



# Newsmakers

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## IN THE NEWS

**Devin Brakhage**, Boise City, Okla., attended the ninth annual New Century Farmer Conference at Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. at the Johnston, Iowa, campus July 11-15.



**Devin Brakhage**

Brakhage is the son of Rick and Lynna Brakhage of Brakhage Angus and is a student at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, majoring in ag business and economics.

**Jarold Callahan**, Yukon, Okla., was named the 2005 Cattleman of the Year by the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association (OCA). Callahan, president of Express Angus Ranches and an American Angus Association Board member, accepted the honor at the organization's 53rd annual convention. Recipients of previous Cattleman of the Year awards chose Callahan for his service in various industry leadership positions, including his roles as vice chairman of the Oklahoma Beef Council, OCA executive vice president, Oklahoma State University (OSU) faculty and OSU Livestock Judging Team coach.

**Mike Hahn** of Kiowa, Colo., has accepted a position at Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, as donor cow manager. Prior to his new role, Hahn was in private business in ranching and in a commercial fence-building company. His responsibilities at Camp Cooley Ranch will include managing and scheduling all donor cows for registered herds and assisting with its intensive bull development program.

## IN PASSING

**Leslie (Appleby) Smith**, 26, Conway, Mo., died July 31.

Leslie was born Oct. 30, 1978, to Rob and Peggy Appleby.

Until her illness prevented it, she was an avid showman and exhibited Angus, Simmental and Gelbvieh cattle at area fairs, including the Missouri State Fair.

Leslie also enjoyed children, her church and her Sunday school class at First Baptist in Marshfield. She loved animals and had a passion for being a Christian.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; her parents; brother Brian; and grandparents.

**Madonna Foster**, 34, Syracuse, Neb., died Aug. 12 at her home.

Madonna was born July 21, 1971, to James and Mary (Ryan) Bradford, Guthrie Center, Iowa. She married Dale Foster and was a homemaker. A private family burial took place at New Sweden Lutheran Cemetery in Lockridge. James Bradford, her father, is a former American Angus Association director.

She is survived by her husband; son Landon; her parents; sisters Kathleen, Michelle, Sheila, Ellen, Colleen, Jennifer and Erin; and a brother, Barry.

**Charles "Chuck" Casto**, 53, Buckhannon, W.Va., died Aug. 12 in a two-vehicle accident near Corning, N.Y.

Chuck was employed by Union Drilling Inc. as a drilling superintendent, where he was responsible for oil and gas drilling operations in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York. He was also a cattleman and owner of Hi C Farm in Upshur County and C&S Fence Supply. He served in the Army National Guard in the 1970s.

He was a member of the Upshur County Farm Bureau, West Virginia Cattlemen's Association, West Virginia Angus Association, Ohio Angus Association, American Angus Association and the Upshur County Livestock Association.

Chuck and his wife, Sylvia (Bond) Casto, supported many area farming and land organizations in their fund-raising efforts. He also enjoyed caring for and showing Angus cattle, winning 2005 grand champion bull at the West Virginia Beef Expo.

He is survived by his wife, daughter Melissa and two granddaughters. Donations may be made to the West Virginia Junior Angus Association, the West Virginia FFA Association or 4-H of West Virginia.

**Frank G. Hagenbuch Jr.**, 74, Lawrence, Kan., died Aug. 24 at his home.

Frank was born Nov. 16, 1930, in Lawrence to Dr. Frank G. and Lanore (Scrivner) Hagenbuch. He was a member of

the Jayhawk 4-H Club and FFA at Lawrence High School, earning the state farmer degree award in 1948. He attended Kansas State University and the University of Kansas before serving in the U.S. Army from 1951-1954.

He married Alberta June Wiley on May 17, 1953, in Lawrence. He was a farmer and cattleman, and owned and operated Hagenbuch Angus Farm. He served as the Leavenworth County club beef leader, county fair beef superintendent and as a state fair board director. Frank helped form the Leavenworth County Beef Improvement Association and the Kansas Junior Angus Heifer Show, serving as president and vice chairman, respectively. He and June were named honorary members of the Kansas Angus Association in 1996. After working at Farmland Industries for 32 years, he retired in 1990.

He was a member of Tonganoxie Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Tonganoxie Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, sons Larry and Lyle, daughters Lori and Lynn, and six grandchildren.

## ANGUS ARRIVALS

**Randy** and **Pearlann Pohlman**, Delphos, Ohio, announce the birth of their son, **Aiden Max**, born Aug. 17. He weighed 7 lb., 14 oz., and was 19 in. long. The Pohlman's operate Pohlman Farms, Delphos.

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Curt Mann** has been named the Deputy Undersecretary for Food Safety at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Thirty people have been appointed to the Cattlemen's Promotion and Research Board (CBB). All appointees will serve three-year terms, beginning Feb. 4, 2006. Appointed members include: **Thomas Jones**, Arkansas; **Ross Jenkins II**, California; **Carlyle Currier**, Colorado; **Roger West**, Florida; **Timothy Shaw**, Idaho; **Terrell Handke**, **Daniel Kerschen** and **Kenneth Stielow**, Kansas; **Charles Miller**, Kentucky; **Charles Bassett**, Missouri; **James Almond**, Montana; **James Eschliman** and **Lyndell Whipps**, Nebraska; **John Woods**, New Mexico; **Margie Hande**, North Dakota; **Bob Drake** and **Andrea Hutchinson**, Oklahoma; **Randall Meabon**, Pennsylvania; **Edward Blair**, South Dakota; **Robert Bruner**, **Daniel Dierschke**, **Bryant Fisher**, **Daryl Owen** and **Lavine Sartwelle**, Texas; and **William Oliver**, Virginia.

Appointed to represent importers are **Ronald Allen**, **Greg Benedict**, **Joakim Holzner**, **John O'Carroll** and **David Palmer**.



