



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Vernon "Vern" Frey, Granville, N.D., has joined the ranks of the American Angus Association as regional manager for North



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Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Frey, who began his new position June 1, will act as the Association's liaison to breeders and attend Angus events in the tri-state region. He attended North Dakota State University (NDSU), and has been active in the North Dakota Angus Association, serving as its secretary-treasurer since 1991. He published the *North Dakota Angus News* and chaired the planning committee for the 2003 National Angus Tour. He and his wife, Corinne, have four children.

Callie Smith, Saint Joseph, Mo., has joined the staff of the Association as a member services specialist. Smith received a degree in marketing and international business from Kansas State University (K-State) in December 2003 and began work at Association headquarters in February.

As a member services specialist, Smith will examine results of parent verification testing and correspond with members regarding parentage problems. She will assist in the Association's blood-typing and DNA-

typing program, and she will communicate testing information to labs and other international associations.

Llangollen Farms, Upperville, Va., will host the Virginia Angus Association field day Aug. 28. The event will include educational programs throughout the day, highlighting \$Value Indexes, a national identification (ID) program, carcass traits and more. Lunch will be provided, and juniors will host games and fund-raisers.

Llangollen was the 2002 *Angus Journal* Land Stewardship Award winner and is the Region I winner of the 2004 National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Environmental Stewardship Award.

Ryan Ludvigson, director of communications for the National CUP Lab, has announced that he is taking a one year leave of absence, which began June 1. Ludvigson plans to work in the international beef industry throughout the next year; however, he will remain on the board of directors for Walter & Associates LLC and will continue consultation with the centralized ultrasound processing company.

Douglas Parrett, University of Illinois (U of I) animal scientist, has received the Senior Faculty Award for Excellence in Extension from the university's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental

Sciences. A native of Mahomet, Ill., Parrett received his bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as his doctorate, from U of I, joining the faculty in 1980.

Dennis Herd retired May 31 from his position as the state Extension beef cattle specialist for nutrition after 31 years with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Herd also served as chairman of the state 4-H livestock judging contest for more than 20 years and worked extensively with the youth livestock judging program at the Houston Livestock Show. Herd and his wife, Ester, will continue to reside at their ranch in northeast Brazos County, Texas, where they will continue to expand their family cattle operation.

Five new board members were selected to the **Southwest Virginia Angus Association** at its annual meeting March 27. Those selected include **Keith Matney**, Cedar Bluff; **Lester Compton**, Marion; **Virginia Bruce Warner**, Lebanon; **L.N. Webb Jr.**, Dublin; and **Joe Kendrick**, Honaker. Other board members include **H.J. Denny**, Dublin, president-elect; **Keith Beavers**, Abingdon; **E.L. Kirby Jr.**, Richlands; **George Johnstone**, Wytheville; **Ann Rambo**, Max Meadows; **Steve Furrow**, Rocky Mount; **Freddie Mullins**, Clintwood; and **Dan Eversole**, Blacksburg.

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2004 Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Rochester, March 23

► Officer and directors of the 2004 Minnesota Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Jim Scharpe**, Arlington, secretary-treasurer; **Brian Halverson**, Baker, president; **Joe Hammell**, Caledonia, vice president; (standing, from left) **Richard Walser**, Minnesota Lake; **Dustin Martin**, Blue Earth; and **Tammy Johnston**, Houston. Board members not pictured include **Doug Ward**, Mabel, and **Glenn Eikmeier**, Pipestone, honorary director.



► **Gregg and Nancy Johnson** (pictured from left), Pipestone, and **Cliff Lamb**, Grand Rapids, are recognized for their contributions to the Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n. The Johnsons have served as junior advisors for six years, and Lamb has donated heifers and an embryo flush package to benefit the association.

The association presented the Top Averaging Consignment Award to **L.N. Webb Jr.** for his consignment in the "More for Your Money Sale" in October 2003. The association sponsored three sales in 2003.

▶ IN PASSING

Don Eiten, 48, Peru, Ill., died April 29 at his home. Eiten was battling cancer.

He was born Oct. 12, 1955, in Spring Valley, Ill., to Lyle and Ellen Knauf Eiten. He

graduated from Saint Bede Academy and Western Illinois University. He married Karen Connolly on May 19, 1984. Don worked as a field representative for *Prairie Farmer* and was a member of the American Angus Association. He was a member of the Saint Patrick Church, serving on its parish council, and he coached girls' softball.

Don is survived by his parents; his wife; two daughters, Megan and Kimberly; and one son, L. Andrew.

Charles Fowler, Jr., 51, Rush Springs, Okla., died May 14 at his home.

Charles was born April 23, 1953, in Chickasha, Okla., to Charles "Dick" Fowler and Lois Lawson. He attended the Alex, Okla., school system and showed cattle throughout the United States as a child. He attended Oklahoma State University and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. Charles provided custom hay services for area farmers, and sold and shipped hay to Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Kansas. He also raised cattle and farmed. He married Anita Whitlow Dec. 13, 1995, in Rush Springs.

He was preceded in death by his uncle, Ed Fowler. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Harley and Curtis; a daughter, Katlyn; his father; and stepsister, Michelle.

Carl Wiederin, 91, Carroll, Iowa, died May 5 at Saint Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll.

Carl was born in Mount Carmel, Iowa, May 13, 1912, to August and Johanna (Fleskes) Wiederin. He attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and married Rosina Staiert Sept. 13, 1937, in Maple River. The couple farmed southeast of Mount Carmel until 1980, when they retired and moved to Carroll.

Carl had raised registered Angus cattle since 1944 and enjoyed attending cattle shows and sales. He was a member of Saint Lawrence Parish and Men's Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Iowa Angus Association and the American Angus Association.

He is survived by his wife; six children, including Dennis, Eugene, Eileen, Mark, Joan and Patrick; 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

▶ ANGUS ARRIVALS

Kindra and **Bruce Gordon** of Spearfish, S.D., announce the birth of their daughter, **Matea Joy**, born May 21. She weighed 7 lb. and was 20 inches long. Matea joins her brother, Bridger, and sister, Danika. Kindra is a field editor for the *Angus Journal*. Grandparents are Richard and Sharon Beitelspacher of Bowdle, S.D., and Bob and Joyce Gordon of Souris, Man., Canada.

Scott and **Moriah Pohlman** of Hereford, Texas, announce the birth of their son, **Colter Wayne**, born April 18. He weighed 7½ lb. Grandparents are Steve and Ginger Olson of Olson Cattle Co. near Hereford, and Charles and Linda Pohlman of Pohlman Angus Farm, Norfolk, Neb.

► **2004 Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Stillwater, April 30**

► The 2004 Oklahoma Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (seated, from left) **John Pfeiffer Jr.**, Mulhall, past president; **Tim Henricks**, Anadarko, president; **Richard Samuelson**, Chester, secretary-treasurer; **Al Williams**, Tahlequah, vice president; **Jot Hartley**, Vinita, American Angus Ass'n director; **Alan Armbruster**, Burlington; (standing, from left) **Chuck Stewart**, Ravia; **Billy Hall**, Welch; **Carol Smith**, Claremore; **Don Abernathy**, Altus; **Earl Abernathy**, Altus; **Allan Barrington**, Lawton; and **Mark Sipe**, Catoosa.



► **Left: Barry Pollard** (right), Enid, receives the Mr. Angus Award from Keith Grissom.

► **Right: Jim Ratcliff**, Vinita, is Commercial Producer of the Year. Pictured (from left) are Sue and Jim Ratcliff, Billy Hall, and Jimmy and Gaylene Ratcliff.



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▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

ABS Global Inc. has signed an agreement with Premium Gold Angus Beef (PGA) to identify and supply Angus genetics to the PGA supplier network. ABS will locate calves, feeder cattle and fed cattle meeting PGA specifications. The company will also identify and encourage commercial use of seedstock bulls fitting

PGA genetic specifications — testing and identifying bulls for traditional measures as well as traits like feed conversion and tenderness.

Allflex, a provider of livestock ID systems, has appointed **Brian Bolton** as chief executive officer (CEO) of Allflex USA. Allflex has subsidiaries in the United States,

Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and China.

David Reimann, has joined Sparks Co. Inc. as a senior analyst for the company's Canada office based in Winnipeg, Man. Reimann will be responsible for Canadian grain analysis and reporting.

▶ 2004 Alabama Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Cullman, April 16

▶ Officers and directors of the 2004 Alabama Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Jay Evers**, Birmingham, president; **Timothy Hopkins**, Ashford, first vice president; **Dave Ficken**, Huntsville, second vice president; **John Harrell**, Opelika, treasurer; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, executive secretary; **Joey King**, Nauvoo, past president; (standing, from left) **Michael McCart**, Elba; **Bruce**



Randall, Opelika; **Tillman Griggs**, Gurley; **Billy Stephenson**, Higdon; **Randy Crowell**, Elrod; **Rob Adams**, Union Springs; **Mahlon Richburg**, Auburn; **Bill Wheeler**, Flat Rock; **Scott Bonds**, Guntersville; **Thomas Maples**, Elkmont; and **Philip Paramore**, Notasulga.

► **2004 Alabama Angus Ass'n Spring Sale, Cullman, April 17**



► A syndicate of buyers purchased a heifer package and donated it back for resale, with Macedon Farms, Madison, Ala., as the final bidder. More than \$15,000 was raised to go to the Dyar Scholarship, which is named after American Angus Ass'n regional manager Richard Dyar and awards scholarships to Alabama Angus youth pursuing post-secondary education. Pictured are (from left) **Jay Watson**, Lincoln, scholarship chairman; **John Harrell**, Opelika, heifer donor; **Richard Dyar**, Crossville; **Ed Horton Jr.** and **Gregg Blythe**, both of Madison, purchasers of the heifer.

► **2004 Southwest Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Wytheville, March 27**

► Joe Kendrick (left), president of the Southwest Virginia Angus Ass'n, presents the last installment of a \$2,000 donation to Mark McCann, dean of the department of animal science at Virginia Tech. The money is given toward the construction of a teaching facility that will be used by students and faculty.



► **2004 Mississippi Angus Ass'n Banquet, Raymond, April 30**

► Officers and directors of the Mississippi Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, secretary-treasurer; **Brian Garner**, New Hebron, president; (standing, from left) **David Bailey**, Mantachie; **Mike Howell**, Baldwyn; **D.R. Ingram**, Water Valley; **Buddy Jones**, D'Lo; **Joe Magee**, Mendenhall; **Wes Parker**, Wiggins; **Cary Childs**, Ripley; **Robbie Woods**, Benton; and **William Howard**, Canton.



► **D.R. Ingram** (left), Water Valley, receives the Progressive Breeder of the Year Award from Nancy and William Howard.



► **Cheryl Evans** (left), Winona, is recognized for her continuous years of service to the association. C.W. Franks, past president, presents the award.



► The **Robert Woods family**, Benton, Miss., is recognized as Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Robbie and Karen Woods and Mrs. Robert Woods, all of Benton, receiving the honor; and Henry Wiltshire, presenting the award.



► **Richard Dyar** (left), Crossville, is recognized for 25 years of service as an American Angus Association regional manager. Franks presents the award.

