



Newsmakers

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

WEDDING

R. Roy Petteway and **Caitlin McHargue** were married April 30 in Lake Suzy, Fla. Roy is the son of Roy and Wendy Petteway of Zolfo Springs, Fla., and Caitlin is the daughter of Jed and Melissa McHargue of Avon Park, Fla.

Roy is a former president of the Florida Junior Angus Association and is a second-year student in the college of veterinary medicine at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

IN PASSING

Darwin Griffith, 88, Louisiana, Mo.,

formerly of Clarksville, Mo., died April 15.

Darwin was born at home March 22, 1923, to Warren and Ethyl (Humphrey) Griffith. He was their youngest child. He went to Calumet Grade School and graduated from Louisiana High School. He married Margaret Zumwalt July 4, 1943. They had three sons, Bart, Jerry and Randall.

Darwin farmed his entire life and was most intense about his registered Angus cow herd. He had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1962. He was a lifetime member of the Calumet Presbyterian Church.

Darwin had been heard to say every man

should have one outstanding dog and one outstanding bull in his lifetime. He had two of each, including a coonhound named Star and a stock dog named Agent. His first noted bull, Tennessee, from the state of the same name, sired many county fair champions. Later, Hank, another prized bull, sired two international champions at Denver, Colo. Darwin managed to work the entire family into the cattle operation.

In addition to farming, he drove a school bus for a time, was a guard at Dundee Cement, and served as a Pike County Judge for two terms. He did field compliance measurement for the U.S. Department of

Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, March 13, Jackson



►The Michigan Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Scott Foster**, Niles, American Angus Ass'n director; **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, secretary; **Monte Bordner**, Sturgis, president; **Chuck Preston**, Prescott; (standing, from left) **Steven Fitzner**, Wolverine; **Kirk Sterzick**, Lowell; **Tim Ruggles**, Kingston; **John MacMaster**, Harrisville; and **Steven Thelen**, Saline.



►**Lois and Dale Foster**, Seldom Rest Farms, Niles, receive the Heritage Award.



►Michigan Angus Auxiliary officers are (seated, from left) **Susan Merriam**, Lowell, historian; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, vice president; **Sharon Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, president; (standing, from left) **Barb Sweeney**, Mason, past president; **Jessica Harfst**, Battle Creek, scholarship chairperson; **Kris Boehmer**, Charlotte, and **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, award committee co-chairs.



►**Steve and Julie French** (left), Beaverton, donated the C.J. Brown Angus print to the Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n benefit auction. **Elaine and Scott Foster** (right), Niles, purchased the first-time special sale offering. Also pictured is Justin Ruggles, Michigan Jr. Angus Ass'n treasurer.

Agriculture (USDA) and was assistant game warden.

Darwin is survived by sons Bart and Randall, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mary Darlene McCurry, 70, Mount Hope, Kan., died May 7 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Saint Francis Campus, Wichita, Kan., following an 11-year battle with cancer.

Darlene was born Dec. 27, 1940, in Hutchinson, Kan., the daughter of Clifford and Helen (Barnett) Stewart. She was a 1958 graduate of Haven High School and was a resident of the rural Mount Hope area for 50 years.

In 1962, Darlene married Robert McCurry of Sedgwick, Kan., a founding partner of McCurry Bros. Angus. She worked as a registered nurse for approximately 40 years. Darlene was a lifelong member of Haven Baptist Church, Haven, Kan.

In addition to her husband, Darlene is survived by daughter Konnie; brothers Buck, Larry and Ted; sister Barbara; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Marvin Walter, 70, Ames, Iowa, died June 1 after an eight-year struggle with multiple myeloma.

Marvin was born Aug. 22, 1940, to Regina and Ralph Walter. He was raised on a farm near Watkins, Iowa, and graduated from high school in Blainstown in 1958. He received two degrees in animal science at Iowa State University in 1962 and 1964.

Marvin married Janice Gordon Sept. 19, 1964. They spent five years in Chicago, where Marvin first worked for the American Meat Institute, then as a commodity broker on the floor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. In 1968 they came back to start a meat-related business with two partners. Through the years he operated Carriage House Meat & Provision Co. and several affiliated businesses. On the state and national level, he was involved in several organizations related to the livestock and meat industry.

Marvin was president of the National CUP Lab™ and Technology Center and was instrumental in moving centralized ultrasound processing to the private sector more than 10 years ago. He was featured in the January 2008 *Angus Journal* (see page 145-147).

In addition to his wife, Marvin is survived by daughters Allyson and Stacy; brother Russell; sisters Patricia and Kathy; three grandsons; and two step-grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Angela Keller, Bismarck, N.D., has

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



►The Mississippi Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **Buddy Jones**, D Lo, president; **Brian Garner**, Newhebron, vice president; **Misty Garner**, Newhebron, secretary; **Mike Howell**, Baldwin, treasurer; (standing, from left) **William Howard**, Canton; **Jimmy Levens**, Wiggins; **Paul Whitlock**, Iuka; **Cary Childs**, Ripley; **Larry Fitzgerald**, Poplarville; **Gary Tanner**, Ellisville; **W.E. Warren**, West; **Brandon Alberson**, Senatobia; and **Mike Sykes**, Harrisville.



►Serving the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary are (seated, from left) **Emma Collins** and **Melanie Kiani**, both of Morton; and **Misty Garner**, Newhebron.



►**Jack and Cheryl Evans**, Winona, were inducted into the Mississippi Angus Hall of Fame. Pictured are (from left) Jack and Cheryl Evans, and **Buddy Jones**, Mississippi Angus Ass'n president, presenting the award.



►The **Whitlock family**, Iuka, was recognized as the Mississippi Angus Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **Jon Paul Whitlock**; **Kindra Wood**; **Jimmy Levens**, Mississippi Angus Ass'n director, presenting; and **Paul Whitlock**.



►**Lucy and Jimmy Levens** (left), 7-L Farms, Wiggins, receive the Mississippi Progressive Breeder of the Year award from **Gary Tanner** (right), Mississippi Angus Ass'n director.

West Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, April 8, Jacksons Mill



►Officers and directors for the West Virginia Angus Ass'n for 2011 are (seated, front row) **Lacey Radabaugh**, Alma, secretary; **Brent Berg**, Petersburg, president; **Jodi Loudin**, Linn, treasurer; (standing, back row) **James Gorby**, Alma, northern district; **Slayter Tuckwiller**, Lewisburg, southern district; **Rod Summers**, Flemington, northern district; **Robert Reed**, Mount Storm, eastern district; **Joshua Radabaugh**, Alma, northern district; and **Timothy Cayton**, Weston, central district.

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been hired to serve as brand recorder for the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA). In this role Keller will renew, record and transfer brands; process permanent horse permits; publish a brand book and its monthly and annual supplements; generate missing livestock reports; and assist livestock producers and brand inspectors with questions.

Gregory Perry, an expert in agricultural finance and taxation who has extensively studied water-management issues, will join Colorado State University July 15 as head of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.



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Alabama Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, April 15, Cullman



►The Alabama Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Scott Bonds**, Guntersville, treasurer; **Philip Gleason**, Springville, second vice president; **Gregg Blythe**, Madison, first vice president; **Randy Crowell**, Elrod, president; **Mike McGuire**, Waverly, secretary; (standing, from left) **Jennifer Lee**, Daviston; **Shannon McCauley**, Albertville; **Kenneth Barrentine**, Pisgah; **Tim West**, Centre; **Jack Tate**, Boaz; **John Harrell**, Opelika; **John Briscoe**, Joppa; **Chris Wisener** and **Jackie Thrower**, both of Arab; and **George Richburg**, Auburn.



►**Lanny Upton** (left), Decatur, receives the outgoing president recognition honor from **Randy Crowell**, newly elected Alabama Angus Ass'n president.

Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, May 6, Stillwater



►The Oklahoma Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (seated, from left) **John Pfeiffer**, Mulhall, American Angus Ass'n board member; **Mark Holder**, Altus, vice president; **Jason Shepard**, Perkins, president; **Bill Majors**, Ponca City, past president; **Richard Samuelson**, Chester, secretary-treasurer; **Jarold Callahan**, Edmond, American Angus Ass'n board member; (standing, from left) **Allen Johnston**, Okemah; **Coy Farmer**, Prague; **Al Williams**, Tahlequah; **Don Abernathy**, Altus; **Jim Davis**, Foss; **Jordan Davis**, Foss; **Kelsey Pfeiffer**, Orlando; and **Mark Sexton**, Fort Gibson.



►**Bob Funk** (left), Yukon, was inducted into the Oklahoma Angus Hall of Fame. Presenting the award are **Eddie Sims** (center), and **Jason Shepard**, Oklahoma Angus Ass'n president.



►**Bill Majors** (right), Ponca City, receives the President's Award from **Shepard**.



►**Alan Armbruster** (center), Burlington, receives the Oklahoma Mr. Angus award from **Bill Majors** (left), 2010 Oklahoma Angus Ass'n president, and **Shepard**.



►**Creede Speake**, Springer, was honored as the Commercial Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **Shepard**, presenting the award; **Travis Ritter**, grandson; **Debbie Stone**, daughter; **Creede Speake**; and **Jarold Callahan**, American Angus Ass'n board member, also presenting the award.

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▶ Black Hills Angus Ass'n (BHAA) Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 30, Rapid City, S.D.



▶**Left: Millar Angus**, Jon and Breanna Millar (left and center), Newell, S.D., receive the Breeder of the Year award from T.J. Gabriel, BHAA president.

▶**Right: Don West**, Newell, S.D., received the Business of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) Craig Kukuchka, BHAA vice president, and Delores and Don West.

