



Newsletters

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

IN THE NEWS

Merlyn Carlson, deputy undersecretary of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources and Environment, was named the Livestock Leader of the Year by Colorado State University's Department of Animal Sciences. Carlson was recognized during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., for his outstanding contributions to the Colorado livestock industry.

Carlson oversees the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and was formerly the director of agriculture in Nebraska.

Ned Ellis, Fort Deposit, Ala., was elected president-elect of Cattle-Fax, a market information and analysis service based in Denver. He is the Southeast Regional

Director on the Cattle-Fax Board. Ellis owns Circle E Farms, Hope Hull, Ala.

In addition, **John Maddux**, Imperial, Neb., was elected president of Cattle-Fax. Maddux, owner-manager of a cow-calf and yearling operation, represents the Northern Plains region.

IN PASSING

Samuel "Steve" Potter Jr., 62, Otterville, Mo., died Nov. 14, 2005, at his home.

Steve was born Feb. 12, 1943, in Sedalia, Mo., to Samuel Sr. and Lela (Chancey) Potter. He married Karen Sue McMullen on Sept. 20, 1963. She preceded him in death.

On June 19, 1993, he married Gayle Langkop.

Steve was a business agent and secretary/treasurer of Teamster Local 534. He was a member of the Teamsters Joint Council

and served on the Mo.-Kan. Pension Fund for the Teamsters Union. After retiring in January 2000, he focused his time on his farm, Arrowhead Angus, where he raised registered Angus cattle.

He was a member of the Morgan County Democratic Committee. He enjoyed circle track and drag racing.

He is survived by son Steve; daughter Stacy; stepdaughter Jill; his mother and father; two brothers, Raymond and William; and two grandchildren.

Delaine Rezac, 86, Saint Marys, Kan., died Jan. 3 at his home.

Delaine was born Oct. 8, 1919, near Emmett, Kan., to Godfrey and Rose (Schoemann) Rezac. He graduated from Emmett High School in 1938 and worked on local farms and as a meat cutter in Saint Marys. On May 2, 1942, he married Phyllis Hershey, later establishing Rezac Livestock Commission Co. on May 7, 1947. The pair, along with their three sons, have operated the business since then. Delaine was a packer buyer and a livestock dealer for 60 years, and he was a part of the Rezac Land and Cattle Co. farming operation.

Delaine served on the Saint Marys High School Board and was affiliated with the

2006 Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Fort Smith, Jan. 7



► JAC's Blueblood Sue 3598, owned by **Jacy Alsop** (left), Gravette, was named Arkansas Show Heifer of the Year. Laura Tribble presents the award.



► XXG Future Direction X34, owned by **Chadd Cromer** (right), Lamar, was named Arkansas Show Bull of the Year. Tribble presents the award.



► **Susan Taylor** (left), Lava-ca, receives the Adult Volunteer Award from Sheri Tunstill.



► **Tim O'Neal** (left), Branch, receives the Adult Breeder of the Year Award from Shirley Williams.



► **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, is honored with the Top Consignor Award.



► Elected to serve on the Arkansas Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Chris Ashworth**, Fort Smith, president; **Lawson Hembre IV**, Fort Smith, vice president; **Camille Alstadt**, Booneville, secretary; **Trey Gage**, Charleston, treasurer; **Shirley Williams**, Fort Smith, vice president of membership and communications; (standing, from left) **Thomas Huls**, Lincoln; **Jack Weisenbach**, Charleston; **Al Weiner**, Houston; **Fred Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; **Tom Jones**, Summers; and **Al DeClerk**, Pocahontas.



► **Charlene Lewis** (right), Carlisle, receives the Angus Heritage Award from Darrell Tunstill.



► **Olen Price** (left), Barling, receives the Outstanding Service Award from Tunstill.



► **Fred and Shirley Williams**, Fort Smith, receive the Farm Family of the Year Award from Lawson Hembre IV (left).

Saint Marys United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA), Kansas Livestock Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Kenneth, Lynn and Dennis; five grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Susan "Sue" Pritchard Rucker, 53, Delaplane, Va., died Jan. 26.

Sue was born Feb. 17, 1952, in Fort Royal, Va., to John and Marjorie (Thompson) Rucker.

At age 6 she became interested in Angus cattle and went on to work with many 4-H Club members. After attending the School of Interior Design in Washington, D.C., she returned home to Hillcrest Farm where she became an important part of the Angus operation, which began in 1924.

She was honored by the Virginia Angus Association with the 2004 Handbook Dedication award for her work. In addition to work on the family farm, she enjoyed watercolors and photography.

She is survived by her father and sisters Connie and Penny.

▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Karen McAdams, agricultural Extension agent, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Orange/Durham Cattlemen's Association of North Carolina. The association honored McAdams for 25 years of dedication to community youth and cattlemen.

Carol Anderson, Whitehall, Wis., was elected to serve on the Accelerated Genetics Board of Directors, representing District 4. **Brian Brown**, Belleville, Wis., was re-elected to serve another three-year term representing District 8. Brown was also elected to serve as first vice chairman, and **Allen Abraham**, Darlington, Wis., was elected to represent District 7.

Other 2005-2006 board members include: **Dave Score**, District 1; **Dan Weisenbeck**, chairman, District 2; **Gary Eibergen**, District 3; **John McClelland Jr.**, secretary-treasurer, District 5; **Dennis Bell**, District 6; **Pete Kirchner**, District 9; and **Doug Thesing**, vice chairman, District 10.

Dennis Recker was named vice president of New Holland Agricultural Business in North America. Recker will oversee the sales, marketing and support functions of the New Holland brand of ag products in North America.

Trans Ova Genetics has announced its silver anniversary, celebrating 25 years of

▶ 2005 Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Dec. 30, 2005



▶ Elected to serve on the Indiana Angus Ass'n 2006 board of directors are (seated, from left) **Julia Wickard**, Greenfield, president; **Mark Smith**, Whitestown, vice president; **Doug Sherman**, Laconia, second vice president; **Cathy Watkins**, Middletown, secretary; **David Smith**, Greensburg, treasurer; **Philip Howell**, Winchester, past president; (standing, first row, from left) **George Zeller**, Noblesville; **Andrew Hubenthal**, Lucerne; **Leslie Carmichael**, Bloomington; **Theodore Willer**, Greencastle; **Michael Haag**, Plymouth; **Julie Rieker**, Columbus; (standing, second row, from left) **Richard Brooks**, Whitestown; **Bruce Lamb**, Milford; **Michael Kittle**, Centerpoint; **Chris Wickard**, Greenfield; **Troy Thompson**, Vallonia; and **Mark Fort**, Knightstown.



▶ Elected to serve as 2006 Indiana Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) **Karen Smith**, Bloomfield, president; **Sandra Carmichael**, Bloomington, first vice president; **Jamie Lowes**, Greenfield, second vice president; and **Julie Rieker**, Columbus, advisor.



▶ **Mark Smith**, Whites-town, receives the Show Heifer of the Year Award.



▶ Left: The **Paul Hart family**, Thorntown, receives the Don Snett Memorial Award. Pictured are (from left) Rene Hart, Paul Hart II and Paul Hart; Pamela Lindamood, presenting the award; and Phyllis and Virginia Hart.

service in the bovine embryo transfer industry. The company has 10 locations.

Todd Firkins was named livestock category manager for Bayer Animal Health. In the new position, he will lead marketing efforts in North America and be responsible for providing leadership in product management and business development. **Mitch Johnson** was named Insecticides Brand Manager, a newly created position in which Johnson will oversee growth and development of Tempo® and Quickbay® lines of farm hygiene products.

Gene DeRossett, Manchester, Mich., has been appointed state director for USDA Rural Development in Michigan. DeRossett formerly served in the Michigan legislature as a state representative from 1999 to 2004.

Robert Schafer, president of Creative Culinary Consultants of Mission Viejo, Calif., has been hired as a veal development consultant for the beef checkoff program. In his new role, Schafer will help put more veal on the casual dining restaurant menus and provide guidance to the veal menu

development team in the veal industry's "Go-to-Market" strategy.

Central Garden & Pet Co. announced that it has agreed to acquire the stock of Phoenix, Ariz.-based Farnam Co. Inc. for approximately \$287 million, plus \$4 million for the purchase of related real property. Farnam manufactures and markets health care products for livestock, horses and household pets. The acquisition was expected to take place sometime in Central's second fiscal quarter, which ends in March 2006.

Intervet Inc., an animal health company, and **Professional Cattle Consultants (PCC)**, an independent consulting firm specializing in feedlot data, have announced a partnership to allow Intervet customers to receive exclusive, unbiased information on their feedyards.

Through the partnership, Intervet's feeder customers can gain access to PCC's database to review and compare how their operation measured up to similar feedyards in closeouts, seasonal trends and other relevant data.

