



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Famoda Farm, Tigerville, S.C., has received the Historic Angus Herd Award from the American Angus Association for continued ownership and production of Angus cattle for more than 50 years. Shirley Brown, Doris Blackmon and Heather Blackmon were presented a certificate signed by the Association's president at the South Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet.

The sisters, Shirley and Doris, were presented with bred Angus cows in 1958 as a gift from their father, William Paul Brown. \$325 was paid for the Homeplace Eileenmere 75 daughter from Caroland Angus Farms, Landrum, S.C. Additional foundation females were purchased from Adams Plantation in Virginia.

As the sisters' cow herd expanded, they exhibited in junior and open Angus shows throughout the Southeast, collecting

numerous purple ribbons and trophies. Doris and Paul's daughter, Heather, was active in the South Carolina and National Junior Angus associations, adding many of her own accolades.

In 1962, they borrowed money to purchase more than 300 acres in the shadows of the Appalachian Mountains. Famoda, the first two letters in father, mother and daughters, Farm was founded. Shirley and Doris do most of the farm work

Missouri Angus Ass'n Banquet, Columbia, Feb. 21

► Officers and directors for the Missouri Angus Ass'n for 2009 are (front row, from left) **Josh Worthington**, Dadeville, general manager; **Steve Birk**, Gordonville, president; **Brent Murphy**, Stotts City, vice president; **Barbara McBride**, Centralia, secretary; **Rick Washam**, Pierce City, president-elect; **Deb Thummel**, Sheridan; (back row, from left) **Brian Brockman**, Brookfield; **Jeff Gooden**, Iberia; **Max Creason**, Polo, past president; **Todd Ragsdale**, Paris; **Kent Dye**, Elsberry; **Brian Meier**, Jackson; **Norman Garton**, Nevada, American Angus Association Board of Directors; and **Kenny Hinkle**, Nevada.



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► Members of the Missouri Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Pam Naylor**, Buffalo; **Susan Coon**, Bethel; and **Darla Eggers**, Mexico.



► **Wallace Cattle Co.**, Stotts City, receives the Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) **Samuel Wallace** and **Paige Wallace**.



► **Samuel Wallace**, Stotts City, receives the 2008 Show Bull of the Year Award.



► **Caleb Sayre**, Stotts City, receives the 2008 Show Female of the Year Award.



► **Birk Beef Cattle**, Gordonville, received the Get-of-Sire Award. Pictured are (from left) **Orville** and **Steve Birk**.



► **J. Russell Moore**, formerly of Bethel, was posthumously honored with the Pioneer Award. Pictured are (from left) Max Creason, presenting the award; and Robert and Kathleen Perry, and Elizabeth and Larry Coon, all of Bethel, accepting the award.



► The **Washam family**, Pierce City, received the Herdsman of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) **Mary Jo**, **Cody**, **Dereck** and **Rick Washam** with presenter Brent Murphy.



► **Famoda Farm**, Tigerville, received the American Angus Ass'n Historic Angus Herd Award. Shirley Brown, Doris Blackmon and Heather Blackmon received the award for more than 50 continuous years in the Angus business.

themselves. The duo has raised many high-selling animals for the Clemson and Edisto central bull tests and Carolina Angus Futurity sales.

The Brown sisters have been named the South Carolina Cattlemen's Association seedstock producers of the year, were inducted into Clemson University's Block and Bridle Hall of Fame, and in 2008 were inducted into the South Carolina Angus Hall of Fame.

A total of six couples have been named Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers for 2008 in recognition of their leadership in agriculture, environmental stewardship and service to their communities.

The award program dates to 1927 and is sponsored by Kansas State (K-State) University Research and Extension and *Kansas Farmer* magazine. The 2008 Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers who are members of the American Angus Association are:

Timothy and Patty Benton, Garnett, Kan., have a purebred beef ranch that includes more than 2,000 acres of pasture and grass and close to 600 head of Angus cattle. The couple add value to cattle by building a clientele of customers for "all natural" consumer beef from cattle raised with no growth hormones or antibiotics. They are starting to work with a farm-to-market cooperative that allows them access to market their beef in suburban supermarkets.

As stewards of the land, the Bentons have added waterways and terraces to their farm and have adopted range management practices including rotational grazing to improve range condition as well as carrying capacity.

The Bentons have three children, Thomas, Garrett and Tana.

Berry and Carla Bortz, Preston, Kan.,

► **Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet**, Jackson, March 8



► The Michigan Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors for 2009 are (seated, from left) **Charles Reid**, Eaton Rapids, president; **Lawrence Bryson**, vice president, and **Pam Bryson**, secretary, both of Bellevue; **Bonnie Canfield**, Clarksville, treasurer; **Steve Fitzner**, Bellevue, chairman of the board; (standing, back row, from left) **Merle Boehmer**, Williamston; **Charles Preston**, Prescott; **Ken Geuns**, Bath; **Tim Ruggles**, Kingston; **Steven Thelen**, Saline; **David Lutchka**, Grass Lake; **Monte Bordner**, Sturgis; **Jonathon Taylor**, Gregory; and **Cody Sankey**, East Lansing.



► Michigan Angus Auxiliary officers for 2009 are (seated, from left) **Sharon Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, president; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, vice president; **Vicki Meiburg**, North Branch, secretary-treasurer; **Sue Merrimann**, Lowell, historian; (standing, from left) **Nancy Thelen**, awards chairman, and **Julie Thelen**, queens chairman, both of Saline; and **Barb Sweeney**, Mason, scholarship chairman.



► **Charles Preston** (right), Prescott, receives the Michigan Angus Ass'n Heritage Award from **Merle Boehmer**.

have a family operation that has more than 4,000 acres of pasture and grass, 1,650 acres of nonirrigated and 1,955 acres of irrigated cropland. Wheat, grain sorghum, corn, soybeans, silage, alfalfa, cotton and Bermuda grass are all grown on their diversified operation, along with about 550 beef cows and 770 finished feeder cattle.

The Bortzs say that to be sustainable an operation has to be economical. They say this can be accomplished without mining the land. They have taken marginal farmland that was abused and returned it to be productive and environmentally friendly.

They have three children, Brandon, Amber and Darnell.

Galen and Lori Fink, Randolph, Kan., have a ranch that includes more than 900 acres of pasture and grass with 300 head of beef cows. They implant 1,000 to 1,200 embryos per year into cooperator herds, and sell around 600 bulls from an embryo calf production enterprise. They have one of the largest embryo transplant (ET) programs in the United States.

The Finks started the Fink Beef Genetics web site in 1998 and say e-commerce is an important part of communicating with customers and marketing seedstock.

Galen and Lori are both graduates of K-State, and have one daughter, Megan.

Craig and Amy Good, Olsburg, Kan., have a farm that includes more than 1,860 acres, most of it in pasture and grass. Their diversified operation includes beef cows and calves and a large swine finishing operation.

Currently, the Goods raise Duroc swine, marketed as a breed-specific, high-quality and no-antibiotic product. It is sold mostly to high-end restaurants and Internet sales with a label identifying it as "Good Farms Duroc pork." In addition, they have had a purebred Angus herd since 1964, and sell Angus bulls and heifers.

They consider a large part of their contribution to agriculture to be their purebred breeding stock businesses. Their goal was to produce high-quality, high-health animals that would improve the

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breeds, and, in the end, help their commercial customers be profitable.

They have two children, Laura and Grant.

Lemmon Angus, Woodbury, Ga., has announced the addition of **James Stice** to its team. Joining the operation March 9, Stice is serving in a newly established role as the operation's customer service representative.

A Florida native, Stice has held purebred marketing and sales positions with Southern Cattle Co. and the International Brangus Breeders Association. Most recently, he was a sales representative with Westway Feed

Products Inc., responsible for Northern Florida.

IN PASSING

Walter "Walt" Yarbrough, 96, Grand View, Idaho, died Dec. 8, 2008, at Saint Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Walt was born Aug. 15, 1912, in Maywood, Mo., the son of Edward and Amelia (Herrmann) Yarbrough. He was raised and educated in Missouri and attended Kirksville Teacher's College for two years before heading west in the early 1930s.

He served in the U.S. Army starting in

February 1941, attending Officer's School at Fort Belvoir, Va. He received the rank of Captain in 1945 while serving in Okinawa as a combat engineer. Walt was in the active reserves for 32 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Walt and Lucy May Rocks eloped to Wallace, Idaho, July 17, 1941. The couple moved to Grand View in 1951 to start a registered Angus herd at their Question Mark Ranch. The initial seedstock were purchased from the Lancaster and LaVoie Dispersion and from Walt's brother in northeast Missouri.

Walt was very active in the Angus business

Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Des Moines, Feb. 11



► **J.C. O'Neill** (left), Logan, receives the Grand Champion Female Award from Craig Moffitt.



► **MR Cattle Co.**, Wilton, received the Reserve Grand Champion Female Award. Pictured are (from left) Matt and Emily Rogers; and Jeanne and Al Conover, presenting the award.

► **Century Acres**, Vincent, received the Grand Champion Bull Award. Pictured are (from left) Brandy Jensen, presenting the award; Leo Kruse, accepting the award for Century Acres; and David Jensen, also presenting the award.



► **Kenny Angus**, Schaller, received the Reserve Grand Champion Bull Award. Pictured are (from left) Sue Kenny, Dru Kenny and Bob Schlutz, presenting the award.



► **Patrick Burns**, Oxford, receives the 2008 Iowa Junior Heifer Calf of the Year Award.



► **Jeremy Arends**, Ackley, receives the 2008 Iowa Heifer of the Year Award.



► **Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms**, Columbus Junction, and **Clayton Hester**, New Sharon, receive the 2008 Iowa Bull of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Bruce Kiesewetter and Clayton Hester.



► **J.C. O'Neill**, Logan, and **Al-Rosendahl**, Kesley, receive the 2008 Iowa Junior Bull of the Year Award.

South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Anderson, March 20



► Officers of the South Carolina Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Windy Barte**, Clover, secretary; **Steve McPhail Sr.**, Seneca, president; **Lewis Smith**, Pendleton, vice president; and **Michael Johnson**, Kinards, treasurer.



► The late **Bill Albritton**, formerly of Camden, Ark., and **W.R. "Billy" McLeod**, Black Crest Farms, Sumter, were inducted into the South Carolina Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. Pictured are (from left) Sue Albritton, representing Bill, and Billy McLeod.



► **Gene Pruitt**, Glendale Angus, Abbeville, was honored with the 38th Annual Carolina Angus Futurity dedication. Family members pictured include (from left) Leigh, Glenda, Gene, Katie and Robert.

and served as president of the Boise Valley and Idaho Angus associations. He later was a board member of the Western States Angus Association and the American Angus Association. Walt's son Steve continues to produce Angus cattle at the ranch in Grand View.

Walt was elected to the Idaho State Senate from 1965 until 1986, and during that time he served on the Agricultural Affairs, Transportation and Finance committees, as chairman of the State Affairs Committee and was elected Majority Caucus Chairman.

Walt is survived by sons Richard "Dick," Steve and Walt; three grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Michael "Mike" Grimes, 58, Ballard, Mo., died March 2 at his home.

Mike was born Aug. 11, 1950, to Don and Norma (Hill) Grimes in Clinton, Mo. He was a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, the Bates County Cattlemen's Association and the American Angus Association.

He retired from Kansas City Power & Light (KCP&L) in 2007 after 34 years.

Mike is survived by wife Charlotte; son Drew; his parents; brothers Randy and Dale; sisters Joyce and Janice; stepson Rocky; stepdaughters Kristie, Kerry and Jamie; and seven grandchildren.

Loraine King, 96, Morrison, Ill., died March 22 at Four Seasons Living Center in Morrison.

Loraine was born March 3, 1913, in Montmorency Township to O. and Anna (Meins) Oltman. She graduated from Rock Falls High School in 1931, and from Iowa Wesleyan College with a bachelor of arts in education. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

She married W. Wilson King Aug. 5, 1936, and they operated Kinglore Farms until his death in November 1974. Loraine taught in several rural, one-room schools in the Rock Falls area before starting to raise her family.

She returned to the classroom in Tampico Junior High School for 15 years. She taught English, coached cheerleading and was the literary coach during periods when Tampico won many state honors. After retirement in 1978 she was a substitute teacher for five more years.

Loraine's life was full of volunteer work with the CGH Auxiliary, Red Cross, Church Women United Thrift Center and many other committees. She co-chaired a major

► Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 13



►The Louisiana Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Enyart Mitchell**, Coushatta, president; **Chris Roussel**, Gramercy, vice president; **Gary Greene**, Covington, treasurer; **Ray Gendron**, Baton Rouge, secretary; (standing, from left) **Dale Hoover**, Clinton; **Warren Bryan**, Ruston; **Greg Tate**, Ville Platte; **David Billingsley**, Keithville; **Edward Hymel**, Vacherie; **Dave Means III**, Gloster; **Ronald Dobson**, Campti; **Lana Myers**, Jennings; and **Butch Oaks**, Calhoun.

► Illinois Angus Ass'n Board of Directors Meeting, Springfield, March 16



►The 2009 Illinois Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Jim Marsh**, Union, president; **Jeff Dameron**, Lexington, vice president; **Joel York**, Palestine, secretary; **Doug Turner**, Mahomet, business manager; **Marvin Kramer**, Farina, past president; **Chad Hoffman**, Colfax, American Angus Ass'n Director; (standing, from left) **Michael Dorethy**, Macomb; **Wayne Conrady**, Lincoln; **John DeRycke**, Prophetstown; **Jim Head**, Benton; **Grant Bedel**, Mossville; **Steve Spivey**, New Windsor; **Luke Lemenager**, Hudson; **T.J. Curtin**, Blue Mound; **Dale Rhode**, Kingston; **Kevin Eathington**, Avon; **Lee Stremsterfer**, Pleasant Plains; **Kevin Rose**, Salem; **Alan Miller**, Gridley; and **Kevin Cassidy**, Ancona.

building fundraiser for the extension of Community General Hospital in Sterling, Ill. She prided herself on being hostess to various dignitaries, including Sen. Paul Douglass; the governors of Kentucky, Nebraska, Arkansas and Illinois; Vice President Hubert Humphrey and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

Loraine was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rock Falls her entire life. At various times, she taught Sunday School, served on the church council, was a member of WELCA, acted as its Bible study leader, taught Bible study leaders class, and was the Sunday School treasurer for many years.

She was a member of the American Angus Auxiliary and the Illinois Angus Auxiliary.

Loraine is survived by sons Woodrow and Jay; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Randall and Tiffany Upchurch, of Upchurch Bros. Angus Cattle, Lineville, Ala., announce the birth of their son, **Bence Conner**, born Nov. 19, 2008. He weighed 7 lb., 7 oz., and was 19 in. long.

Grandparents are Rubin and Shirley Kennedy, Ashland, Ala.; Darlene and Eddie Brown, Lineville; and David and Sonja Upchurch, Lineville.

Jim and Linda Shirley, Saint Joseph, Mo., announce the birth of their granddaughter, **Madalyn Joy**, to their daughter and son-in-law, **Megan and Donnie Jewett**, March 3, in Indianola, Iowa. She weighed 5 lb., 3 oz., and was 18 in. long.

Jim Shirley is vice president of industry relations and director of activities for the Association.

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INDUSTRY EXTRAS

The **Mitsui Trading Co.** and Japanese **Asahi Breweries** have announced a new partnership to create a joint venture company. Global animal health company **Alltech** will provide the research and development required to bring the products of this collaboration to the commercial marketplace.

In addition to the 2008 Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers listed previously, others included are:

Norman and Cindy Roth, Sterling, Kan., farm 3,800 acres with a diversified operation primarily featuring wheat, grain sorghum, corn, pasture and more than 400 head of cattle.

Dean and Mary Anne Stoskopf, Hoisington, Kan., have a family operation that includes more than 2,500 acres of tillable

ground and 700 acres of pasture and grass. Another 100 acres is enrolled in the conservation reserve program (CRP). They grow primarily wheat and grain sorghum and have about 120 head of beef cows.

Juanita Reed-Boniface, Oak Grove, Minn., has been named editor of the American Agri-Women (AAW) national newsletter, "The Voices of American Agri-Women." She replaces Arlene Kovash, new vice president of communications for AAW, who will be advising her in her new role.

Justin Dodson, Welch, Okla., was the winner of the Livestock Marketing Association's (LMA's) last qualifying contest for the 2009 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC) at the Kingsville Market in Kingsville, Mo., Dec. 2, 2008. The reserve champion was **Ted Odle**, Brush,

Colo. **Jim Hertzog**, Greenwood, Mo., was the runner-up champion.

Eight qualifiers from each quarterfinal contest, along with the reigning International Auctioneer Champion — Peter Raffan, Armstrong, B.C. — will compete at the WLAC scheduled for June 13 at the Fergus Falls Livestock Auction Market Inc., Fergus Falls, Minn.

Mike Milicevic, Okeechobee, Fla., has been elected as the new Southeast Director of Cattle-Fax, a member-owned and member-directed cattle market information and research organization. Milicevic is general manager of Lykes Ranch Division, Lykes Bros. Inc., responsible for overall management of the operations for cattle, sugar cane, forestry, turf and landscape divisions.

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Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Louisville, March 6



►The Kentucky Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Anne Patton Schubert**, Taylorsville; **Mark Warren**, Springfield, vice president; **Henry Smith**, Russell Springs, president; **Anne Clark**, Sharpsburg, secretary-treasurer; **Herbert Brown Jr.**, Woodburn; (standing, from left) **Dave Neely**, Franklin; **James Coffey**, Hustonville; **Shawn Gibson**, Bradfordsville; **Eddie Burks**, Park City; **Keith Johnson**, Slaughters; **Gregory Slone**, Danville; and **Kenley Conner**, Hodgenville.



►**J.L. Hoskins**, Hustonville, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Pictured are (from left) Rita Noe, Don and Donna Coffey; Bud Smith, presenting the award; Evelyn Hoskins, Andrew Krill; J.L. Hoskins; and James Coffey.



►**Brett Flach** (right), Harrodsburg, receives the Herdsman of the Year Award from Brian Smith.



►The **Glenn Bugg family**, Burgin, received the Family of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Pam, Nikki and Glenn Bugg.



►**Chuck Grove** (center), Forest, Va., receives the Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n Appreciation Award from Lauren Moss (left) and Erika Waggener.



►**Joe Burton**, Faubush, won the Performance Breeder of the Year Award. Burton was unable to attend the banquet and is pictured with grandsons (from left) Ragan, Wyatt and Garrett Burton and Karen Burton.