



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Chari Miller, Cheyenne Angus Farms, Great Bend, Kan., and **Tim Benton**, Garnett, Kan., donated proceeds from the sale of Angus heifers to the Kansas Fairgrounds Foundation, which funds the upkeep of the state fairgrounds. The sale, which took place at the Farmers and Ranchers Sale Facility in Salina, raised \$1,900. Both donors will be recognized on the Wall of Honor in the Prairie Pavilion.

Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, hosted an awards dinner March 4 in Houston for their cooperators. The ranch recognized producers who raised top performers from the more than 70 herds in their cooperator program. The awards for the 2004 sale bulls were presented by Klaus Birkel, owner.

Champion Hill, Summitcrest Farms, Bob Shugert, Brad Hook Cattle Promotions, Chris Gilbert, Dan DeMeyer, Shane Cattle Co., Guyer Cattle Co., Halderman Show Cattle, Larry Campbell, Lautner Farms, Meg-Jer Farms, Nathan Smith, Phelps/Warye, Rist Show Cattle, Rowe/Kuck, Sam Shuey, Top Sires, ABS Global, Genex and COBA/Select Sires were among a number of donors who gave more

than 320 units of semen sold at auction March 19 during the 2005 Ohio Beef Expo to benefit the Ohio Beef Expo junior show. Proceeds from the third annual semen auction totaled \$7,377. A semen tank was donated by ABS Global.

Lucky 7 Angus, Riverton, Wyo., donated 10% of proceeds from 10 bulls at its annual bull sale March 5 to the Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF USA). The Jim Jensen family, owners, raised \$4,535 for R-CALF.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

John and Terri McCoy of Brookwood Farms, Franklin, W.Va., announce the birth of their son, **Braden Summers**, born Dec. 16, 2004. He weighed 5 lb., 15.7 oz. and was 18 in. long. He joins a brother, Billy. Terri is the former secretary of the West Virginia Angus Association. Grandparents are Terry and Janet Boggess of Zelinda Farms, Lewisburg, W.Va., and Bill and Harriet McCoy, Franklin.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The **Livestock Marketing Association (LMA)** announced six first-time contestants among 31 auctioneers moving on to the organization's 42nd annual World

Livestock Auctioneer Championship June 18 in Tulsa, Okla. The newcomers, now eligible for the "Rookie of the Year" award, include **Duane Bleeker**, Hartley, Iowa; **Kevin Magby**, Atoka, Okla.; **Joel Martin**, Williamston, S.C.; **James Reynolds**, Olustee, Okla.; **Kevin Dean Schow**, Paxton, Neb.; and **Tracy Sullivan**, Prague, Okla. To view the entire list of contestants, visit www.lmaweb.com/lmapressprint.html.

Bob Vantrease, Upperville, Va., has joined the real estate firm of Armfield, Miller and Ripley of Middleburg, Va. Vantrease is a former fieldman for the *Angus Journal*, serving southeastern states in 1966. For the last 10 years, he has maintained a livestock consulting firm.

Paul Gutierrez has been appointed the New Mexico State Director for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. From Magdalena, N.M., Gutierrez previously served as deputy assistant secretary for civil rights at USDA since March 2004. He has also served as the assistant deputy administrator for USDA's farm programs and as the state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Terri Smith, Plain City, Ohio, has been named the sales and marketing specialist at Select Sires, based in Plain City. In her new role, Smith will be coordinating the photo program and producing promotional materials.

Mark Kane-Berman has been named the new MultiMin USA Inc. sales representative based in San Diego, Calif. He will cover the southern California area.

John Butler has accepted a position on the Merial Surehealth™ calf-preconditioning program leadership team. He will provide leadership and council for planning and marketing of the entire program. Butler was most recently the president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Rancher's Renaissance™.

Master Sgt. William Sprake has been awarded medals for heroic actions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and special operations. Sprake, an Angus producer from Faucett, Mo., received the Bronze Star with Valor for heroic actions during Operation Anaconda, where he and his team conducted offensive assaults under heavy enemy fire. A second Bronze Star was also awarded for actions prior to the fall of Mosul, when Sprake volunteered for reconnaissance patrol behind enemy lines. He also received an Air Medal for actions displayed during multiple infiltrations and extraction missions near Djibouti, Africa. Sprake received the awards during a ceremony Dec. 4, 2004, in Louisville, Ky.



► Master Sgt. William Sprake receives numerous awards for heroic actions overseas. Pictured are (from left) **Darla Eggers**, sister; **Jane Sprake**, wife; **William Sprake**; and **Judy and Jim Sprake**, parents.

STATE SPOTLIGHTS

Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Des Moines, Feb. 16



► **Kyle Greiman** (left), Garner, receives the Show Heifer of the Year Award, presented by **Doug Schroeder**.



► **Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms**, Columbus Junction, receives the Show Bull of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) **Robert Schlutz**, Columbus Junction; **Doug Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa Angus Ass'n president; and **Bruce Kiesewetter**, Columbus Junction.

Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, LeCompte, March 11

► Elected to serve on the Louisiana Angus Ass'n board of directors are **Greg Tate**, Ville Platte, vice president; **Robert Warren**, Amite, treasurer; **Michael Rome**, Tallulah, secretary; **Chris Rousset**, Paulina; **Dave Means III**, Gloster; **Drew Hall**, Greenwell Springs; **Charles Williams**, Jena; **David Billingsley Jr.**, Keithville; **William Bickham**, Shreveport; **Ronald Dobson**, Campti; **Carroll Boudreaux**, New Iberia; and **Ronnie Holloway**, Tallulah.

► Angus producers are recognized for consigning high-indexing and high-selling bulls to the Louisiana Bull Test and Sale. Recognized are **Chris Rousset**, Paulina; **Dave Means III**, Gloster; **David Billingsley Jr.**, Keithville; **Ronnie Holloway**, Tallulah; **Glen Williams**, Winnsboro; and **Charles Williams**, Jena.

Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Columbia, Feb. 26

► Members of the Missouri Angus Auxiliary officer team include (seated, from left) **Deb Thummel**, Sheridan; **Shelly Kinne**, Eagleville; **De Etta Murphy**, Houstonia; (standing, from left) **Eileen Meier**, Jackson; and **Darla Eggers**, Mexico.



► **Josh Worthington** (left) presents the Breeder of the Year Award to **Clearwater Farm**, Springfield, represented by **Jo Ann** (center) and **Jim Pipkin**.



► **Chad Copenhagen** (right), Warrensburg, receives the Herdsman of the Year Award from **Brent Murphy**.



► Elected to serve on the Missouri Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Ben Eggers**, Mexico, American Angus Ass'n vice president; **Josh Worthington**, Everton, general manager; **Barbara McBride**, Centralia, secretary; **Karen Jones**, Gainesville, immediate past president; **Dan Weigand**, Warrensburg, president; **Kris Graupman**, Palmyra, president-elect; **Vernon Yager**, Sturgeon, vice president; **Norman Garton**, Nevada, American Angus Ass'n director; (standing, from left) **Steve Birk**, Gordonsville; **Brent Murphy**, Houstonia; **Truman Wiles**, Willow Springs; **David Wilt**, Shelbina; **Bill Harlan**, Huntsville; **Rick Washam**, Pierce City; **Lloyd Cash**, Fayette; **Max Creason**, Cowgill; and **Charles Gerloff**, Bland.

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Emily Eisenberg has been named National Farmer's Union (NFU) communications director. She replaces former communications director **Laura Johnston**, who left her post to marry and begin a freelance communications career in Ottawa, Ont., Canada.

Mary Kirtley Waters has resigned as assistant secretary for congressional relations, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns announced.

Cooperative Resources International (CRI) reported record financial achievement to delegates from its three subsidiaries — including AgSource, Central Livestock Association and Genex — during their

annual meetings in March. To learn more visit www.crinet.com/crinews.htm.

The **National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA)** and the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)** cooperative exchange program called "Walk A Mile In My Boots" won the 2005 Touchstone Award given by the Wildlife Management Institute

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► Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet & Meeting, Louisville, March 4



► Elected to serve on the Kentucky Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Briggs Cunningham**, Lancaster; **Anne Patton Schubert**, Taylorsville; **Kevin Gallagher**, Union, vice president; **Glenn Hawkins**, Magnolia, president; **Lisa Hawkins**, Magnolia, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Ashley Moss**, Lancaster; **Charles Boyd II**, Mays Lick; **Joe Myers**, Mount Sterling; **John McDonald**, Mount Sterling; **Henry Smith**, Russell Springs; **Davis Holder II**, Gamaliel; **Todd Jeffries**, Canmer; **Charles Brost**, Lexington; and **Lee Mark Warren**, Lebanon.



► **Kenneth Haines** (center), Park City, receives the Lifetime Achievement Award. Also pictured are Henry Smith (left), presenting the award, and Kenneth Haines Jr.



► The **Danny Lynn family**, formerly of Springfield, is named family of the year. Pictured are (from left) Melissa and Danny Lynn, who have relocated to Thompson, Mo.



► **Justin** (left) and **Joshua Jackson**, both of Salvisa, receive the Herdsman of the Year Award.

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(WMI). The joint initiative for cattle ranchers and FWS employees received the award for innovative efforts that have resulted in significant advances for resource conservation and management.

NCBA and the public relations agency **Burston-Marsteller** were recognized at the annual *PR Week Awards* in New York, N.Y. The organizations were awarded top national honors for their beef checkoff-funded role in responding to the U.S. bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) case confirmed Dec. 23, 2003. The entities were given the Crisis/Issues Management Campaign of the Year Award.

American National CattleWomen (ANCW) Foundation Inc. has received a private foundation grant of \$5,000 to assist

selected National Beef Ambassadors in developing leadership skills. ANCW coordinates the National Beef Ambassador Program with NCBA. The grant will assist youth ambassadors in attending the Cattle Industry Spring Conference in Washington, D.C.

R-CALF has announced a number of fund-raisers benefiting the organization:

Rexburg Livestock Co. LLC, Rexburg, Idaho, hosted an R-CALF sale on Feb. 22, netting \$14,000 for the organization. Fifty-six donors contributed. Rexburg Livestock donated the heifer that sold multiple times during the event.

Decorah Sales Commission, Decorah, Iowa, hosted its first-ever benefit calf sale for R-CALF, generating \$16,500. The operation donated the calf that sold multiple times.


Winner Livestock Auction, Winner, S.D., was the site of a fund-raiser garnering \$21,000. Jack Frantz and John Dean, owners

of Winner Livestock, donated the heifer.

Fergus Falls Livestock Auction Market, Fergus Falls, Minn., hosted a fund-raising sale Jan. 29, compiling almost \$15,000 for the legal fund. John and Jamie Swartz donated the heifer sold during the rollover auction.

Cortez Livestock Auction, Cortez, Colo., hosted a fund-raising sale March 30, generating more than \$11,000. Cortez rancher Larry Suckla donated the steer. Alan Randolph of Alan's Custom Hauling donated transportation for 50 miles and raised \$2,500.

Northern Livestock Exchange, Minot, N.D., hosted a fund-raiser earning \$6,000 for the organization. Area rancher Donny Nelson donated the calf, his third donated to benefit R-CALF.

Platte Valley Livestock, Gering, Neb., hosted two sales for R-CALF, generating \$5,500. Chuck Weinreis, a Nebraska cattle feeder, donated the calf sold Oct. 4, 2004; rancher Terry Brown donated the steer sold Feb. 28, 2005. 

2004 Alabama Angus Ass'n Fall Sale, Cullman, Nov. 12



► **Ray Cattle Co.**, Hackleburg, consigned the champion female, and **Kenneth Kelly Angus**, Waynesboro, Tenn., consigned the reserve champion female. Pictured are (from left) Paul Ray and Kyle Norris, both of Hackleburg, champion consignors; and Kenneth Kelly and Sandra Mays, both of Waynesboro, Tenn., reserve champion consignors.



► **Billy Meeks** (left), Cullman, purchased both the champion and reserve champion Angus bulls. Also pictured are (continuing from left) Billy, Benjamin and Thomas Maples, all of Elkmont, consignors of the champion bull; and Jennifer and Steve Lee, both of Daviston, consignors of the reserve champion bull.

Illinois Angus Ass'n Meeting, Springfield, March 14



► Elected to serve on the 2005 Illinois Angus Ass'n Board are (seated, from left) **Chad Hoffman**, Colfax, past president; **Gary Sandrock**, Rock Falls, president; **Richard Dickinson**, Congerville, vice president; **Rob Murray**, Milford, secretary; **Stan Prox**, Macomb, business manager; (standing, from left) **Alan Miller**, Le Roy; **Michael Dorethy**, Macomb; **William Riley**, Secor; **Richard Burns**, Edwards; **Cindy Anderson**, Chrisman; **Lee Stremsterfer**, Pleasant Plains; **Fred Swanson**, Trivoli; **T.J. Curtain**, Stonington; **Douglas Turner**, Mahomet; **Dale Rhode**, Kingston; **John DeRycke**, Prophetstown; **Reid Thacker**, Sumner; **Bud Hobbs**, Good Hope; **James Marsh**, Huntley; **Steven Spivey**, New Windsor; **Thomas Ryan**, Medora; and **Wayne Conrady**, Lincoln.