



Newsmakers

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

► IN THE NEWS

Mark Gardiner, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland, Kan., was presented the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award at Kansas State University's Wild for Ag Weekend. Gardiner was honored for his achievements and leadership roles within the industry, including his efforts to improve the beef industry and help establish the first producer-owned beef processing company in the nation.

Nathan Elam has been named the new superintendent of the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Clayton Livestock Research Center. A native of Pauls Valley, Okla., he will also serve as an assistant professor in NMSU's animal and range sciences department.

Merlyn Carlson has been appointed deputy undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources and Environment

(NRE). Carlson was scheduled to begin his new role June 13.

Barb Downey has been appointed interim treasurer of the Kansas Angus Association until a treasurer is hired by the association.

Jon Means, Van Horn, Texas, has been elected first vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA). Other elected TSCRA officers include **C.R. "Dick" Sherron**, Beaumont, president; and **G. Dave Scott**, Richmond, second vice president and secretary. Longtime TSCRA directors **James "Jim" Donnell**, Fowlerton, and **W.R. "Bob" Watt Jr.**, Fort Worth, were named honorary vice presidents. New honorary directors include **Charles Bird**, Midland; **Tommy Bozka**, Shiner; **Charles Fry**, Paris; **Phil Hardee**, Beatrice, Ala.; **Ed Harrell**, Amarillo; **William "Billy" Jones**, Brady; **Tom Risinger**, Wylie;

► STATE SPOTLIGHTS

► Alabama Angus Ass'n, Cullman

► Elected to serve on the Alabama Angus Ass'n board of directors during its annual meeting and banquet April 15 in Cullman are (seated, from left) **Timothy Hopkins**, Ashford, president; **David Ficken**, Huntsville, first vice president; **John Harrell**, Opelika, second vice president; **Mahlon Richburg**, Auburn, treasurer; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, executive secretary; (standing, from left) **Scott Bonds**, Grant; **Thomas Maples**, Elkmont; **Philip Paramore**, Notasulga; **Tillman Griggs**, Gurley; **Bruce Randall**, Opelika; **Billy Stephenson**, Higdon; **Rusty Graydon**, Montgomery; **Dale Parris**, Albertville; **Michael Hill**, Holly Pond; **Larry Upton**, Decatur; and **Jay Evers**, Cusseta, past president.



► **Right: Richard Dyar**, Crossville, consigned the reserve champion female at the 2005 Alabama Angus Ass'n Spring Sale April 16 in Cullman. Pictured are (from left) Raymond Evans, Equality, buyer of the cow; Dyar; Timothy Hopkins, Alabama Angus Ass'n president; and Frank Dykes, Slocomb, buyer of the heifer calf.



► **Tillman Griggs**, Gurley, consigned the grand champion female at the spring sale. Pictured are (from left) Marty Freeman, Cullman, buyer of the bull calf; Randy Owen, Fort Payne, buyer of the cow; Griggs; Timothy Hopkins; and Kelly Owen, Fort Payne, buyer of the cow.

► Black Hills Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Belle Fourche, S.D., Jan. 4



► Elected to serve on the Black Hills Angus Ass'n board of directors are (from left) **Craig Kukuchka**, Belle Fourche, vice president; **Alan Kindsfater**, Belle Fourche; **Troy Gabriel**, Midland, treasurer; **Jon Millar**, Sturgis, secretary; **Norman Foss**, Nisland; and **Vaughn Meyer**, Reva, president.

► South Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Watertown, Feb. 7

► Elected to serve on the 2005 South Dakota Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Charles Tollefson**, Clark, vice president; **Ryan Bergh**, Florence; (standing, from left) **Troy Thomas**, Harrold; **Anne Erdmann**, Leola; **Mick Varilek**, Geddes; and **Kevin Geppert**, Mitchell, secretary-treasurer.



Nolan Ryan, Round Rock; **Tom Saunders IV**, Weatherford; **Wilson Scaling**, Henrietta; **Raymond Welder Jr.**, Victoria; **Gene West**, Marfa; and **Bob Wright**, Fort Worth.

New directors are **G. Hughes Abell**, Austin; **William "Buck" Arrington**, Pampa; **David Delaney**, Kingsville; **Benjamin Eshleman III**, Corpus Christi; **Tommy Haegelin**, La Pryor; **Larry Horwood**, Sterling City; **Tom Johnson**, Wortham; **Lorenzo Lasater**, San Angelo; **Mary Lessor**, Smiley; **Joe Parker Jr.**, Byers; **Leonard Singletary**, Laneville; **Tony Spears**, Rosanky; **Cliff Teinert**, Albany; and **John Welch**, Lubbock.

► **IN PASSING**

Dean Trosper, 83, Hamilton, Mo., died May 9 at his home.

Dean was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Breckenridge, Mo., to Virgil and Opal O'Neal Trosper. A resident of Caldwell County most of his life, he graduated from the Hamilton

high school and served in the Army during World War II.

He married Ina Faye Kavanaugh Oct. 8, 1949, in Hamilton. Dean retired from military service and the Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel after 33 years of service, and he served as Caldwell County circuit clerk and recorder of deeds for 36 years.

He became a lifetime member of the American Angus Association in the 1950s and was a dedicated supporter of the Missouri Angus Association, the Missouri Junior Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

Dean was a member of the Hamilton Masonic Lodge No. 224, the Hamilton American Legion No. 285, and the Moila Shrine and York Rite Masonic Lodge in Saint Joseph, Mo. He was a member of the Pershing chapter of Retired Officers, the 29th Armored Division and chairman of the American Red Cross for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, sons Michael and Stephen, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

► **INDUSTRY EXTRAS**

Bill Brewster, Townsend, Mont., has been named field representative for the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA). In his new position, Brewster will serve as a liaison between members and the organization, promoting MSGA at livestock events and communicating association policy and activities to ranchers and affiliates.

The **Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program (KARL)** has elected three new members to its board, including **George Ham**, **Jean Hixson** and **Lance Woodbury**.

KARL officers for 2005-2006 also include **Gary Cotterill**, Cherryvale, chairman;

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► **Mississippi Angus Ass'n Banquet & Annual Meeting**, Raymond, May 6

► Elected to serve on the 2005 Mississippi Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Brian Garner**, Newhebron, president; **Cheryl Evans**, Winona, secretary-treasurer; (standing, from left) **Mike Howell**, Baldwin; **Buddy Jones**, D'Lo; **Wes Parker**, Wiggins; **Robbie Woods**, Benton; **William Howard**, Canton; **Russell Carson**, Independence; **Wayne Carleton**, Union; and **Terry Kiser**, Mississippi State.



► **Left: The Magee family**, Mendenhall, receives the Mississippi Angus Family of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) Joe, Britton, Marsha and Candice Magee; Mark Wolken; and Robbie Woods, presenting the award.



► **Left: Woodpile Ranch**, Union, was recognized as the Mississippi Progressive Breeder of the Year. Pictured are Dolores Townsend (left), Union, and Brian Garner, Mississippi Angus Ass'n president, presenting the award.

► **Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Banquet**, Stillwater, April 29



► Elected to serve on the 2005 Oklahoma Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Jot Hartley**, Vinita, American Angus Ass'n treasurer; **Jarold Callahan**, Oklahoma City, American Angus Ass'n director; **Richard Samuelson**, Chester, secretary-treasurer; **Al Williams**, Tahlequah, president; **Chuck Stewart**, Ravia, vice president; **Tim Henricks**, Anadarko, past president; (standing, from left) **Keith Grissom**, Seminole; **Alan Armbruster**, Burlington; **Will Cabbage**, Oologah; **Billy Hall**, Miami; **Don Abernathy**, Altus; **Allan Barrington**, Lawton; **Mark Sipe**, Catoosa; and **Lon Hawkins**, Cherokee.



► **Bill Jacobs** (right), Jacobs Ranch, Sulphur, receives the Commercial Producer of the Year award. Mark Johnson presented the award.

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Daniel Snyder, Lyons, vice chairman; **Carolynn Burns**, Pittsburg, secretary; and **Mark Winger**, Colby, treasurer.

Warren Weibert, former chairman, was awarded a meritorious service award for six years of service to the board.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) animal physiologist **Mohammad Koohmaraie** and food technologists **Steven Shackelford** and **Tommy Wheeler** of the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (MARC) received federal technology transfer awards for research to improve meat quality. The MARC Beef Carcass Image Analysis Yield Classification System developed by the group determines the yield of saleable meat using computerized image analysis.

Merial and the **National Centralized Ultrasound Processing (CUP) Laboratory** have announced they have entered into a marketing relationship, wherein Merial will market Igenity™ DNA tests alongside ultrasound technologies. As a result of the agreement, the CUP Lab will now offer the DNA tests.

Minnesota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Rochester, March 22

► Elected to serve on the 2005 Minnesota Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **James Scharpe**, Arlington, secretary; **Joseph Hammell**, Caledonia, president; **Richard Walser**, Minnesota Lake, vice president; (standing, from left) **Dustin Martin**, Blue Earth; **Tammy Johnston**, Houston; **Gregg Johnson**, Pipestone; and **Dan Palmer**, Fairfax.



Smithfield Foods Inc. has received praise from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its environmental stewardship award efforts. The company is the first in its industry to achieve ISO 14001 environmental certification for all its U.S. hog production and livestock-processing facilities.

Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of America (R-CALF USA) has announced a number of fund-raisers benefiting the organization:

Thiel Livestock, Nyssa, Ore., donated an Angus heifer for a fund-raiser at the Treasure Valley Livestock Auction in Caldwell, Idaho.

The animal raised \$15,000 for the organization, and other donated animals generated almost an additional \$10,000.

Alan Manning, Bob Ralston and **Larry Handy** donated two calves to a fund-raiser at the Sitting Bull Auction Co. in Williston, N.D. Total sales generated \$8,600.

Jim Whittaker, Leadore, Idaho, donated a steer that sold multiple times during a rollover auction at the Blackfoot Livestock Auction in Blackfoot. The event raised \$6,100.

Case Blom donated a steer that sold multiple times during an auction at the Platte Livestock Auction Market in Platte, S.D.

