



Newsmakers

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

► IN THE NEWS

Milford Jenkins has joined the ranks of the American Angus Association as the director of development for the Angus Foundation. As director, the Oklahoma native and third-generation Angus enthusiast will oversee current fund-raising efforts and the implementation of new programs, ensuring the continued development of the 501(c) 3 organization.

A former senior director of development for Oklahoma State University (OSU) Agricultural Services and Natural Resources, Jenkins helped the division raise \$1.5-\$2.5 million annually in outright and deferred gift commitments for its agricultural research and Extension programs.

Jenkins earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural education from OSU. He is a member of the American Angus Association and Oklahoma Angus Association and serves as the president of the National Agricultural Alumni and

Development Association. He and his wife, Peggy, have a daughter, Dallas.



Milford Jenkins

Kenny Miller, Maryville, Mo., has been named the American Angus Association's assistant director of finance. Miller, who started at the Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., April 1, is a CPA and has an MBA degree. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwest Missouri State University. His wife, Nicole, is a native of Maryville and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Northwest as well. She teaches English and coaches at a nearby school district.

The American Angus Association has chosen **Chad Ellingson**, a Saint Anthony, N.D., Angus breeder, to represent the association at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) 2004 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). The Angus Foundation will sponsor Ellingson as he

attends the industry-wide leadership development program that will begin in Denver, Colo., and end in Washington, D.C. As a YCC participant, he will observe all areas of the beef industry — from structure to issues management to production research and marketing.

Individuals interested in sponsorship for future YCCs must be members of the Association and NCBA. They must submit an application and letters of reference to be evaluated by a selection committee.

Angus breeder **Gene Harris**, of Killdeer, N.D., was to represent North Dakota's beef industry and the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) on a trade mission to Taiwan and Japan March 19-28.

Harris was one of 11 North Dakota representatives of value-added ag companies and manufacturers participating in the mission designed to expand North Dakota's export opportunities. During the trip, organized by Gov. John Hoeven and being led by Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Harris was to discuss beef trade issues and work to persuade Taiwanese and Japanese officials to reopen their borders to American beef.

► IN PASSING

Robert "Bob" Laflin, 73, Olsburg, Kan., died Jan. 14 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., while visiting the area.

Bob was born March 20, 1930, in Crab Orchard, Neb. He graduated from Lincoln



Bob Snyder

Losing an Angus leader

Robert "Bob" Snyder, 76, who served in the American Angus Association's public relations department for 20 years, died March 3 at his home in Prairie Village, Kan. Snyder, a native of Chicago, Ill., and a graduate of Michigan State University (MSU), joined the Association in 1958 as associate director of public relations. He was named director of public relations in 1968, a position he served until he resigned in 1978 to attend seminary.

Snyder was the driving force behind the Association's Challenge of the Future Tours in the late 1950s and 1960s. The tours took Angus breeders to visit outstanding commercial cow herds to learn what kind of genetics were needed to make the cattle business more profitable. Prior to this, most Angus tours visited only registered herds.

He authored a number of Association booklets and pamphlets, including "A History of the Angus Breed," and "Life At Its Best." But he was best known, however, for the many promotional and educational events he planned and supervised, including the Angus portion of the 1971 American Beef Cattle Symposium at the University of Wisconsin — an event that demonstrated the value of larger, growthier Angus cattle at a time when the industry was resisting needed change.

In 1973 he organized the Second World Angus Forum in Kansas City, Mo., and in the same year, he tied the World Forum into a centennial celebration that included a large kickoff event in Victoria,

Kan., the town where George Grant brought the first Angus. He worked with Senator Bob Dole to get a U.S. postage stamp issued that highlighted the first importation of Angus cattle into the United States. The first day of issue, sales were made at a temporary post office set up in the parking lot of the American Angus Association the day after the World Forum.

Snyder's final big event for the Association was the 1976 Liberty Bell Angus Sire Evaluation Contest during the national Angus Show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. The show featured 254 head of steers sired by 17 registered Angus bulls and promoted the value of the Association's relatively new sire evaluation program. He was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation in 1994.

"Bob Snyder's ideas, his ability to get people to work together, and his attention to every detail of each project he undertook had a positive and lasting effect on the American Angus Association and the Angus breed," said Keith Evans, who worked with Snyder in the public relations department for almost 16 years.

In 1978, he enrolled in Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary in Wisconsin, where he graduated in 1981. He was priest at Holy Spirit, Saint Peter's and All Saints Episcopal congregations in the Kansas City, Mo., area. Later, he and his wife, Mary, lived in Grenada and the Saint Vincent Islands in the Caribbean, while he served as a missionary.

Snyder is survived by his wife; daughters Becky, Amy and Kathy; and 19 grandchildren.

High School in 1947 and received his bachelor's degree in animal science in 1951. He served in the Army during the Korean War, was stationed in Germany in 1953, and married Barbara Arendt in Falls City, Neb., March 6, 1955. He was honorably discharged from the Army Reserve as a Captain in 1991.

A member of the American Angus and Kansas Angus associations and the Olsburg United Methodist Church, Bob was a lifelong Angus breeder — the Laflin family has raised Angus cattle for more than a century.

He is survived by his wife; sons R.D. and Guy; daughters Sharee and Karen; and four grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Angus Foundation in memory of Bob Laflin.

D. Sue Lewis, 83, Dahlonega, Ga., died Feb. 27.

Sue, a longtime Angus breeder and partner in Whitner and Lewis Farm, Dahlonega, was born Feb. 17, 1921, in Adel, Ga. She received her bachelor's degree from Oglethorpe University, and a master's degree from Georgia State University. As a research chemist, Sue conducted studies into the HIV/AIDS epidemic, retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1990.

Paula Jill Husz, 37, Maryville, Mo., died March 1, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Jill was born April 3, 1966, in Milan, Mo., to David and Nedra Carver Stephenson. She graduated from Milan C-2 High School and married Jim Husz on May 27, 1988. She graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1988 and became case manager for Albany Regional Center.

She is survived by her husband, Northwest Missouri State University farm manager and partner in Chateau Angus Farm, near Carson, Iowa; and daughters Jordan and Taylor.

Andrew "Andy" Olson, 91, Council Grove, Kan., died March 23 at the Council Grove Healthcare Center.

Andy was born April 28, 1912, near White City, Kan., one of 11 children of Ole and Katie Amthauer Olson. After graduating from Junction City High School, he attended a two-year agriculture short course at Kansas State College from 1931-1932.

He married Helen Ebbutt in 1933, and together they produced commercial Angus cattle until her death in 1962. He married Edith Ramage in 1963. He married Mary Mahanay in 1967. He married Anna May Bowles in 1977.

► **2004 Virginia Angus Ass'n Awards Banquet, Staunton, Feb. 6**



► **Kevin Fleenor** (center), Aldie, accepts the Herdsman of the Year Award. Mark Duffell (left) and Ken Brubaker present the award.



► **William Spayde** (right), Middleburg, is recognized as Promoter of the Year. Chuck Alexander presents the award.



► **Richard McClung** (right), New Market, is honored as Cattleman of the Year. Katherine Meadows presents the award.



► **Mystic Hill Farm** is honored as Seedstock Producer of the Year. Thomas Clark (left), Mystic Hill Farm, Culpeper, accepts the award from Bobby Grove.



► **Manor Farm**, Washington, Va., is named Commercial Producer of the Year. Ken Brubaker presents the award to Monira Rifaat (right).



► **Jim Wylie** (left), Upperville, accepts the Manager of the Year Award from Thomas Clark.



► **James and Louise Laningham**, Wytheville, were inducted into the Virginia Angus Ass'n Hall of Merit. Pictured are (from left) Bruce Warner, making the presentation, and Louise and James Laningham.



► **George Jr. and Lo Aldhizer**, Harrisonburg, are inducted into the Virginia Angus Ass'n Hall of Merit. Shirley Kaufman (right) presents the award.



► 2004 officers and directors of the Virginia Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Ken Brubaker**, Harrisonburg, executive director; **Katherine Meadows**, Buchanan; **Bobby Grove**, Somerville; **Jay Fulk**, Broadway; **Andy Douthat**, Roanoke; (standing, from left) **Bruce Warner**, Lebanon; **Jeff Powers**, Moneta; **Ken Barnhart**, Purcellville; **Bert Jones**, Rockville; **Tim Douglas**, Berryville; **Dennis Eastin**, Gretna; and **Tom McCall**, Greenville.

2004 California Angus Ass'n meeting



► The California Angus Ass'n board of directors for 2004 are (seated, from left) **Kris Gudel**, Elk Grove, junior advisor; **Kelli Toledo**, Visalia; **Suzie Wiese**, Lincoln, secretary; **Jim Vietheer**, Wilton, president; **Carter Pierce**, Selma, vice president; **Betsy Cardoza**, O'Neals, treasurer; **Joel Popken**, Orland; (standing, from left) **Ty Byrd**, Red Bluff; **Randy Perry**, Fresno; **Steve Lambert**, Oroville; **Gregory Schafer**, Orland; **Cheryl LaFranchi-Mongini**, Calistoga; and **Abbie Nelson**, Wilton, ex-officio.

He was named an honorary member of the Kansas Angus Association in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Anna May; daughters Elaine and Mandy; stepdaughter Cathy; three grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Phil and **Christy Page**, Winder, Ga., announce the birth of their daughter, **Savannah Leigh**, born March 8. She weighed 7 lb., 13 oz., and was 18¼ in. long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bell, Good Hope, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Page Sr., Winder, Ga.

Dean and **Robbie McCoy**, announce the birth of their son, **Dean Kobe**, born July 7, 2003. Grandparents are Les and Muriel

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Historic Angus herds named

The American Angus Association awards the Historic Angus Herd Award throughout the year to members who have been in the continuous production of registered Angus cattle by the same individual or family for 50 or more years. Following are recent award honorees.

Brookdale Farms, Sedalia, Mo., was established by Charles and Lee Bluhm in 1953 as a purebred beef cattle component to the farm's Holstein herd, Brookdale Dairy, which was established in 1914.

Today, the Brookdale herd is owned by daughter Kristy Bluhm Fisher, who returned to the farm in 1993, and manages the herd under the name Kristy Lee Angus. The operation continues to focus on raising bulls and heifers for the commercial cattleman.

Byergo Angus Farms, Barnard, Mo., was also recognized. Forrest Byergo started the herd in 1951 as a 4-H project, buying the foundation seedstock in Maryville, Mo. He became a member of the American Angus Association in 1953 and continued to build the herd throughout the years.

In addition to Forrest, sons Andrew, Joe and Rex are involved in the business, as well as several grandchildren. Today, the herd includes more than 250 Angus females and is still managed as a family operation.

The herd at **Colossal Angus**, Dorchester, Neb., was started by James Hill and Joe Lindholm, Coon Rapids, Iowa, in 1952. This partnership ended in 1953 when James and Mary Hill took over the herd and relocated it to Nebraska. In 1977 Hill formed another partnership with William Whitmer, which was the beginning of Colossal Angus. In 2000 Hill bought out Whitmer's interest and became the sole owner of the herd. He is still operating Colossal Angus, which includes 30 registered Angus cows, today.

The foundation cattle for the herd were purchased from Robert Koch, a professor at the University of Nebraska (NU).

Jamison Angus Farms, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was established by Lorence Jamison in 1946 with the purchase of seedstock from several existing Angus herds in Iowa. The herd operated under the name of Jamison & Foss from 1956 to 1960, but returned to the original name thereafter.

Cattle from the herd were marketed via private treaty to local commercial cattlemen or sold through consignment sales. Lorence and his wife, Dorothy, were also active in Angus associations and the

Angus Auxiliary, holding offices and serving as volunteer leaders.

Lorence's son Frank and grandson Mike are involved with the farm today.

The herd at **Harry A. Leonard & Sons**, Perry, Iowa, was started by Harry, Gary and Keith Leonard in 1952, with Harry and Gary having primary management and ownership of the herd through the years. Foundation cattle for the herd were purchased from Iowa Angus breeders. In addition to the cattle enterprise, the family also farmed and maintained several acres of hay production. Gary was active in showing cattle and was involved in 4-H and FFA youth programs.

Today, Gary manages the herd, which has been reduced to 30 Angus cows.

Leroy Mindemann, Apache, Okla., founded his herd, Angus Empirette, in 1953 with the purchase of two bred heifers from Lynch Acres Angus, Apache, Okla. He joined the American Angus Association as a lifetime member and continued to build the herd.

Mindemann has served nine years on the county fair board and serves as a director and officer of the Oklahoma Angus Association and the O.K. & T. Angus Breeders' Association. He has also served as a delegate to the American Angus Association's annual meeting.

Leroy and his wife, Elaine, continue to run 100 Angus cows with their sons, Travis and Todd.

New Haven Angus, Leavenworth, Kan., is owned by Bill and Loris New and their family.

The New Haven Angus herd was established in 1954 by Bill New with cattle that were purchased from registered Angus breeders in the Leavenworth and Lawrence, Kan., areas. Before that time, Angus bulls were used on Holstein cows in the farm's dairy herd.

The New family was also involved in junior Angus programs with all four children, Jilinda, Shawna, Damon and Brandon, actively participating in activities on the state and national levels. The children are all involved in the operation today and have their own cattle in the herd.

► 2004 Nebraska Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Kearney, Feb. 18



► Nebraska Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Jim Ely**, McCook, president; **Ken Snyder**, Paxton, vice president; **Ken Parcel**, Lyons, past president; **Jennifer Svoboda**, Sargent, secretary/manager; (standing, from left) **Joseph Anderjaska**, Hayes Center; **Neri Barstow**, Springview; **Stewart Hartwell**, Oakland; **Greg Weers**, Diller; and **Craig Dethlefs**, North Platte.

► 2004 Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Columbia, Feb. 28



► Missouri Angus Auxiliary officers include (from left) **Gigi Hunter**, Fair Grove; **DeEtta Murphy**, Houstonia; **Shelly Kinne**, Eagleville; **Eileen Meier**, Jackson; and **Darla Eggers**, Mexico.



► Jim Pipkin (left) presents the 2004 Herdsman of the Year award to **Todd and Tracy Ragsdale**, Paris, Mo.



► **Circle A Ranch**, Iberia, is named the Missouri Angus Breeder of the Year. **Dave Gust** (left) and **Jeff Gooden** (right) receive the honor from John Moffitt, outgoing president.



► 2004 officers and directors of the Missouri Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Karen Jones**, Gainesville, president; **Dan Weigand**, Warrensburg, president-elect; **Kris Graupman**, Palmyra, vice president; **Jean Ryan**, Willard, treasurer; **Wayne "Doc" Smith**, Winigan, former fieldman; **Max Creason**, Cowgill; **Ben Eggers**, Mexico, American Angus Association treasurer; and **Vernon Yager**, Sturgeon; (back row, from left) **John Moffitt**, Kirksville, past president; **Steve Birk**, Gordonville; **Brent Murphy**, Houstonia; **Rick Washam**, Pierce City; **Truman Wiles**, Willow Springs; **Charles Gerloff**, Bland; and **Bill Harlan**, Huntsville.

► 2004 Louisiana Angus Ass'n meeting, Alexandria, March 12



► The Louisiana Angus Ass'n board of directors for 2004 are (seated, from left) **Carroll Boudreaux**, New Iberia, past president; **Dale Hoover**, Clinton, vice president; **Michael Rome**, Tallulah, secretary; **Robert Warren**, Amite, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Greg Tate**, Ville Platte; **Ronald Dobson**, Campiti; **Billy Querrey**, Tallulah; **Dave Means III**, Gloster; **Drew Hall**, Greenwell Springs; **Chris Roussel**, Gramercy; and **Ronnie Holloway**, Tallulah.

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McCoy of Stonebridge Farms, Fayetteville, Tenn.

▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The Kansas Beef Council has elected **Tracy Brunner**, Ramona, to serve as its 2004 chairman, and **Andrew Murphy** to serve as vice chairman. Other newly elected board members include **Chris Burris**, Larned; **Jerree Fitzsimmons**, Cunningham; **Mark**

Harms, Lincolnville; **Frank Harper**, Sedgwick; **Don Hullman**, Pratt; and **Lori Montgomery**, Pratt.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) elected 2004-2005 officers March 10 during its annual convention in Austin. Officers include **Bob McCan**, Victoria, president; **C.R. "Dick" Sherron**, Beaumont, first vice president; and **Jon Means**, Van Horn, second vice

president and secretary.

William "Bill" Arrington, Pampa, and **Guy Stovall Jr.**, El Campo, were named honorary directors. New directors were also named. They include **Katharine Armstrong**, Austin; **Richard Lucas Jr.**, Houston; **Steven Mafrige**, Tilden; **Linda Stovall**, El Campo; **Richard Traylor**, Carrizo Springs; and **John Zacek**, Victoria.



▶ 2004 Texas Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Fort Worth, Jan. 24



▶ From left, J.V. and Helen Heyser present **Leonard and Debra John**, Schertz, with the Heyser Award for outstanding service to the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n.



▶ The 2004 Texas Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (from left) **Jim Macom**, Mabank; **Ernest Shelton Jr.**, New Boston; **James Goode**, Pampa; **Robert Earley**, Bastrop; and **Rodney Howell**, Gainesville.