



Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for** members of our Angus family. *Compiled by Linda Robbins.*

IN THE NEWS

Chester “Chet” Hughes, Holtwood, Pa., a senior extension educator in Lancaster County, has been selected as the Penn State Department of Dairy and Animal Science (DAS) Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus for 2011.

A native of Cambria County, Hughes earned a bachelor’s degree in 1977 in animal industries and a master’s in agricultural and extension education in 2004 from Penn State.

He began his career as an assistant extension agent in Susquehanna County, became northeast regional manager for the American Angus Association for three years, then returned to extension as associate extension agent in Lancaster County in 1982. His extension responsibilities focus

on livestock programs in animal health, management, animal comfort and quality assurance. He works closely with 300 youth and 30 adult leaders in Lancaster County’s 4-H program.

Hughes has been a judge for beef, dairy beef, swine, sheep, goats and livestock carcass events in seven states and 42 of Pennsylvania’s counties. He has served frequently as an official for junior and collegiate livestock judging contests throughout Pennsylvania and the northeast, and hosted the Southeast Regional Livestock Judging Contest. 4-H teams he has coached have garnered 23 state champions in junior and senior competition. Twelve teams have competed at the national level.

Since 1977 he has worked annually with

the Keystone International Livestock Show (KILE) and the Pennsylvania Farm Show. A co-founder of the Pennsylvania Angus Breeders’ Show, he has held committee assignments at the Eastern National Livestock Show, the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) and the National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

His annual cattle feeder programs provide education and updates on the industry and have been instrumental in the success of the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification program. He served as Lancaster County interim extension director for three years and was the first chairman of Penn State Extension’s Capital Region Animal Science team. He is currently the CCAP/Extension Fellow with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

In 1994 he received national recognition for his programs on “producing safe, low-fat animal products” by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and received their Distinguished Service Award in 2001. In 2004 he was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture for scholarship, achievement and service.

Hughes has served on the boards of the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultural Agents, the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, the Penn State Stockmen’s Club as president and the Pennsylvania Angus Association as secretary.

He has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1979, and holds a lifetime membership in the National Block and Bridle Club. Hughes has served as advisor to the Lancaster Pork Producers Council, the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association, the Lancaster Farm & Home Foundation, the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee and the Large Animal Science program of the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center.

Hughes and his wife reside in Lancaster County. They have two children, Allison, a graduate of both Penn State and Drexel universities; and Andy, who will graduate from Penn State Schreyer’s Honors College in May.

Jamie King joined Ringside Publications LLC/Breeder’s World online sales staff as the business and communications coordinator May 16. She will manage day-to-day business

Minnesota Angus Ass’n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 5, Cannon Falls



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►The officers and directors for the Minnesota Angus Ass’n are (seated, from left) **Mark Holmen**, Fountain, vice president; **Bob Nord**, Wolverton, director; **Dustin Martin**, Blue Earth, president; **Richard Walsler**, Minnesota Lake, director; (standing, from left) **Gregg Johnson**, Pipestone, director; **Randy Mitteneus**, Benson, director; **Tom Bullerman**, Adrian, director; and **Jim Scharpe**, Arlington, executive director.



►Minnesota Angus Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) **Becky Holmen**, Fountain, vice president and Queen chairperson; **Rebecca Scharpe**, Minneapolis, Scholarship chairperson; **Kelly Hansen**, Marshall, president; (standing, from left) **Nancy Johnson**, Pipestone, Ways and Means chairperson; and **Kari Scholtz**, Comfrey, treasurer. Not pictured is **Amber Nord**, Wolverton, secretary.



►**Greenleaf Angus, Lavonne** and the late **Lynn Mensink**, Preston, were recognized as the 2011 Minnesota Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (standing) Kevin & Lori Behrens; Justin Hanson; Toni Hanson; Morris Hanson; Len Mensink; (seated, in front) Lavonne Mensink; and Nick Mensink.

operations for the companies, assist in managing the sales and external marketing staff, coordinate the publication of the annual specie directories and manage the company's social media presence.

She will be relocating closer to Bellevue, Ohio, which will provide her with the opportunity to take a more active role in her family's farming operation in Seneca and Sandusky counties and to expand her personal business, JK Designs.

Jamie was previously director of member services and communications for the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and the Ohio Beef Council.

WEDDING

Whitney Trospers and **Daniel Renfro** were married Sept. 25, 2010, in Richmond, Mo.

She is the daughter of Steve and Sandy Trospers of Hamilton, Mo. He is the son of Bruce and Judi Renfro of Richmond.

Whitney served as Miss American Angus in 2000 and was active in the National Junior Angus Association and the Missouri Junior Angus Association, serving as president. She is currently a real estate sales executive with Prudential Kansas City Realty. Daniel is a practicing veterinarian.

They have made their home in Millville, Mo.

IN PASSING

Marion Schupbach, 91, Sparta, Ill., died Jan. 28 at his home.

Marion was born Sept. 21, 1919, in Denmark, Ill., to Frederick and Anna (Porter) Schupbach. He married Jane Winker Sept. 29, 1950, in Belleville, Ill.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, serving on various committees.

He purchased his first registered Angus females in 1936 and was involved with Angus cattle until his death. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1941, and was a member of the Illinois Angus Association and the remaining charter member of the Southwestern Illinois Angus Breeders Association, which was founded in 1944.

He worked in the beef department at the Illinois State Fair and the Duquoin, Ill., State Fair for 30 years.

He was past president of the Randolph County Farm Bureau and past member of the Selective Service Appeals Board, the Education Council of 100 at Southern Illinois University, the Sparta School Board and the Randolph County Fair Board.

In addition to his wife, Marion is survived by daughters Carol and Cornelia; sons Larry and Charles; and four grandchildren.

► **Right: Forrest and Mary (Mayes) Byergo**, formerly of Barnard, Mo., observed their 65th wedding anniversary May 14. They were married on that day in 1946 at the First Baptist Church parsonage in Atchison, Kan. He is a World War II veteran, having served four years in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he was an instructor for the Veterans On-the-Farm Training Program. They have now retired from operating Byergo Angus Farms. Their children include Steve and Sheri Byergo of Tipton, Mo.; Mara and Norman Sanford of Humble, Texas; and Andy and Marcia Byergo of Savannah, Mo.; Jenny Jensen of Springfield, Mo.; Rex and Ellen Byergo of Nevada, Mo.; Trudy and Andy Hurlburt of Nixa, Mo.; Sue and Glen Gorton of Elizabethtown, Pa.; and Joe and Susan Byergo of Dearborn, Mo. Mary resides in Maryville, Mo., and Forrest is a resident at Parkdale Manor in Maryville. Cards may be sent to them in care of Parkdale Manor, 814 West South Ave., Maryville, MO 64468.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BYERGO FAMILY

Terry Gompert, 66, Center, Neb., died March 25 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, Neb.

Terry was born Oct. 29, 1944, to Bernard and Dorothy (Kautz) Gompert in Scottsbluff, Neb. He married Constance Johnson Aug. 2, 1970, in Newman Grove, Neb.

Terry graduated from Colorado State University and received his master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). He served with the International

Voluntary Service in Laos from 1966 to 1968. He was involved in the Extension service in Colorado. He and his wife raised hogs for seven years near Mitchell, Neb.

Terry continued his Extension service in Logan and McPherson counties in Nebraska, and was involved with Knox County Extension since 1983.

Terry hosted small group Bible studies for adults and youth in his home and attended

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Plum Valley Bible Church in Center. He was involved in holistic management training and enjoyed working with his herd of cattle. Gompert Angus had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1993.

He is survived by his wife; mother; brothers Kurt and Henry; son Saul; daughters Kate, Jenny and Julie; and 13 grandchildren, with No. 14 on the way.

Michael Haag, 57, Plymouth, Ind., died March 31 at his home.

Michael was born May 27, 1953, in Plymouth to Paul and Betty (Shafer) Haag. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1971. While in high school he was president of the FFA.

On Sept. 23, 1978, in LaPorte Ind., Michael and Peggy Roda were married. Michael worked for A.M. General and retired after 31 years in 2003. He was a lifetime Angus breeder and had been a member of the American Angus Association since 1965. He also served as president of the Indiana Angus Association.

Michael was a superintendent of the Marshall County 4-H Beef Association. He also served on the 4-H Fair Board.

Michael is survived by his wife; sons Jeremy and Chad; his father; and a sister, Margaret.

Jerry Paul Ray, 72, Hackleburg, Ala., died April 1 at his home.

Paul was born Dec. 11, 1938, in Marion County, Ala. He was a pharmacist and a cattle farmer.

Paul graduated from Hackleburg High School in 1957. He then graduated from Itawamba Junior College. In 1962 he graduated from Howard University, better known as Samford University.

He worked for Fred's Pharmacy in Hamilton, Ala., for two years. In 1964, he opened his own business in Hackleburg, known as Ray's Pharmacy, which is still in operation today.

Paul also owned Ray Cattle Co., where he was a top breeder of registered Angus cattle in the tri-state area. He was a member of the American Angus Association.

Paul was the executive director of CDF of Marion County, and director of the Marion County Bank of Hackleburg and Southtrust Bank of Hamilton and Hackleburg. He was presently director of People's Trust Bank of Hamilton, Hackleburg and Florence, Ala. He was also the former owner of S&H Building Supply.

Paul was a member of the Marion

County Hall of Fame and a strong booster of Hackleburg High School. He was a member of Hackleburg First Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Gracelyn, Paul is survived by son Jerry; daughters Buffy and Lynn; sisters Mildred, Guynell and Ann; and seven grandchildren.

Parnell "Red" Baldwin, 83, Kearney, Mo., died April 16 at his home following a brief illness.

Parnell was born Dec. 27, 1927, in Fargo, N.D., the son of Elton and Anne (Rose) Baldwin. He was a cattle broker for 54 years. His passions also included raising, breeding and showing Percheron draft horses.

He was a longtime governor of the American Royal, and was honored to escort the Grand Marshal of the American Royal Parade for several years.

Parnell is survived by daughter Kathy, grandchildren Austin and Jody, and sisters Pat and Marlene.

Alice (Sanders) Adair King, 83, Beaufort, N.C., died April 21 at Carteret General Hospital.

Alice was born March 18, 1928, in Smithfield, N.C., to Robert and Margaret (Bowman) Sanders. She was a longtime member of Ann Street United Methodist Church. She loved traveling and was an avid bridge player.

Alice is survived by daughter Robin; sister Margie and a special great-nephew, Dereck Cullen.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Thomas Spencer has joined the Washington State University (WSU) Department of Animal Sciences as the new Baxter Professor of Beef Research. A nationally and internationally recognized leader and researcher in the field of reproductive biology, the long-term goal of Spencer's research program is to discover and understand key hormonal, cellular and molecular mechanisms regulating development and function of the uterus and placenta.

Taylor Wood, Missouri Department of Agriculture state veterinarian, received the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) Meritorious Service Award April 12 in San Antonio, Texas, in recognition of leadership, dedication and contributions to the organization and animal agriculture.

Richard Breitmeyer, director of the

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California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory, received the NIAA Chairman's Award, given to an outstanding volunteer, and recognizes unselfish dedication and tireless devotion to the advancement of animal agriculture.

Andrew Kennedy, president of FoodLogIQ LLC, received the NIAA President's Award, which recognizes an NIAA committee chairman or vice chairman for exemplary leadership and dedication to the organization. Kennedy serves as vice

chair of NIAA's Global Animal Health, Food Security and Trade Council.

Members of the NIAA elected five members to their first three-year term on its board of directors and re-elected three to a second term. **Linda Campbell**, American Dairy Goat Association; **Colin Forster**, Y-Tex Corp.; **Karen Jordan**, Dairy Farmers of America; **Erika Rachal**, Alltech Inc.; and **John Saunders**, IMI Global, were newly elected to the board. Re-elected to the 21-member board were **Tony Forshey**,

Ohio Department of Agriculture; **Stan Mannschreck**, National Livestock Producers Association; and **David Meeker**, National Renderers Association.



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