Stan Prox**, Macomb, business manager; **Brian Finnestad**, Cordova, past president; **Chad Hoffman**, Colfax, American Angus Ass'n Director; (standing, from left) **Kevin Rose**, Salem; **Donald Hamilton**, Ava; **Jeff Dameron**, Lexington; **Dale Rhode**, Kingston; **Luke Lemenager**, Hudson; **James Head**, Benton; **Steven Spivey**, New Windsor; **John DeRycke**, Prophetstown; **Thomas Ryan**, Medora; **Fred Swanson**, Trivoli; **Wayne Conrady**, Lincoln; **William Riley**, Secor; **Lee Stremsterfer**, Pleasant Plains; **Grant Bedel**, Chillicothe, **Michael Dorethy**, Macomb; and **Kevin Cassidy**, Ancona.



► **Libby Mathers**, Top Line Farm, Tremont, receives an Appreciation Award from the Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n. From left, Brad and Trisha Bergman accept the award for Mathers from Gretchen Frost.



► **The Moritz Family** of Piper City receives the Outstanding Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Sally, Tera and Jim Moritz.