



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Gary Hill, Tifton, Ga., professor of beef cattle nutrition and forages with the University of Georgia, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the American Society of Animal Science at its Feb. 6 annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. This organization includes livestock research, Extension and teaching professionals from 12 southern states. Hill has conducted research with Angus cattle throughout his career, and he has had an Angus herd in Georgia and North Carolina since 1957.

Larry Jones, Holcomb, Kan., was elected chairman of the Federation of State Beef Councils Division of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) at the organization's annual meeting. **Gary Voogt**, Marne, Mich., was elected vice chairman.



► **Gary Hill** (left) receives the American Society of Animal Science Distinguished Service Award, presented by Stacey Gunter, University of Arkansas.



► **Eddie Sims**, Elgin, Okla., and **Gary McDonald**, Franktown, Colo., were honored by The Livestock Marketeers Jan. 14 during its annual meeting and banquet. Pictured are (from left) Stanley Stout, Cottonwood Falls, Kan.; Jarold Callahan, Yukon, Okla.; McDonald; Matt Sims, Edmond, Okla.; Eddie Sims; Neil Orth, Kansas City, Mo.; and Jim Bessler, Geneva, Ill.

Eddie Sims of National Cattle Services Inc., Elgin, Okla., and **Gary McDonald** of United Livestock Brokers, Franktown, Colo., were honored by The Livestock Marketeers during its 41st annual meeting and banquet Jan. 14 in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). Sims and McDonald were honorees to the Livestock Marketeers "Hall of Fame."

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Matt and **Amy Perrier**, Eureka, Kan., announce the birth of their son, **Lyle Robert**, born Feb. 20. He weighed 7 lb., 13 oz., and was 20 in. long.

Grandparents include Tom and Carolyn Perrier of Dalebanks Angus, Eureka, and John and Candy Teagarden, La Cygne, Kan.

IN PASSING

Andrew "Andy" Markwart, 43, Shawnee, Kan., died Feb. 24.

Andy was born Nov. 3, 1962, in Yale, Mich., to Robert and Audrey Markwart. He married Thelma Schoonmaker on Sept. 4, 1993.

Andy graduated from Capac High School and Michigan State University (MSU). He was an active member of Kaw Prairie Community Church and a dedicated family man, who loved spending time with his wife and children. He had a passion for music, played bass guitar and harmonica, and sang in several bands throughout his life.

He worked for the National FFA

Organization, *Prairie Farmer*, CyberCrop, and Deere and Co. He was editor of *The Furrow*, a John Deere equipment magazine, and *Homestead* magazine.

He is survived by his wife; children Marlaina and Owen; parents; brothers Terry and Luther; and sisters Julie, Melanie and Heidi.

C. Gerald "Jerry" Haarer, 71, Bonita Springs, Fla., formerly of East Lansing, Mich., died Feb. 17.

In 1952, Jerry moved to the Lansing area to attend MSU. In association with William Brittain, Jerry formed Mahogany Farms, which later developed into Premier Cattle Corp., in 1969. Additionally, Jerry and his wife, Jean, established Manor Hill Farms, where an Angus cattle breeding program and Arabian horses were managed, shown and cared for by their children.

In 1979, Jerry became the first land management director at MSU. In 2004, the MSU Agriculture Department established a Livestock Industry Scholarship in his name.

Jerry is survived by his wife; children Ronald, Terry, Jeff, Pam and Karen; and 12 grandchildren.

Thomas "Tom" Ballard, 95, Bardstown, Ky., died Feb. 24.

Tom was born April 7, 1910, in Bearwallow, Ky., to T.E. Ballard I and Sally "Sarah" (Auberry) Ballard. He spent his childhood at Cherry Hill farm near Springfield, helping with farm work alongside his siblings.

Tom graduated from high school, where he was a member of the beef judging club. He subsequently got a job working for the state highway department, then for a road building business, where he eventually became partner.

Tom bought the Cherry Hill farm in the 1940s and maintained many other interests, including road construction and coal mining. He married Isabelle Simms McCawley of Springfield Feb. 7, 1946. In 1950, Tom and Isabelle bought a farm near Bardstown and sold Cherry Hill. They maintained a full beef, hog and crop operation on the farm, and later began a separate beef and fowl operation.

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He was a member of the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association and the American Angus Association. He enjoyed seeing his Angus and Angus-based cattle perform on his operations and on feed tests. At the time of his death, he had approximately 30 head of cattle on 70 acres.

▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Melissa Muegge has joined Allflex USA as a marketing communications specialist. Muegge will be responsible for managing internal and external communications that support the company's sales and marketing activities.

Richard McDonald, former Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) president and chief executive officer (CEO), will begin

providing consulting services to clients of McCormick Co., a marketing communications firm.

Peter Thomas has been appointed as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) deputy assistant secretary for administration. Thomas has also been designated as acting assistant secretary for administration while the President's nomination of Boyd Rutherford awaits confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Benjamin Higgins has been appointed as state director for USDA Rural Development in California. Higgins currently serves as executive vice president of the California Cattlemen's Association, a position he's had since 2002.

Jason Flickinger has been hired by Hubner Seed Co. Inc. as the district sales manager for Western Ohio. Hubner, a producer of corn, soybean, wheat and alfalfa seeds operating in 15 states, hired Flickinger to supervise the recruitment and expansion of dealer accounts in and around the Dayton, Ohio, area.

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA) has announced the appointment of a 13-member independent commission to operate a new accreditation program for land trusts. This organization will develop the policies to provide a fair and transparent review of applications and the procedures for granting a seal of accreditation to successful land trust applicants. Commission members

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▶ Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 15, Des Moines



▶ Serving on the board of directors for the Iowa Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Kirk Brandt**, Corning, president; **Colby Holmes**, Benton, secretary/manager; **Robert Schlutz**, Columbus Junction, American Angus Association director; **Tricia Holmes**, Benton, secretary/manager; **Doug Schroeder**, Clarence, past president; **Chad Claussen**, Durant, vice president; (standing, from left) **Butch Neumeyer**, Walker; **Erle Driscoll**, Williamsburg; **Cody Jensen**, Plainfield; **David Henderson**, Drakesville; **Joe Becker**, Diagonal; **James O'Neill**, Logan; **Michael Wells**, Columbus Junction; **Danny Purdum**, Kent; **Eric Johnson**, Prole; **Chris Miller**, Mabel, Minn.; and **Danny Bradshaw**, Hubbard.



▶ **Russell/Holmes Farms**, Benton; **Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms**, Columbus Junction; and **Doug and Glenda Schroeder**, Clarence, received the 2005 Show Bull of the Year Award for Da-Es-Ro Energizer 3110. Pictured are (from left) Doug Schroeder; Marcia Russell, Benton; Bob Schlutz, Columbus Junction; and Drew Schroeder, Clarence.

▶ **Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms**, Columbus Junction, received the 2005 Show Heifer of the Year Award for Da-Es-Ro Rachel 4202. Pictured are Doug Schroeder (left), Iowa Angus Ass'n past president, and Bruce Kiesewetter, Columbus Junction.



▶ Southwest Virginia Angus Finest Sale, Dec. 10, 2005, Abingdon



▶ **John Clouse** (right), Blacksburg, Va., receives the Southwest Virginia Angus Ass'n (SWVAA) Roving Champion Angus Heifer Award from **Freddie Mullins**, Clintwood, president of the SWVAA.

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include **Larry Kueter**, Colorado, chair; **David MacDonald**, Maine, vice chair; **Ann Taylor Schwing**, California, secretary; **Katherine Imhoff**, Virginia, treasurer; and commissioners **Elizabeth Crane**, Georgia; **David Hartwell**, Minnesota; **Lucinda Hunt-Stowell**, Connecticut; **Jennifer Lorenz**, Texas; **Marc Smiley**, Oregon; **Peter Stein**, New Hampshire; **Henry Tepper**, New York; **Wesley Ward**, Massachusetts; and **Michael Whitfield**, Idaho.

Tom Beck has joined the Starbar Division of Wellmark International as regional sales manager for the Great Lakes/Northeast region. Beck will be responsible for key

account management for leading Altosid IGR Feed Additive customers and for growing the Starbar and Altosid IGR Feed-Thru brands.

Tom Buis was elected and sworn in as National Farmers Union (NFU) president during the organization's 104th anniversary convention in Denver, Colo. Most recently, Buis served as NFU vice president of government relations in the organization's Washington, D.C., office.

Chris Sigurdson has accepted the position of sales and marketing director for Trans Ova Genetics. In his new position, Sigurdson will be based out of the corporate

headquarters in Sioux Center, Iowa, and will be responsible for developing the sales, marketing and customer service process with the agricultural division of Trans Ova Genetics.

Seven state beef councils have joined together to thank **Les Schwab Tire Centers** for its longtime support of the cattle and beef industry by naming the company an honorary "Beef Backer." Since 1963, the company has given away thousands of pounds of free beef to customers during its "Free Beef in February" rewards program. The program has not only boosted tire sales

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▶ Black Hills Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Jan. 29, Rapid City, S.D.

▶ Serving on the board of directors for the Black Hills Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Craig Kukuchka**, Belle Fourche, S.D., vice president; **Jon Millar**, Newell, S.D., secretary; **Norman Foos**, Nisland, S.D.; **T.J. Gabriel**, Midland, S.D., treasurer; **Vaughn Meyer**, Reva, S.D., president; and **Alan Kindsfater**, Belle Fourche, S.D.



▶ The **Leo Baker family**, Saint Onge, S.D., received a Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are (from left) Mike, Sandy, Leo and Marilyn Baker.



▶ **Milo Rypkema**, Rapid City, S.D., received a Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are Milo (left) and Nadine Rypkema.



▶ **Dan Lewis**, Rapid City, S.D., received the Stockman of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) John Romey; Amy and Dan Lewis; and Vaughn Meyer, Black Hills Angus Ass'n president.

▶ Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 28, Athens



▶ Members of the Georgia Angus Ass'n board of directors include (seated, from left) **David Echols**, Hull; **Christy Page**, Winder, secretary-treasurer; **Brent Chitty**, Moultrie, president; **Carolyn Gazda**, Athens, vice president; **Charles Idone**, Macon; (standing, from left) **Larry Bramblett**, Elberton; **Harvey Lemmon**, Woodbury; **John Jarrell**, Butler; **Stacey Britt**, Monroe; **Thomas Dalbey**, Adel; **Blake Callaway**, Rayle; and **Chris Throne**, West Point.



▶ **Circle G Angus Farm**, Adel, was presented the Member of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) James and Gail Gresham, owners, and Thomas Dalbey, manager.

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during the years, but has also paid homage to the region's cattle ranchers.

The **North Dakota Stockmen's Association** (NDSA) is now accepting entries for its 2006 Photography Contest. Entries will be evaluated for quality and content in a people's-choice format at the 2006 NDSA Annual Convention & Trade Show in Fargo, N.D. The entrant of the best photograph will receive \$100. The photographers of two honorable-mention entries will receive \$50 each.

To be eligible for the contest, entries must be either color, 8 x 10-in. or 8 x 12-in. photographs. They must also be related to the livestock industry and taken in North

Dakota. Contestants must include their address and phone number on the back of their entries. NDSA membership is not a requirement. Glossy photographs are preferred to those with matte finishes; however, both types are accepted.

Contest entries must be mailed to NDSA, 407 S. Second St., Bismarck, ND 58504 by Sept. 15. For more information contact NDSA at (701) 223-2522.

Nancy Stirling-Neuhauser, Midland, S.D., was installed as the 55th president of the American National CattleWomen Inc. (ANCW).

Remaining members of the 2006 Executive Committee are President-Elect **Wendy Pettz**,

Huntsville, Ark.; Vice President **Fita Witte**, Belen, N.M.; Secretary **Marilyn Dobesh**, Belle Fourche, S.D.; Parliamentarian **Susie Magnuson**, Eaton, Colo.; Historian **Edith Bartels**, Gettysburg, S.D.; and Past President **Marlene Strickland**, Sarasota, Fla.

Region directors are: Region I: **Bonnie Bargstedt**, Albany, N.Y.; Region II: **Lana Slaten**, Cullman, Ala.; Region III: **Leslee Lorenz**, Sun Prairie, Wis.; Region IV: **Rosemary Gambino**, Pattison, Texas; Region V: **Linda Davis**, Townsend, Mont.; Region VI: **Joan Hemsted**, Cottonwood, Calif.; and Region VII: **Kristy Lage**, Arthur, Neb.

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Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 28, Poynette

Serving on the Wisconsin Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **James Ward**, Palmyra, president; **Ardel Quam**, Lodi, secretary; **Phyllis Tomaw**, Barneveld, Auxiliary president; **Dana May**, Mineral Point, junior board president; (standing, middle row, from left) **Thomas Peters**, Eagle; **Leslie Mindemann**, Sullivan; **Kevin Konkol**, Menomonee Falls; **Daniel Downing**, Waukesha; (standing, back row, from left) **David Horstmeyer**, Marshall; **Jeff Kind**, Jefferson; **Tom Tomaw**, Barneveld; **Aaron Galbreath**, Oconto; and **Steve Wagemester**, Viroqua.



Left: Serving on the Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary board of directors are (seated, from left) **Phyllis Tomaw**, Barneveld, president; **Debbie Kind**, Jefferson, vice president; **Kathy Miller**, Bristol, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Mary Kohl**, Waterloo; **Leslie Mindemann**, Sullivan; and **Christine Konkol**, Menomonee Falls.



2K Cattle Ent., Glen Haven, received awards for Show Heifer of the Year, Cow-Calf Pair of the Year, Breeder of the Year and Exhibitor of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Kelsi, Keela, Kevin and Kelli Retallick, all of Glen Haven.

Right: **Mindemann Farms**, Sullivan, and **Royal Angus Farms LLC**, Eagle, received the Show Bull of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) **Thomas Peters**, Eagle; **Sandy Campbell**, Eagle; **Andrew Mindemann**, Sullivan; **Diane Zakrzewski**, Eagle; and **Rick Mindemann**, Sullivan.



Keri Retallick (right), Glen Haven, received the Junior Advisor of the Year Award from **Dana May**, Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n president.

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The Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB) seated new board members and elected officers and representatives for its 2006 Executive Committee and Beef Promotion Operating Committee. Texas cattleman **Jay O'Brien** was elected to serve as 2006 chairman of the Board. Kansas cattleman **Ken Stielow** was elected vice chairman, and **Dave Bateman** of Illinois was elected to serve as secretary/treasurer.

After being appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in December, a total of 30 Board

members were seated for service on the CBB — including 10 reappointments of existing members to a second term and appointment of 20 new members.

New members seated include: **Thomas Jones**, Arkansas; **Ross Jenkins II**, California; **Roger West**, Florida; **Tim Shaw**, Idaho; **Daniel Kerschen** and **Terry Handke**, Kansas; **Charles Bassett**, Missouri; **James Eschliman** and **Lindy Whipps**, Nebraska; **Margie Hande**, North Dakota; **Bob Drake** and **Andrea Hutchison**, Oklahoma; **Robert Bruner**, **Daniel Dierschke**, **Bryant Fisher**

and **Daryl Owen**, Texas; **Bill Oliver**, Virginia; and **Ron Allen**, **John O'Carroll** and **David Palmer**, importers.

Reappointments include: **Carlyle Currier**, Colorado; **Ken Stielow**, Kansas; **Charles Miller**, Kentucky; **Jim Almond**, Montana; **Pat Woods**, New Mexico; **Randy Meabon**, Pennsylvania; **Ed Blair**, South Dakota; **Sugie Sartwelle**, Texas; and **Greg Benedict** and **Kim Holzner**, importers.

Based on recommendations from the Joint Beef Industry Nominating Committee, the

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► Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Jan. 20, Hutchinson

► Elected to the Kansas Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Gerald Theis**, Leavenworth; **Joe Hite**, Valley Center; **Dennis Huck**, Larned, vice president; **Richard Poland**, Isabel, president; **Anne Lampe**, Scott City, secretary; **Debbie Lyons-Blythe**, White City; **Michael Molitor**, Zenda, past president; (standing, from left) **Timothy Benton**, Garnett; **Gene Barrett**, Grantville; **Virgil Huseman**, Ellsworth; **Marcella Warner**, Spearville; **Craig Rucker**, Burdett; **Rusty Williams**, Hugoton; **Joel Bunker**, Sharon Springs; and **Robert Bailey**, Quenemo, treasurer.



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CBB elected the following members to its 2006 Executive Committee: CBB Vice Chairman **Ken Stielow** of Kansas, who will serve as chairman; and members **Jay O'Brien** (CBB chairman) of Texas; **Dave Bateman** of Illinois, secretary/treasurer; **Laurie Bryant**, importer; **Virginia Coehlo**, California; **Robert Fountain Jr.**, Georgia; **Dana Hauck**, Kansas; **Neil Kayser**, Washington; **Charles Miller**, Kentucky; **Sugie Sartwelle**, Texas; and **Stan Zylstra**, Iowa.

CBB members elected to the 2006 Beef Promotion Operating Committee during the annual meeting in Denver include: Chairman **Jay O'Brien** of Texas, Vice Chairman **Ken Stielow** of Kansas; Secretary/Treasurer **Dave Bateman** of Illinois; **Michael Cline**, Iowa; **Carl Crabtree**, Idaho; **Richard Nielson**, Utah; **Gary Sharp**, South Dakota; **Don Stewart**, importer; **Wayne Thames**, Alabama; and **Lucinda Williams**, Massachusetts.

The other 10 members of the committee are representatives of state beef councils, including the chair and vice chair of the Federation of State Beef Councils and eight other members elected by state beef councils. Those representatives include Federation Chairman **Larry Jones** of Kansas; Vice Chairman **Gary Voogt**, Michigan; **Alan Albright**, Iowa; **Clifford Dance**, Mississippi; **David Dick**, Missouri; **Scott George**, Wyoming; **Laura Lickley**, Idaho; **Leo Vermedahl**, Texas; **Myron Williams**, South Dakota; and **Jim Wilson**, Oregon.

Kent Haden, the primary developer of the MFA Health Track program, was recognized at the Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Denver as a 2006 Beef Industry Vision Award regional winner.

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► Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 8, Grantville



► Serving on the Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Barbara Weaver**, New Holland, secretary; **Robert Hay**, Friedens, vice president; **Dale Rains**, Mercer, president; **Bradford Bishard**, York, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Stephen McMahon**, Flourtown; **Gregory Grim**, East Berlin; **Gary Seefeldt**, Port Allegany; **Erskine Cash**, Centre Hall; **Cheryl Fairbairn**, Coatesville; **Roberta McMullen**, Quarryville; **Donald Nichols**, Tyrone; **Fritz Frey**, Quarryville; **Ned Hower**, Bethlehem; and **Harry Bachman**, Annville.



► Above: The **Dale Rains** family, Mercer, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Dale and Brenda Rains and David Mullins, American Angus Ass'n, presenting the award.



► Left: The **Fairbairn** family was named Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Denton, Hannah, Kyle, Sarah and Gregory Grim, presenting the award, and William, Cheryl, Ryan and Caitlin Fairbairn, all of Coatesville, accepting the award.

