



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Jack Ward, Plattsburg, Mo., is the 2008 winner of the Black Hawk College–East Campus (BHE) Agri-Business Club Alumni (ABCA) Outstanding Ag Alumni Award. Ward is the American Hereford Association (AHA) chief operating officer (COO) and director of breed improvement.

A graduate of Benton-Central High

School in Indiana, Ward enrolled at BHE and received his associate's degree in ag transfer in 1984. At BHE he was an active member of the Agri-Business Club and the livestock judging team. He graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics.

Prior to working for AHA in 2003, he managed several prominent purebred Angus

herds: Maple Lane Angus, LaGrange, Ind.; Three Rivers Angus, Roanoke, Ind.; and Hicks and Yearly Angus, Midway, Ky.

Throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Argentina and Uruguay, Ward is well-respected as a livestock judge, particularly of purebred cattle. He was named Outstanding Breeder by the Indiana Angus Association and has served as president of that organization. In addition, he has been recognized with the BHE Agriculture Merit Award for outstanding service in the training of young people for careers in agriculture.

Ward, his wife, Mary Ann, and their two sons, Cameron and Carter, enjoy showing livestock at state and national shows. He is a member of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) Board of Directors, Missouri Beef Cattle Association, American Angus Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and serves on the executive committee for the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity. Ward is also a lifetime member of the BHE Agri-Business Club and a member of Saint Ann's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Purdue Ag Alumni.

Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Poynette, Jan. 26



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► The 2008 Wisconsin Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Leslie Mindemann**, Sullivan, president; **James Hawthorne**, Monroe, vice president; **Ardel Quam**, Lodi, secretary-treasurer; **Debbie Kind**, Jefferson, Auxiliary president; **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, junior president; (standing, from left) **James Ward**, Palmyra; **Anthony Weber**, Dousman; **Dale Heagle**, Seymour; **Jeff Kind**, Jefferson; **Steve Wagemester**, Viroqua; **David Horstmeyer**, Marshall; **Kevin Konkol**, Menomonee Falls; and **Daniel Downing**, Waukesha.



► **Tom Tomaw** (right), Barneveld, receives the Retiring Board Member Award from Anthony Weber.



► The **Jentz family** (from left, **Courtney, Gregory** and **Casey**), Fennimore, receive the Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year awards.



► **Heidi Petersen** (right), Marshall, receives the Show Cow-Calf of the Year Award from Weber.



► **Mia Bayer** (left), Ringle, receives the Advisor of the Year Award from junior member Kelsi Retallick.

Glenn Brunkow, Westmoreland, Kan., is one of six Kansans named Huck Boyd Leaders of the Year for 2008 by the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University (K-State).

Recognized in the area of Leadership Development, Brunkow is one of 10 individuals in the nation to be selected as part of the Partners in Agricultural Leadership program in 2007. This program, offered by the American Farm Bureau Federation, provides leadership development and training focused on agricultural issues. Brunkow is the agricultural Extension educator for K-State Research and Extension in Pottawatomie County.

He and his wife, Jennifer, are members of the American Angus Association and with his father, Darold, own and operate Brush Creek Cattle Co., Wamego, Kan.

Zac Hall, Bismarck, N.D., has joined Merial's Igenity® beef sales force. Hall will support customers in his home state of North Dakota, in South Dakota and

southwestern Minnesota. He recently completed work on a master's degree in ruminant nutrition at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. During his undergraduate work at North Dakota State University (NDSU), Hall received the Outstanding Senior Undergraduate Scholar Award from the American Society of Animal Science.

IN PASSING

Carol Hoffman, 65, Kirksville, Mo., died Jan. 23 at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville.

Carol was born June 28, 1942, in Adair County, Mo., to William and Mary (Otto) Kenepp. She attended Radical Ridge rural school and graduated from Kirksville High School in 1960. She attended and received her cosmetology license from Kirksville School of Cosmetology.

Carol was married to Victor Hoffman III April 14, 1968. She was a homemaker who was devoted to her family. Carol enjoyed attending livestock shows, especially while her children were showing their animals. She also enjoyed painting on ceramics, gardening and mowing her lawn.

Carol was a past member of the University of Missouri Extension Council of Adair County, a member of the Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Angus Association, American Angus Association and Sperry Baptist Church. She was a club and project leader of East Center 4-H and was involved with the Sperry OAO Club.

Carol is survived by her husband; sons John and David; daughters Shelly and Emily; her twin sister, Billie; nine grandchildren; and an uncle.

Mary Ann Zagar, 95, Girard, Kan., died Feb. 4 at Mount Carmel Regional Medical Center in Pittsburg, Kan.

Mary Ann was born Oct. 1, 1912, at Yale, Kan., to John and Mary (Terlip) Zagar. She later moved to the family farm east of Girard where she lived the remainder of her life. She attended Dunkirk School and later served on the Dunkirk School Board.

Mary Ann was a hard worker who loved cattle, which she would feed, groom and talk to before sales. Her greatest joy was to show people her Angus cattle that were for sale

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Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 25



►The 2008 Kansas Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **David Oliphant**, Offerle; **Robert Bailey**, Quenemo, treasurer; **Anne Lampe**, Scott City, secretary; **Debbie Lyons-Blythe**, White City, vice president; **Gene Barrett**, Grantville, president; **Dennis Huck**, Coldwater, past president; (standing, from left) **Ron Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; **Howard Woodbury**, Quenemo; **Joel Bunker**, Sharon Springs; **Joe Hite**, Valley Center; **Craig Rucker**, Burdett; **Matt Perrier**, Eureka; **Sharee Sankey**, Council Grove; and **Jerry Theis**, Leavenworth.



►**Gerald Schmidt** (right), Freeport, receives an Honorary Member Award from **George Crenshaw**.



►The 2008 Kansas Angus Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) **Christine Stucky**, Kingman, vice president; **Lori Fink**, Randolph, treasurer; **Lynne Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, president; (standing, from left) **Bonnie Benoit**, Esbon, secretary; and **Varee McCabe**, Elk City, reporter.

South Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Watertown, Feb. 4



►Above: The 2008 South Dakota Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (from left) **Mick Varilek**, Geddes, president; **Cody Edgar**, Rockham; **Mike Bergh**, Florence; **Scott Bush**, Britton; and **Aaron Schelske**, Virgil, vice president.



►Left: **Georgia** and **Don Miller**, Estelline, receive the South Dakota Angus Breeder of the Year Award.

and later serve refreshments at her home.

Mary Ann learned to cook and bake at an early age and made many birthday, wedding and anniversary cakes for people in a wide area.

Mary Ann had many talents. She loved to draw pictures of movie stars; pictures of horses; and pictures on frosted windows and in the dust on the side of the barn. She also played the French harp and concertina.

Mary Ann was a life member of the American Angus Association and a member of the Kansas Angus Association and the Four State Angus Association. She was also a member of the S.N.P.J. Lodge No. 225 at Arma, Kan.

Mary Ann is survived by her brother Frank, sister Josephine, four nieces and two nephews.

Pollack "Polly" Williams, 33, Hixon, Tenn., died Feb. 8 at her home.

Polly was born in Memphis, Tenn., and had lived most of her life in Johnson City, Tenn. She was the daughter of Susan Lancaster Rule and George Williams II. Her stepfather was Jim Rule.

Polly was a graduate of University High School in Johnson City, where she was a member of the academic decathlon that was ranked third in the nation. She graduated with honors from Virginia Tech, where she

majored in English with a concentration in Shakespearean studies and a minor in communications. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority while at Virginia Tech, and she remained an avid "Hokie."

Polly had been featured in Lauren Greenfield's HBO documentary *Thin*. She was also a lobbyist for the National Eating Disorders Association.

Polly loved children and butterflies. She used her love for children in her work photographing children for LifeTouch Studios with the J.C. Penney Co. She received recognition for her photography by becoming the district event coordinator at

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North Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Winston-Salem, Jan. 26



► The 2008 North Carolina Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, front row, from left) **Suzanne Brewer**, Lexington, secretary; **Dean Crocker**, Cherryville, vice president; **Steve McPherson**, Snow Camp, president; **J.F. Lancaster Jr.**, Rocky Mount, past president; **John Smith Jr.**, Pink Hill; (seated, second row, from left) **Linda Hicks**, Roxboro; **Russell Wood**, Willow Spring; **Karl Holshouser**, Gold Hill; **Steve Williamson**, Kenansville; **Kenny Woodard**, Princeton; **Edward Leagans**, Mocksville; (back row, standing, from left) **James Scarlett**, Snow Camp; **Randy Jones**, Kinston; **Russell Vinson**, La Grange; **Joe Hampton**, Mount Ulla; **Matthew Cox**, Louisburg; **Eric Bray**, Jonesville; and **T.W. Wall Jr.**, Morganton.



► **Joseph Haynes** (left), Statesville, receives the North Carolina Angus Hall of Fame Award, recognizing his outstanding contribution to the Angus industry and the North Carolina Angus Ass'n, from **Phil Goodson**.

Florida Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Gainesville, Feb. 2



► The 2008 Florida Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Don Bailey**, Clermont, immediate past president; **Kelli Craig**, Webster, secretary-treasurer; **Chad Campbell**, Micanopy, president; **Robert Demaree**, Bushnell, vice president and junior advisor; (standing, from left) **Jan Tulp**, Lake City; **Robert Sand Jr.**, Alachua; **Luis Rodriguez**, Monticello; **Erin Freel Best**, Summerfield; **Elmo Douglas**, High Springs; **Steven Hines**, High Springs; and **Matt Warren**, Chiefland.



► Officers, chairwomen and directors of the Florida Angus Auxiliary for 2008 are (front row, from left) **Helen Russell**, Ocala; **Kelli Craig**, Webster, secretary; **Julie Warren**, Chiefland; **Julie Glenn**, Fort White; **Amanda Hines Bell**, Alachua; (back row, from left) **Emily Hines**, High Springs, vice president; **Whitney Hines**, High Springs, queen; **Erin Freel Best** and **Megan Freel**, both of Summerfield; **Melissa Miller**, Brandon, social chairwoman; **Lois Duncan**, Whigham, Ga., president; **Richelle Miller**, Brandon; **Dorothy Miller**, Brandon, hospitality chairwoman; and **Mary Bailey**, Clermont, treasurer.

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Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Natural Bridge, Feb. 1



►The Virginia Angus Handbook was dedicated to **Gray Ferguson**, Staunton. Jeffrey Kaufman (left), Staunton, receives the award from Jerry Crenshaw on behalf of Ferguson.



►**Johnny Asal** (right), Farmville, receives the 2007 Cattleman of the Year Award from Zach Tucker.



►Representatives of the **Buckingham County Cattlemen's Ass'n**, Buckingham, receive the 2007 Commercial Producer of the Year Award from Steve Furrow (right).



►**H.J. Denney** (left), Dublin, accepts the Hall of Merit Award from Steve Furrow on behalf of his wife, **Chris Denney**.



►**Keith Shifflett** (left), Scottsville, receives the 2007 Manager of the Year Award from Tom McCall.



►**Shane Clary**, Brodnax, receives the Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n advisors' Outstanding Junior Award. Pictured are (from left) Wynn Herbers, advisor; Betsie Michael, advisor; Clary; and Chris Johnson, advisor.



►**Jerry Hall** (left), Upperville, receives the 2007 Sale Chairman of the Year Award from Dan Wells.



►**Scott Buchanan** (right), Aldie, receives the 2007 Herdsman of the Year Award from Kevin Fleenor.



►**Echo Ridge Farm**, Atkins, received the Bartenslager Award. Pictured are (from left) C.W. and Shirley Pratt, both of Atkins, and Scott Greiner.



►**Left: Murcielago LLC**, Scottsville, was recognized as the spotlight sale host. Pictured are (from left) Keith and Whitney Shifflett and Adam Harner.



►**Right: Kathleen Henwood** (right), Lancaster, Ohio, receives the Distinguished Service Award from Jeff Powers.



►**Left: John Pyne III** (left), Culpeper, receives the Hall of Merit Award from John Mrotek.



►**Right: Jarrett Kyger**, Harrisonburg, was named the 2007 Promoter of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Leaha Kyger, Harrisonburg, and Jay Fulk, presenting the award.

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Hixon LifeTouch Studios and by winning manager of the month and sales average achievement awards. Her work was featured in J.C. Penney's master gallery photography book.

Her sisters remember that her life motto was simply "Believe."

Polly is survived by her father; her mother and stepfather; sisters Bebe, Susan and Betsy; stepsister Courtney; and nieces and nephews.

C. Robert "Bob" Dennon, 80, Tecumseh, Kan., died Feb. 8.

Bob was born March 10, 1927, to Clyde and Bess (Kreipe) Dennon on the family farm in Shawnee County, Kan. He attended Oak Grove Elementary School, Hayden (formerly Capitol Catholic) High School and graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1950 with a degree in mechanical engineering. In 1958 he married Carolyn Crouch of Fort Worth, Texas.

Bob worked at the White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico where he assisted Clyde Tombaugh in developing the Schmidt camera. He later worked at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth on the development of the B-58 Hustler aircraft.

Bob and Carolyn moved to his family home in Kansas to raise a family and to farm. Bob raised prizewinning Angus and Simmental cattle. He retired from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in the early 1990s.

He was a member of the American Angus Association and a number of other cattle associations. Bob was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus and a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was devoted to his family and beloved in return.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by four sons, one daughter, three grandchildren and one sister.

Arthur "Art" Neuenschwander, 77, Ossian, Ind., died Feb. 11 at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Art was born Oct. 14, 1930, in Bluffton, Ohio, to Isaac and Melvina (Burry) Neuenschwander.

He worked for Shadow Isle Farms, Red Bank, N.J., from March 1952 until December 1953. He worked for Millarden Farms from December 1953 until August 1958 when he returned to Ohio State University (OSU) to become a doctor of veterinary medicine. He married Lois Wade in Dublin, Ohio, June 21, 1952.

He graduated from OSU's Department of

Animal Science in 1952 and from the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 1962. He was in private practice in Ossian from 1962-1975. He also worked for the Indiana State Board of Health in the meat and poultry division.

Art enjoyed every issue of the *Angus Journal* and never lost interest in what his friends in the Angus business were doing. He served on the Ossian Volunteer Fire Department from 1963-1975 and was a member of IVMA and past president of NEIVMA. He was a member of the Ossian First Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife, Art is survived by sons Thomas and Lee, brother John, sister Susan, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ruby Stucky Schrag, 87, Pretty Prairie, Kan., died Feb. 14 at the Prairie Sunset Home in Pretty Prairie.

Ruby was born Jan. 29, 1921, in Pretty Prairie to Henry and Lena (Schwartz) Stucky. A lifetime resident of the Kingman and Pretty Prairie communities, she was a homemaker. Ruby was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Pretty Prairie.

She married Martin Stucky at Pretty Prairie April 7, 1940. He died in 1993. She married Lawrence Schrag Aug. 25, 1998.

Ruby is survived by sons Stephen, David and Gordon; sisters Stella, Della and Dorothy; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two stepdaughters.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Jodee Inman, Bloomington, Ind., will join returning Beefmobile team members Tracey Orsburn of Harrison, Neb., and Stacy Loutzenhiser, Flagler, Colo., as a new wrangler.

Dave Bateman, Oregon, Ill., is the new president of the Cattlemen's Beef Board (CBB).

Andy Groseta, a rancher from Cottonwood, Ariz., is the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) president for the coming year. **Gary Voogt**, Marne, Mich., is the president-elect. **Steve Foglesong** is NCBA vice president. All were elected at the 2008 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and NCBA Trade Show in February at Reno, Nev.

H. Scott Hurd has been named deputy undersecretary for food safety at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Serving as an epidemiologist in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University (ISU) for the past three years, Hurd previously served in the USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) from 1989 to 2004.

Jack Garrett has been added to the Quali Tech Inc. Technical Support team. Garrett will assume the position of director of technical services and research for the trace minerals company.

Marilyn Adams, Earlham, Iowa, has been named one of the top three winning heroes in the National Hometown Hero Awards sponsored by Volvo's annual Volvo for Life Award. Adams is being recognized in the program's Safety Category for founding Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating kids nationwide about farm safety and health.

Alltech has announced changes in its management structure and facility expansion due to its rapid growth. **Ty Yeast** is the new director of sales for North America. **Tyler Bramble** will serve as regional sales director for the western U.S., and **Geoff Frank** will be regional sales director for the eastern U.S. **Jackie Hayden**, **Matt Hill**, **Nicole Richardson**, **Kate Roberts** and **Erika Scharnagl** join the company as marketing coordinators, with **Brandon McBrayer** as a tradeshow and marketing assistant. **Ty Slone** joins the company as an executive assistant and **Megan Taylor** will be a territory sales manager.

The company opened three new regional facilities in 2007, began work on a new research facility and announced its plans to build a state-of-the-art rural community biorefinery.

Greg Anderson, Newman Grove, Neb., has been re-elected chairman of the board for QualiSoy, a soybean industry initiative. New members of the board include **Bob Collette**, **Bob Earl**, **Tedd Kruse** and **Phil Miller**. Other new members are **Jason Bean**, **Richard Fordyce**, **Jim Stillman** and **John Lumpe**.

