



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Dan Wells, Chillicothe, Ohio, has been selected as the summer beef marketing intern for Select Sires Inc., Plain City, Ohio. As an intern based out of the company's headquarters, the Ohio State University student will assist with the preparation of advertisements and brochures, help photograph bulls and bull progeny, and work on other beef marketing projects.

Henry Bergfeld, Summitville, Ohio, is the recipient of the Penn State University Department of Dairy and Animal Science 2005 Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus Award. Bergfeld, who graduated from Penn State in 1963 with an animal science degree, is a former American Angus Association Board member and has been general manager of Summitcrest Farms in Ohio for the past 38 years. During his time at Summitcrest, he has overseen the herd's expansion from 125 head to more than 1,800 total head of breeding females. He supervised the first shipment of Angus embryos to New Zealand and has been instrumental in developing the Summitcrest Scholarship in the country, where a young Angus enthusiast travels to Summitcrest for six months to learn about Angus production.

Accelerated Genetics has named **Kevin Erickson**, Whitehall, Wis., a regional assistant for northwest Wisconsin. He will provide relief artificial insemination (AI) breeding service and direct farm sales.

ABS Global has appointed **Andy Fenton** its Global Information Systems (IS) Director. Fenton has worked at Genus/ABS in the United Kingdom for six years, serving as IS manager. In his new role, he will oversee ABS Global's IS infrastructure and team. He was to relocate to the De Forest, Wis., area.

IN PASSING

Douglas "Doug" Wood, 76, Nampa, Idaho, died June 17 at his home.

Doug was born Nov. 24, 1928, in Littlefield, Texas. He grew up in Madera, Calif., and graduated from California State University at Fresno in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He married Mary Lee Hay of Lovelock, Nev., in 1952 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952-1954. Doug and Mary Lee moved to Boise Valley in 1958, and he became a field representative for the American Angus Association from 1959-1974.

They lived and farmed in the Nampa area until 2004, raising registered Angus cattle, horses and sheep. Doug worked for Agri-Beef, MWI Veterinary Supply division in Nampa for more than 10 years, retiring in 1999.

He is survived by his wife and sisters Jewel and Charlene.

Diane Cobb Smith, 65, Wadley, Ga., died May 30 at her home.

Diane was born in Washington County and was a member of the Moxley United Methodist Church. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and other church organizations. She was also a homemaker

and a member of the Georgia Pollettes.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughter Lynne; son Charles Jr.; and eight grandchildren.

John "Jack" Henry, 66, Whittemore, Iowa, died May 24 at Mercy Medical Center – North Iowa in Mason City.

Jack was born April 4, 1939, in Algona, Iowa, to Simon and Matilda (Steil) Henry. He graduated from Saint Cecelia Academy and began farming. On Sept. 1, 1959, he married Lavonne Winkel at Saint Cecelia Catholic Church in Algona. He was a lifetime farmer in the Algona area, as well as a progressive cow-calf producer and cattle feeder.

Jack enjoyed the farm, raising cattle, attending livestock shows and spending time with his grandchildren — helping them with fairs, attending ballgames and working on 4-H projects.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Sarah, Sondra and Jill; son Mark of the Centralized Ultrasound Processing (CUP) Laboratory, Ames, Iowa; and 11 grandchildren.

ANGUS ARRIVALS

Jacob and Dawnté Reed, Fargo, N.D., announce the birth of their son, **Jamison Jacob**, born May 16. He weighed 8 lb., 2 oz., and was 20 in. long. He joins a sister, Victoria.

Grandparents are John and Joanne Reed, Brooten, Minn.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

John Brethour, Kansas State University researcher, retired June 3. During his 47-year career as a beef cattle scientist, Brethour made several contributions to the beef industry, including developing the use of ultrasound to examine muscle tissue in beef cattle and applying the results to precision feeding.

Mary Meyer, Stevensville, Mont., has been hired by the Montana Stockgrowers

STATE SPOTLIGHTS

Alabama Junior Angus Preview Show, Auburn, June 4



► The **Wood family**, Holly Pond, is honored as the Alabama Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Donnie Davis; Carol, Tyler, Kindra, Keith and June Wood; and David Ficken, presenting the award.



► **Bruce Randall** (left), manager of Lawler Angus Farm, Opelika, accepts the Progressive Breeder of the Year Award. Mahlon Richburg presents the award. Lawler Angus Farm is owned by Charles Lawler.

Southwest Wisconsin Angus Classic Show, Lancaster, May 29



► **Kevin Retallick** (center), Glen Haven, receives an award of recognition for his years of service with the Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Ass'n and show. Roger Kreul (left) presents the award, and 2005 Wisconsin Angus Queen Courtney Jentz is also pictured.

Association (MSGA) as its intern with the Undaunted Stewardship summer program.

Bryan Dierlam has announced his resignation from his post at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) to take a position with Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) with the House Committee on Agriculture.

The **Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB)** and **NCBA** were awarded the Silver Anvil Award in the Issues Management category by the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) for their strategic public relations planning and implementation surrounding the first U.S. case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The beef checkoff funded the organizations' award-winning issues management program.

George Gomes, Carmichael, Calif., was named the 2005 recipient of the California State Fair Agriculturalist of the Year Award. Gomes serves as the administrator for the California Farm Bureau Federation.

Richard Raymond has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as undersecretary for food safety at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

W. Scott Steele has been appointed the USDA's budget officer and director of the Office of Budget and Program Analysis (OBPA). Prior to Steele's new role, he served as OBPA's deputy director for program analysis for almost 20 years.

Scott Charbo submitted his resignation as USDA chief information officer in order to take on new challenges at the Department of Homeland Security. **Dave Combs** will serve as USDA acting chief information officer until a permanent appointment is announced.

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns has named 17 members to the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection, including **Gladys Bayse**, Stone Mountain, Ga.; **David Carpenter**, Springfield, Ill.; **Darin Detwiler**, Camano Island, Wash.; **James Denton**, Fayetteville, Ark.; **Kevin Elfering**, Saint Paul, Minn.; **Sandra Eskin**, Bethesda, Md.; **Mike Finnegan**, Helena, Mont.; **Michael Govro**, Lake Oswego, Ore.; **Andrea Grondahl**, Bismarck, N.D.; **Joseph Harris**, College Station, Texas; **Jill Hollingsworth**, Washington, D.C.; **Michael Kowalczyk**, Mount Horeb, Wis.; **Elizabeth Krushinskie**, Tucker, Ga.; **Irene Leech**, Elliston, Va.; **Charles Link**, Wichita, Kan.; **Catherine**

Logue, Fargo, N.D.; and **Mark Schad**, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Secretary Johanns also appointed new members to the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods. Thirty experts have been chosen to serve, including **David Acheson**, College Park, Md.; **Gary Ades**, Bentonville, Ark.; **Larry Beuchat**, Griffin, Ga.; **Kathryn Boor**, Ithaca, N.Y.; **Scott Brooks**, Modesto, Calif.; **Peggy Cook**, Rogers, Ark.; **Daniel Engeljohn**, Washington, D.C.; **Timothy Freier**, Wayzata, Minn.; **Spencer Garrett**, Pascagoula, Miss.; **Patricia Griffin**, Atlanta, Ga.; **Linda Harris**, Davis, Calif.; **Walt Hill**, Washington, D.C.; **Michael Jahncke**, Hampton, Va.; **Lee-Ann Jaykus**, Raleigh, N.C.; **Maj. Robin King**, Fort Monmouth, N.J.; **Barbara Kowalczyk**, Madison, Wis.; **John Kvenberg**, College Park, Md.; **Joseph Madden**, Lansing, Mich.; **Alejandro Mazzotta**, Oak Brook, Ill.; **Ann Marie McNamara**, Homewood, Ill.; **Jianghong Meng**, College Park, Md.; **Dale Morse**, Albany, N.Y.; **Eli Perencevich**, Baltimore, Md.; **Angela Ruple**, Pascagoula, Miss.; **Donald Schaffner**, New Brunswick, N.J.; **Virginia (Jenny) Scott**, Washington, D.C.; **John Sofos**, Fort Collins, Colo.; **Sterling Thompson**, Hershey, Pa.; **Irene Wesley**, Ames, Iowa; and **Donald Zink**, College Park, Md. 