



Newsmakers

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

► IN THE NEWS

Five Kansas Angus breeders were inducted into the Kansas State Fair Beef Breeders Hall of Fame.

- **George Crenshaw** of Shamrock Farms, Manhattan, Kan., is one of the honorees. Crenshaw and his wife, June, have devoted most of their lives to Angus cattle, and were inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation in July 2005.

Those honored posthumously include:

- **James Hollinger** of Wheatland Farms, Chapman, Kan. Wheatland Farms was established in 1905 and claimed many state fair grand champions.
- **Tom Benton** of Hillhouse Angus Farm, Garnett, Kan. Benton was a farm editor for a Kansas City, Mo., radio station and began his Angus herd in 1961, establishing 150 registered and 75 commercial cows on 2,500 acres.

- **Allan Miller** of Cheyenne Angus Farms, Great Bend, Kan. Miller and his father, Vernon, exhibited Angus throughout the Midwest in the 1970s and 1980s.

- **Andrew Schuler Jr.** of Fairview Angus Farms, Chapman, Kan. The Schuler family established its herd in 1898, and Schuler was one of the youngest people to serve on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

Doug Steele, Anita, Iowa, was named the county chair for Mark Leonard's campaign for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture.

Julie Schaff Ellingson, Saint Anthony, N.D., was honored by the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) during its annual convention Sept. 24 in Bismarck, N.D., for her years of service and contributions to the organization. Ellingson has served as NDSA's communications director for 10 years. Other

► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Paul Berg, Kindred, N.D., was named the North Dakota Stockmen's Association's (NDSA's) Honorary Member during its annual convention. Berg was honored for 40 years of teaching and leadership in developing the value-added segment of the state's beef industry.

Dwight "Ike" and Teresa Hecker, Fairfield, N.D., were named NDSA's 2005 Ranchers of the Year. The Heckers were honored for their environmental stewardship and ranch management on their 350-head operation.

Steve Koester, Steele, N.D., was awarded first place in NDSA's 2005 Membership Drive Contest. Koester recruited 16 new members in the yearlong contest.

Riston Zielke, a junior at North Dakota State University pursuing animal and range sciences and agricultural education degrees, received the 14th Annual NDSA Junior Scholarship. Zielke is the son of Ronald and Debra Zielke, Wishek, N.D.

George Wolf, Medora, N.D., was presented the special Brand Inspection Achievement Award during NDSA's annual convention for his years of service as the organization's brand inspector.

Allan Johnson was appointed the Deputy Undersecretary of Rural Development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Prior to his new duties, Johnson served as the director of Legislative and Public Affairs at USDA Rural Development.

Del Tinsley was named the Wyoming State Director for USDA Rural Development. Tinsley has served as president of the Wyoming Realtors Land Institute and the Wyoming Board of Agriculture.

Jim Little resigned from his position as Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator, effective Sept. 24. Little will continue to serve as a senior advisor to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns and will lead USDA hurricane response efforts.

Daniel Finch accepted a position as president and chief executive officer (CEO) at Advanced ID Corp. The company is a complete solutions provider in the radio frequency identification (RFID) market.

Linda Morten, Katy, Texas, won the "Best of Beef" grand prize in the 2005 National Beef Cook-Off® administered by American National CattleWomen (ANCW) on behalf of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board (CBB) and state beef councils. Morten won \$50,000 for her recipe, "Blazin' Colorado Beef Steaks," featuring flat-iron steaks.

honored employees include: Cody Cadwell, McLeod, N.D.; Alan Pennington, Killdeer, N.D.; and Dean Schmeling, Dickinson, N.D.

► IN PASSING

Helen Butler, 87, Bliss, Idaho, died Sept. 12.

Helen was born Nov. 11, 1917, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Ada and William Havenor. During her childhood, she resided with four sisters and one brother on a farm on the Portneuf River, west of Pocatello. After graduation from Pocatello High School, she completed a degree in home economics at the University of Idaho in 1939. During World War II, she taught for five years in small towns in eastern Idaho.

She married Doran Butler June 4, 1944. They moved to Spring Cove Ranch near Bliss, and spent 56 years together, raising seven children.

Helen was active in many community activities. She was an active member of the Bliss Community Church, serving with Christian Women's Fellowship and as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Bliss Ladies Aid. She was a state and local officer in the Grange and a member of the Bliss Garden Club, the Idaho Angus Auxiliary, the Purple Sage Cowbells and the Bliss Sunshine Club. She was a substitute teacher for the Bliss schools and worked untiringly on a committee for the "Bookmobile" to visit Bliss. She and her family were the recipients of the FHA Idaho Farm Family of the Year award in 1973. Her family hosted several exchange students.

Helen was an avid reader, enjoyed preserving the bounty from her garden, was passionate about flowers, and was extraordinarily interested in history and current events. She was most content when surrounded by children and grandchildren, and she remained active even during the last years of her illness.

She is survived by daughters Rebecca, Mary, Jane and Jill; sons Daniel and Arthur; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Charles Russell Marcy, 86, Hay Springs, Neb., died Aug. 19 at his home.

Charles was born Oct. 1, 1918, to Orrin "Jay" and Nelle (Johansen) Marcy. He was born in a log house on the family's ranch, which was homesteaded by his great-grandfather in 1888, southeast of Hay Springs.

Charles was a lifelong resident of western Nebraska. He graduated from Hay Springs High School in 1935 and served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, from 1942 to 1945. During his time in the Air Force, Charles served as a radio operator and flew 231 missions in an eight-month period. He was awarded two Bronze Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air

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Medal, among other honors.

He returned to finish college at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, where he graduated in 1947. While there, he was a member of the livestock judging team and

► **ANGUS ARRIVALS**

Matt and Marcie Caldwell, LaCygne, Kan., announce the birth of their son, **Creed Earl**, and their daughter, **Claire Amelia**, born Sept. 9. Creed weighed 4 lb., 13 oz., and was 17 in. long. Claire weighed 4 lb., 6 oz., and was 16.5 in. long. Grandparents are Ronald and Beth Caldwell, Monroe City, Mo., and George and Loretta Teagarden, Topeka, Kan.

Matt is a regional manager for the American Angus Association, covering Kansas and Oklahoma.

Dan and Jill (Sommers) Harker, Hope, Ind., announce the birth of their son, **Chase Daniel**, born Sept. 1. Chase joins an older brother, Luke. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Sommers, Silver Lake, Ind., and Dr. and Mrs. John Harker, Hope.

Jill served on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors and was the 1994 Miss American Angus.

Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Charles won first place in individual horse judging at the Chicago International Livestock Show in 1946.

He married Barbara King, Kearney, Neb., on Jan. 29, 1955, and they raised five children on the family ranch. Charles was a 4-H leader, and served the United Methodist Church and the Masonic Eastern Star Children's Home in Fremont, Neb. Charles also strived to capture the history of the cattle industry through the High Plains Heritage Center at Chadron State College.

He is survived by his wife; sons Tom and George; daughters Ruth, Sarah and Mary; and 10 grandchildren.

Lee Edward "Doc" Miller Woodsboro, Md., died Aug. 29 at his home.

Doc was born Sept. 16, 1932, in Clinton County, Ind., to Herbert and Ruth (Martin) Miller. He completed his undergraduate work at Purdue University, where he was an active member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and various honorary organizations. After a tour of duty in the U.S. Army, he completed his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Cornell University and was a member of the Alpha Psi professional fraternity.

Doc was active in farming and breeding Angus cattle his entire life, and developed a

prize-winning Angus herd with his brother Wayne. He began a veterinary career in Maryland with Mar-Lee Farm, where he bred and raised "Broadway," a national champion bull. He operated the Animal Care Clinic in Walkersville, Md., and served as a country veterinarian for 45 years.

He was an active supporter of Frederick County 4-H Club, and was a member of the Glade Valley Lions Club, American Angus Association, Maryland Angus Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Maryland Veterinary Medical Association and Western Maryland Veterinary Association.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marilyn; daughter Pamela; son Robert; and four grandchildren.

Carl Curtis Northcutt, 78, Lexington, Ky., died Aug. 31 at his home.

Carl was born in Saint Helens, Ky., to Carl and Bernice Northcutt. He was a retired U.S. Postal clerk, a World War II veteran and a member of the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; sons Cliff and Tom; daughters Lucy and Sally, American Angus Association director of genetic research; and seven grandchildren.

