



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

James Jordan, Somerville, Ohio, earned his doctoral degree from The Ohio State University Aug. 29. His thesis was titled "Parental Management of Teen Drivers After Receiving Their First Traffic Citation and Having Attended the 4-H Carteens Program." This is the first study to evaluate parental management of teen drivers after receiving their first citation to measure increased parental control and restrictions of the teens.

Jordan currently works as an Extension educator-4-H youth development in Butler County, Ohio. He has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1975 and is co-owner of Duneland Prairie Farm near Somerville.

Katy Kemp has joined ABS as a beef marketing specialist, responsible for working with the Beef Product Management, Beef Supply Chain Management and the Beef Enterprise teams on developing and

communicating the ABS brand and its product and service offering. She will also work closely with the Advertising and Promotions team to facilitate the execution of marketing collateral. Kemp will be based in DeForest, Wis.

Kemp was raised on a beef operation in Bridgeport, Texas.

She is a member of the American Angus Association and served as the 2007 junior activities intern for the Association.

Steve Brooks, Bowman, and **Doug Feiring**, Powers Lake, were elected to the North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) board of directors for a four-year term during the NDSA annual convention in September in Minot, N.D. Brooks is the District 5 director and Feiring will serve as District 6 director. Feiring was also recognized as a top member-recruiter for NDSA in 2010.

Brooks has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1975, and

Feiring has been a member since 1984.

NDSU Executive Vice President **Julie Ellingson**, Saint Anthony, was recognized for 15 years of service to the organization. Ellingson began her employment with NDSA in 1995 as the association's communications director and the editor and ad manager of the *North Dakota Stockman*. During her tenure as editor, Ellingson won several state and national awards for quality content and creative design. She was promoted to the association's chief lobbyist position in 2008.

She and husband Chad raise registered Angus south of Saint Anthony, along with their five children. They have been members of the American Angus Association since 1993.

Jack Reich, Zap, and **Joel Schmitz**, Enderlin, were recognized as top NDSA member-recruiters for 2010 at the organization's annual convention.

Schmitz has been a life member of the Association since 1972, and Reich has been a member since 1996.

Montana Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Billings, Oct. 15

► Elected to serve as the Montana Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) **Ron VanDyke**, Whitehall; **Kenneth Cook**, Wolf Creek, vice president; **Joseph Goggins**, Billings, president; **Brent McRae**, Jordan; (back row, from left) **Larry Coleman**, Willow Creek; **Danny Mydland**, Joliet; **Kelly McCracken**, Turner; and **Clin-ton Stevenson**, Hobson.



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Camp Cooley Ranch, Franklin, Texas, is now offering breeding and management consulting services. The ranch has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1994.

IN PASSING

A. Eloise Rundles, 86, El Paso, Ill., died Oct. 4 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in El Paso.

Eloise was born Sept. 17, 1924, in Chicago, Ill., to Herman and Alice (Davis) Shutt. She married Warren Rundles Sept. 18, 1943, in Bloomington, Ill. She worked for State Farm Insurance Co. prior to working alongside her husband on Rundles Angus Farms.

Eloise was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in El Paso, where she was a member of the Ladies Aid. She was a member of the Illinois Angus Auxiliary, the American Angus Association and the Woodford County Home Extension.

Eloise is survived by her husband of 67 years; their partners on the farm, Brent and Jenny Henkel, and their children, Abe and Kate; and cousins Nancy, Louis, Janette and Patti.

Henry Whitehead, 92, Granville, Ohio,

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died Aug. 5 at Mount Carmel East Hospital.

Henry was born in Granville June 30, 1918, to M. Stuart and Delia (Hayes) Whitehead. A 1936 graduate of Union High School, Henry married Roberta Williams in Alexandria, Ohio, May 1, 1941. They farmed and raised Angus cattle together.

Henry was a member of the Heart of Ohio Angus Association, and had been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1950. He was a member of the Licking County Cattlemen's Association, the Ohio

Cattlemen's Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Agrology Club and 4-H Alumni Club. Henry had served for 20 years as a 4-H Advisor and was a member of the Hartford Fair Board for 20 years.

Henry is survived by sons Marion and Benjamin; four grandchildren; five great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

Larry Nissen, 67, Chinook, Mont., died Oct. 9 at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, Mont., after a courageous battle with end-stage melanoma cancer.

Larry was born April 19, 1943, in Havre,

Mont., to Leo and Margaret (Uhlich) Nissen. He was raised in the Harlem area and graduated from Harlem High School in 1961 and attended college at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Larry married Anne Conroy Dec. 28, 1968. After her death Oct. 26, 1985, he married Patty Ramberg Dec. 30, 1987, in Chinook.

Larry was affiliated with the Crossen-Nissen Corp., and they purchased several valley farms in the area. He was involved in raising small grains, alfalfa and potatoes in rotation. Due to their labor-intensive nature,

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Larry discontinued potatoes in the mid-1990s and focused more on hay.

Larry, his son, Mike, and brother Jim are known for the quality hay they put up. Larry loved to irrigate and bale hay. He spent many hours baling hay at night to ensure the product was up to his strict standards. He was also active with the Montana Seed Show in Harlem for numerous years.

Larry and Patty started Nissen Angus Ranch 20-plus years ago south of Chinook. They built a seedstock herd that has supplied many local ranchers with quality bulls and heifers for the past two decades. Larry's son, Jeff, returned to help on the ranch in 2003. Jeff and the family will continue to produce quality cattle.

If Larry had a second love, it was collecting tokens and antiques. Larry's greatest love of all, though, was his family. He was always proud of their accomplishments.

In addition to his wife, Larry is survived by daughter Cindy; sons Mike, Dan, and Jeff, and Ray Ramberg; brother Jim; sisters Margaret and Dorothy; and five grandchildren.

Harold D. "Dee" Woody, 63, Carbondale, Ill., died Oct. 15.

Dee was raised on livestock farms in Greentown, Ind.; Bellville, Ohio, and McHenry, Ill. He graduated from Illinois State University (ISU) with a degree in animal science in 1971, and went to work for Picket Fence Farms in Grayslake, Ill., following graduation.

In 1972, he enrolled in graduate studies at Michigan State University (MSU) and received his master's degree and his doctorate in reproductive physiology and ruminant nutrition in 1973 and 1978, respectively. While at MSU he served as manager of the purebred beef cattle unit and taught several undergraduate animal science courses in addition to helping coach the intercollegiate livestock judging team.

Following graduation from MSU, Dee accepted a position as assistant professor of animal sciences at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). He taught courses in animal nutrition, beef production, companion animals and livestock evaluation. He also served as manager of the university Beef Cattle Center and the bull test center and served as a highly successful intercollegiate livestock team judging coach. Additionally, he served as advisor to hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students.

Dee retired in 1994 and continued to work with his many friends and colleagues in the livestock industry. He also served as co-superintendent of the National Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

His expertise in livestock evaluation led him to be invited to officiate at state fairs and national livestock expositions throughout the U.S. Dee had recently received the School of Agriculture Alumni Award from ISU and served on their advisory board for several years.

Dee is survived by his brother, Sam; niece Kristine; and nephews Chad and Ryan.

The family asks that those who wish to make a memorial contribution toward a youth scholarship direct it to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

Ila Retallick, 83, Beetown, Wis., died Oct. 21 at Grant Regional Health Center in Lancaster, Wis.

Ila was born May 26, 1927, the daughter of Arnold and Lela (Myers) Traupe. She graduated from Cassville High School in 1945. She married Francis Retallick at the Beetown United Methodist Church June 22,

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1950. They were blessed with three children.

Together they farmed on the family farm in Glen Haven Township until their retirement in 1983, when they moved to Beetown. Ila continued to work in the dietary department at Orchard Manor Nursing Home for several years.

Ila was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt and a dear friend to all. She was an excellent cook, candy maker and baker, and always had cookies on hand for

anyone who might stop in. Ila also loved to play cards for quarters.

Ila is survived by sons Steven and Kevin; daughter Pamela; sister Una Faye; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

▶ INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Dal Grooms began work with the Iowa Cattlemen's Association (ICA) as communications director Oct. 21.

Steve Furrow, Rocky Mount, Va., has been named beef and product promotion manager for Select Sire Power Inc. In this role, he will have three main areas of responsibility:

overall coordination of the beef sales and service program, A.I. training in the southern region, and coordination of the marketing for herd management products.

Jeff Solberg has been named CEO of Growmark, effective Jan. 3, 2011. He will succeed current CEO Bill Davisson, who has announced his retirement for the same date.



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