



# Newsmakers

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

## IN THE NEWS

**J.M. Michels Angus**, Stanley, Iowa, has received the Historic Herd Award from the Association for raising Angus seedstock for more than 50 continuous years. The Michels family has been in the Angus business for six decades.

Andrew Michels founded the herd in 1947 when he purchased an Angus herd from Canada, notes James M. (J.M.) Michels, herd manager and son of Andrew. "Bloodlines included Innisfree, Alta and Dalrene."

Through the years, the family built up the herd with Angus acquired from Burrell and Gillam Cattle Co. Inc., Waterloo, Iowa; Viewlawn Herds, Mabel, Minn.; Stock Bros., Oelwein, Iowa; Koster Herd, Marshalltown, Iowa; and Connelly Angus, Valier, Mont.

The family's 62 years in the Angus business has evolved into a history that mirrors important changes in the beef industry. From "selling 'fats' in Chicago," to marketing on the grid, the operation has developed a reputation for quality. More recently, the Michels sold cattle to Dubuque

Packing and U.S. Premium Beef (USPB), Garden City, Kan.

J.M. Michels Angus has also shown several champions at local fairs and the second-high-selling bull at the 2008 Iowa Beef Expo in Des Moines.

Today, J.M. Michels Angus has 140 head along with crops and pastureland for the farm. The operation is still located in Stanley, and the main barn is currently listed on the Iowa Barn Foundation Register. It will be featured as part of the state's 2009 fall farm tour.

**Frank Schiefelbein**, Kimball, Minn., cattleman, received the "Building Hope and Health" award from AgriWellness Inc. at its fourth biannual conference, themed "The Clock is Ticking for Rural America," in Sioux Falls, S.D., Aug. 3-5.

AgriWellness, a nonprofit organization that works to improve behavioral health care for farm people and their rural communities, selected Schiefelbein because he has served on various Minnesota mental health committees, including as chair of the state advisory committee on mental health.

Schiefelbein has been a life member of the Association since 1979.

## IN PASSING

**Judy (Hardin) Workman**, 64, Louisville, Ky., died Aug. 11 at Audubon Hospital in Louisville.

A native of Glasgow, Ky., Judy was a Baptist and had worked as the environmental services supervisor for the Kentucky State Fair Board for 20 years.

Judy is survived by husband Harold; sons Johnny, Timothy and Stephen; daughter Alisha; brother Larry; sisters Betty, Patty and Connie; and six grandchildren.

**Kelly Maraggia**, 46, Carthage, Texas, died Aug. 14 in Carthage.

Kelly was born Sept. 15, 1962, in Long Beach, Calif., to John and Sue (Lasher) Trout. Kelly was a consultant for many years but the last few years she enjoyed being a rancher and breeding black Angus cattle. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Kelly is survived by her father; husband Edward; sons Timothy, Brad and Charles; brother Tod; and five grandchildren.

## West Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Weston, April 10



► Officers and directors for the West Virginia Angus Ass'n 2009-2010 are (front row, from left) **Pam Stevens**, Looneyville, treasurer; **Jodi Loudin**, Linn, secretary; **David Shriver**, Grafton, president; **Brad Smith**, Petersburg, vice president; **Mida Peterson**, Horner, reporter; (back row, from left) **Rod Summers**, Flemington; **Bret Singleton**, Tioga; **Jon Wright**, Philippi; **Steve Taylor**, Parkersburg; **Byron Tuckwiller**, Lewisburg; **Bub Leeson**, West Union; **Tom Simmons**, Franklin; and **John Spiker**, Jane Lew. Directors not pictured are **Adam Hayes**, Kingwood, and **Brett Berg**, Maysville.

## INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Barry Flinchbaugh**, professor of ag economics at Kansas State University (K-State), has been elected chair of the board of trustees of Farm Foundation. **Greg Heying**, senior vice president of distribution for SuperValu, was named vice chair. Flinchbaugh and Heying will also serve as chair and vice chair, respectively, of Farm Foundation NFP, the not-for-profit corporation responsible for Farm Foundation's day-to-day activities.

**Roger Hanson**, formerly vice president of farm and barn operations for Accelerated Genetics, will assume the duties and responsibilities of director of business development. **David Brown** will assume the duties of vice president of production facilities.