



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**Stewart Select Angus LLC**, Greensburg, Ind., has been honored with the Historic Herd Award by the American Angus Association.

Arthur Stewart and his sons, Gilman and John, purchased their first Angus cattle in 1954. They joined the Association in 1955 under the name of Stewart & Sons, and the membership later became known as Stewart Seeds Inc. Earlier this fall it became Stewart Select Angus LLC.

Today, the operation is owned by Gilman's son Tom, John's son Jim, and John's son-in-law Steve Gunn. David Smith, who has been with the operation since 1973 and currently sits on the American Angus Association Board of Directors, manages the herd.

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.

**Murray Angus Farms**, Buffalo Center, Iowa, was awarded the Association's Historic Herd Award.

John Earl Murray purchased his first Angus cattle in 1948 and joined the American Angus Association in 1950. The Angus cattle became a family interest, with his sons James and Charles involved with the herd. Today, Charles and his son Mike still own Angus cattle.

The Murrays exhibited their cattle at shows during their first 15 years in the business as a tool to promote their herd. John served as president of the North Central Iowa Angus Association, and their family hosted its field day.

**Ferda Angus Farms**, Blackwell, Okla., was recognized with the Historic Herd Award.

Edward Ferda purchased his first Angus cow in 1954. He and his wife, Angeline, managed their Angus herd together until her death in 2004. He still maintains a small herd, as does their daughter, Jaylene Soulek, and her husband, J.D. Registered Angus cattle have been bred and raised since the purchase of Edward's first cow.

**Jan Lyons**, Manhattan, Kan., received a Leader in Agriculture Award during the 2005 Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Leaders Conference in Kansas City, Mo. — a four-day program providing leadership training, professional development and educational sessions to prepare students for careers in agriculture.

The past National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) president was recognized for her leadership roles in the beef industry at the national, state and local levels.

Several independent ABS representatives were recently honored with Representative of the Year Awards for their respective districts. Award winners include **Mark Sexton**, Muskogee, Okla.; **Doug Birt**, Prescott, Iowa; **Doug Townsend**, Chipley, Fla.; **Pete Persall** and **Lori White (Persall)**, Woodward, Okla.; **Noble Genetics** (Adam and Jennifer Noble), Loma, Colo.; **Jim Britton**, Ontario, Ore.; **Bob Anderson**, Hubbard, Neb.; and **Lynn George**, Cody, Wyo.

## IN PASSING

**Melba Kohl**, 87, Wichita, Kan., died Nov. 22, 2005, at her home.

Melba Tjaden was born March 6, 1918, in Kechi, Kan., to Grover and Katherine Tjaden. She attended elementary school in Kechi and high school at Valley Center, Kan., where she was active in choral groups and a member of the basketball team. She was the vocal soloist for several churches in the Wichita area and was a member of the Wichita Choral Society and the Farm Bureau Chorus.

She married Marine Kohl on March 6, 1937, in Leon, Kan. They resided on their farm east of Kechi for 68 years. The Kohls were past Kansas Angus Association members. Melba was an active lifetime member of the Kechi United Methodist Church.

According to the *Wichita Eagle*, Melba helped form the first rural water district northeast of Wichita, serving as a member of the board for more than 20 years.

Survivors include daughters Gwendolyn and Sherry, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**John Henry Pfeiffer**, 77, Orlando, Okla., died Nov. 22, 2005, at his home.

John was born Nov. 25, 1927, west of Orlando to John F. and Elizabeth (Bulling) Pfeiffer.

He married Alline Ruth Henke on June 3, 1951, in Orlando. After their marriage, they moved to the farm south of Orlando, where John's sons and grandsons still operate the family farm today.

John served as a board member for the Logan Rural Water Board District III, where he was instrumental in getting rural water to the Mulhall and Orlando areas. He also was a board member for Logan County Hospital, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), United Coop, Logan County Farm Bureau, the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, the Oklahoma Angus Association and the National 4-H Foundation.

John was instrumental in the consolidation of the Mulhall and Orlando schools. He ran the score clock for the school for 25 years and also drove the school bus on numerous school field trips.

He was an active member of the Orlando United Methodist Church. He served as a church trustee, youth director and was on the committee to have the church annex added. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Korean War. John was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the American Legion, a Past Grand Patron of the Mulhall Eastern Star and a member of the Orlando Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife; sons John "Sonny" Jr., James, Jerry and Jay; daughters JoVona and Jackie; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Clare Marie Mahood**, 6, Jackson, Wyo., died Nov. 9, 2005, due to a brain stem tumor.

Clare is survived by her parents, Ken and Ginny McHenry Mahood; her twin sister, Emily; and her sisters Julia and Maria.

## ANGUS ARRIVALS

**Derek** and **Maggie Lutchka**, Grass Lake, Mich., announce the birth of their son, **Triston Donald**, born May 19, 2005.

Grandparents are Don and Patty Tiller,

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Fort Collins, Colo., and David F. and Joan Lutchka, Grass Lake.

## ▣ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Eldon Gould** was appointed the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA) administrator. As administrator, Gould will guide RMA and serve as manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board.

**John Bellinger**, San Antonio, Texas, was elected the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) chairman for 2005-2006. Bellinger, the head of Agri-West International Inc., was elected during USMEF's Board of Directors Strategic Planning and Marketing Conference.

USMEF also elected **Dennis Erpelding**, Greenfield, Ind., as chairman-elect; **Dan Halstrom**, Greeley, Colo., as vice chairman; and **Glen Keppy**, Davenport, Iowa, as secretary-treasurer.

**Wendy Hall**, Arroyo Grande, Calif., was recognized by the California State Fair for

dedicating more than 20 years of service to the state's youth and livestock industry. Hall, the California State Fair official livestock photographer, was given the Bear Track award.

**Agri Laboratories**, or AgriLabs, won the 2005 Chief Executive Network (CEN) Innovation Award for Best Sustaining Business Model in the small company division.

CEN recognized AgriLabs — a distribution, marketing and sales network for animal health products — for its innovative sustaining business model, which enabled the

company to enter new segments of the animal health market, broaden its portfolio and strengthen its equity base.

**RFD-TV** donated \$150,000 to the FFA Seeds of Hope campaign. The campaign is specifically designed to help agricultural education teachers, families and student members of Gulf Coast FFA chapters rebuild from the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. The National FFA Organization estimates that 120 FFA chapters and schools, 5,000 FFA members and their families, and approximately 150 ag education teachers were affected by the

hurricanes that struck the Gulf Coast in fall 2005.

**Manna Pro** is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its flagship product, Calf-Manna. To mark the celebration, Manna Pro launched the Calf-Manna Diamond Anniversary Giveaway contest, which began Oct. 15, 2005, and will end Oct. 14, 2006. During the giveaway, 25- and 50-pound (lb.) bags of Calf-Manna will contain scratch-off game pieces for a chance to win one of several prizes. Consumers will have four chances to win a grand prize during the promotion. Prizes include a trip to Hawaii or a diamond

pendant, a travel chair, hat, or a Calf-Manna coupon. One in two consumers will win.

**QuickFarm**, an online provider of Web-based services, technologies and ag news based in Charleston, S.C., and **Agristar Global**, an industry high-speed Internet provider based in Saint Paul, Minn., announced the formation of a national alliance that will involve cross marketing of their respective Internet-related services. The alliance will allow QuickFarm to offer its Web-based services to Agristar Global Networks' subscribers.

