



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Allen Gahler, Graytown, Ohio, assumed the duties of secretary/fieldman for the Ohio Angus Association Jan. 1. He will handle membership needs and public relations, manage association-sponsored sales and Angus shows, maintain an active presence at various shows and field days, and publish the monthly newsletter. He succeeds longtime secretary/fieldman Jerry Ballard, who retired at the end of 2006.

Lyons Ranch, Manhattan, Kan., donated a heifer, Lyons Pride 6007, to the Kansas Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund. The heifer, sired by SAF Focus of ER, was to sell March 5 in Manhattan.

Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 19



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► The 2007 Kansas Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Debbie Lyons-Blythe**, White City, director; **Gordon Stucky**, Kingman, American Angus Association director; **Anne Lampe**, Scott City, secretary; **Robert Bailey**, Douglass, treasurer; **Dennis Huck**, Larned, president; **Richard Poland**, Isabel, past president; (standing, from left) **David Oliphant**, Offerle, director; **Craig Rucker**, Burdett, director; **Gerald Theis**, Leavenworth, director; **Joe Hite**, Valley Center, director; **Rusty Williams**, Hugoton, director; **Todd Hale**, Columbus, director; **Ron Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, director; and **Gene Barrett**, Grantville, vice president.



► **Arlis Rusk**, Medicine Lodge, was named an honorary member. Pictured are (from left) **Randel McCabe**, Elk City; **Rusk**; and **Matt Perrier**, Eureka.

IN PASSING

Richard Brown, 83, Aledo, Ill., died Dec. 10, 2006, at Aledo Health and Rehabilitation.

Richard was born Sept. 2, 1923, in Aledo to Boyd and Mable (Fields) Brown. He graduated from Aledo High School and attended Monmouth College. Richard married Alma Johnson April 21, 1945, in Aledo.

Richard and his wife owned and operated Brown's Angus Farms south of Aledo. He participated for many years in carcass and carload shows at area county fairs, at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, and at the International in Chicago, Ill. He also showed at the Livestock Congress in Louisville, Ky,

and at shows in Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Richard was a life member of the American Angus Association and a Mercer County 4-H leader for 12 years. He was also a member of the Aledo Methodist Church, Aledo Masonic Lodge #252 AF & AM, and enjoyed flea markets and fishing.

In addition to his wife, Richard is survived by sons Willard and Mark; two sisters; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Jim Heckendorf, 41, Fort Collins, Colo., died Jan. 13 at his home.

Jim was born Oct. 26, 1965, in Denver, Colo., to Darlene (Atchison) and Francis "Hecky" Heckendorf Jr. He grew up in Castle Rock and graduated in 1984 from Douglas County High School as an all-state athlete in three sports — football, baseball and wrestling. Jim played baseball while attending Oxnard Junior College in California, later transferring to Colorado State University (CSU), where he majored in animal science and played baseball.

He moved to Fort Collins, where he owned and managed a herd of registered Angus cattle. Jim was a member of the American Angus Association and many other livestock organizations, and a 4-H leader for 12 years. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman, a good cook, and an artist and illustrator for short stories.

Jim is survived by his wife, Shelley; daughter, Hollie Mae; son, Walker James; a brother and two sisters; his mother and father; one grandmother; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Alex Matus, 66, Port Allegany, Pa., died Jan. 13 at his home.

Alex was born April 8, 1940, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Richard and Mildred (Polner) Matus. He graduated from Upper Perkiomen High School, East Greenville, Pa., in 1958.

He was a self-employed farmer for many years and a former partner of D.A.L. Flagstone Co. Alex was a member of the American Angus, Pennsylvania Angus and New York Angus associations. He had a passion for Angus cattle, hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting darts.



► **Stanley Stout**, Cottonwood Falls, was posthumously named an honorary member. Pictured are (from left) **Marcia Bailey**, Hamilton; and **Elmore Stout**, Cottonwood Falls.

Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Fort Smith, Jan. 6



► **Left: Shirley Williams** (left), Fort Smith, was named Volunteer of the Year. Chris Ashworth, president of the Arkansas Angus Ass'n, presented the award.

► **Right: The Mark Williams Family**, Lavaca, was named Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Jade Vaught, Miss Arkansas Angus; Sydne Williams; Christy Williams; Elaine Williams, holding Elle Williams; Mark Williams; and Ashworth.



► **Gilbreath Ent.**, Summers, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Vaught; Michelle and Steve Flickinger, Summers, accepting the award for the Gilbreaths; and Ashworth.



► **Olen Price**, Barling, won the top heifer consignor award. Pictured are (from left) Vaught, Marolyn Price, Olen Price, and Ashworth.



► **Malone Supreme Angus**, Arkadelphia, won the top bull consignor award. Pictured are (from left) Vaught; Chip Moore, Hindsville, accepting the award for Percy Malone; and Ashworth.



► **Elaine Williams** won the Angus Heritage Award. Pictured are (from left) Vaught; Elaine Williams, holding Elle Williams; Mark Williams, all of Lavaca; and Ashworth.



► **Fred and Shirley Williams**, Fort Smith, were honored for their 2005 donation of FOF Moneygirl 339K. The Arkansas Jr. Angus Foundation Heifer is one of the primary fundraisers for the Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) Vaught, Fred and Shirley Williams, and Ashworth.



► **JAC's Ranch**, Bentonville, was honored for its 2006 donation of JAC's Blackcap 5083. Pictured are (from left) Vaught; Kevin Rieff, Bentonville, accepting the award for JAC's Ranch; and Ashworth.

Alex was an avid reader of the *Angus Journal* and a yearly participant in the Pennsylvania Bull Test and the Midland Bull Test.

He is survived by a sister, Marie.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Elizabeth Parker joined the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Jan. 15 in Washington, D.C., as chief veterinarian.

Parker was most recently an international consultant for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN). She had also worked as a staff member on the House Agriculture Committee.

In her new capacity, Parker will focus on issues related to animal health, animal welfare, and food safety and security, especially those issues being debated within government agencies and Congress.

Thomas "Dee" Likes has been named the first recipient of the Kansas State University (K-State) Distinguished Animal Sciences and Industry Alumnus Award. Likes, the executive vice president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Kansas Livestock Association since 1984, graduated *magna cum laude* from K-State in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

Likes and his wife, Terry, live in Topeka, Kan. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Robert Josserand, a longtime member of the cattle and beef industries, was selected by faculty members of CSU's Department of Animal Sciences as the 2007 Livestock Leader. Josserand was recognized for the honor during CSU day at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

Josserand was born in Pratt, Kan., and graduated from CSU in 1953 with a bachelor's degree in animal science. He is now the chairman and owner of AzTx Cattle Co., which owns five cattle feedlots in Texas, Colorado and Kansas, with a combined one-time capacity of about 232,000 head.

Josserand has served on the boards of directors of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the National Cattlemen's Association (NCA). He is a past president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) and the NCA, and is a past member of the NCA's Beef Promotion and Research Board and the Operating Committee. Josserand was inducted into the International Stockmen's Hall of Fame by the International Livestock Congress (ILC) in February 1993. In September 2005 Josserand

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and his wife, Nancy, received the Pioneer Spirit Award sponsored by the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas.

The theme for this year's **Accelerated Genetics photo contest** is "Calendar Cows." Entry photos should be dairy or beef cows and/or calves photographed throughout the various seasons of the year.

All photos entered should be color. Digital photos are preferred if they are sent as a high-resolution (300 dpi) JPEG with an approximate photo size of 5x7 inches (in.) or larger. Entries can be sent via e-mail or on a CD. Please include the name, address, phone number and photo title on the back of each photograph, in the e-mail or with the CD of each photo entered into the contest.

Prizes for the 2007 contest are \$100 for first place; \$75 for second place; \$50 for third place; and \$25 for honorable mention.

Entry deadline is Oct. 10, 2007. Entries

should be sent to Accelerated Genetics; Kari Stanek, editor; E10890 Penny Ln.; Baraboo, WI 53913; or kstanek@accelgen.com. For further information call 1-800-451-9275, ext. 222.

Former Congressman **Charles Stenholm** was honored with the Tribute to Leadership Award by the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership alumni. A native of Stamford, Texas, Stenholm began his career as a farmer in partnership with his father. In 1965, he became executive vice president of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers. He was named general manager of the Stamford Electric Cooperative in 1968. Stenholm was first elected to Congress in 1978. He served on the House Agriculture Committee for the 26 years he was in Congress.

Rob Ames has been named brand manager for Ivy Natural Solutions (INS). He

will work closely with branded and integrated beef systems to provide products and services that will enhance cattle performance and health while maintaining the integrity of the company's brand specifications.

Ames was a coauthor of the 1995 National Beef Quality Audit (NBQA). He will be based at the company office in Overland Park, Kan.

Gene Klafit, Los Alamos, Calif., was named the champion cattlemen's auctioneer at the Cattle Industry Annual Convention and NCBA Trade Show in Nashville, Tenn. The first-time event, known as the Cattlemen's Championship Auctioneer Contest, was hosted by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's (NCBA) Livestock Marketing Council (LMC).

The auctioneer contest was in

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Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Dec. 29, 2006

► The 2007 board of directors for the Indiana Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Mark Smith**, Whitestown, president; **Doug Sherman**, Laconia, first vice president; **Bruce Lamb**, Milford, second vice president; **Judy Brown**, Greenfield, secretary; **David Smith**, Greensburg, treasurer; **Cathy Watkins**, Middletown, American Angus Association Director; (standing, from left) **Andrew Hubenthal**, Lucerne; **Karl Gillette**, Cloverdale; **Michael Haag**, Plymouth; **Troy Thompson**, Vallonia; **Leslie Carmichael**, Bloomington; **Chris Wickard**, Greenfield; **Theodore Willer**, Greencastle; **Jay Davis**, Michigantown; **Mark Fort**, Knightstown; and **Julia Wickard**, Greenfield, past president.



► **Sam Carter** (right), Upland, received the Indiana Angus Ass'n President's Award from Julia Wickard.



► **Left: Michael and Peg Haag**, Plymouth, received the Vera Sherbahn Memorial Award.



► **Right: Jack Sweeney** (right), Noblesville, received the Don Snepp Memorial Award from Pamela Lindamood.



► **Left: Kade Patton**, Frankfort, won Premier Exhibitor earlier at the Indiana Preview Show and received the award at the annual meeting.

► **Right:** The 2007 Indiana Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) **Sandra Carmichael**, Bloomington, president; **Jamie Lowes**, Greenfield, first vice president; **Tracey Leeper**, Argos, second vice president; **Karen Smith**, Greensburg, past president; and **Natalie Barker**, Danville, secretary.



conjunction with the NCBA Political Action Fund (PAC) bull auction at the NCBA Trade Show. Contestant auctioneers sold bulls and sale credit lots during the auction. Reserve champion was **Jay Romine**, Mount Washington, Ky., and second runner-up was **Joel Martin**, Williamston, S.C.

Agco Corp. teamed last year with the television show "Deal or No Deal" to raise money for the **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation** by auctioning off a special edition pink Massey Ferguson® tractor. The tractor was featured on eBay and was purchased for \$26,600 by **Joel Foster**, Foster Tractor Co., Pine Bluff, Ark., where it is currently being displayed.

Accelerated Genetics recognized its top sales representatives in December 2006 for their achievements in sales and service at the annual Top Achievers Banquet in Madison, Wis. Winning the President's Award from each sales position were AI Technician **Carl Avery**, Durand, Wis.; Membership Sales Representative **Todd Wenzel**, Menasha, Wis.; District Sales Manager **Ivan Smith**, Blackfoot, Idaho; and Independent Sales Representative

Benny Cotta, San Luis Obispo, Calif. The four runners-up to the President's Award were AI Technician **Darin Klevgard**, Osseo, Wis.; Membership Sales Representative **Dan Esch**, Dodgeville, Wis., District Sales Manager **John Merrill**, Sulphur Springs, Texas; and Independent Sales Representative **Tom Kugler**, Valley Falls, N.Y.

Winning the Award of Excellence were **Gerald Feikema**, Brookings, S.D.; **Mike Bauer**, Loyal, Wis.; **Ken Kohlmeyer**, Reedsburg, Wis.; and **Rick Welke**, Stanley, Wis.

Sales representatives winning Top Achiever Awards for the following individual categories were 1) National Market AI Technician Award: **Luke Smith**, Wendell, Idaho; 100,000 Unit Achievement Award: **Allan Pereira**, Bakersfield, Calif.; and **Terry Gowin**, Marana, Ariz.; 2) Greatest Insemination Dollar Increase Award: **Rod Andrae**, Darlington, Wis.; 3) Greatest Retail Dollar Increase Award: **Dan Esch**, Dodgeville, Wis.; **Ivan Smith**, Blackfoot, Idaho; and **Benny Cotta**, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; 4) Largest Product Sales Volume Award: **Richard Johnson**, Canton, Minn.; **Todd Wenzel**, Menasha, Wis.; **John Merrill**, Sulphur Springs, Texas; and **Edwin Correia**, Patterson, Calif.; and 5) Largest Total Sales Volume Award: **Carl Avery**, Durand, Wis.; and **Todd Wenzel**, Menasha, Wis.

AI technicians and membership sales representatives honored for other sales achievements included **Mark Meyer**, Reedsburg, Wis.; **Gary Hansen**, Richland Center, Wis.; **Jim Galstad**, Westby, Wis.; **Steve Bolduan**, Caledonia, Minn.; **John Prissel**, Fall Creek, Wis.; **Jason Goke**, Belleville, Wis.; **Bruce Patnode**, Arkansasaw, Wis.; **Ken Montsma**, Brandon, Wis.; **Marty Tesch**, Waldorf, Minn.; **Tony Mayer**, Chili, Wis.; **Dennis Thompson**, Mondovi, Wis.; **Harvey Stieve**, Dodgeville, Wis.; and **Jim Iverson**, Mindoro, Wis.

Abigail Kimbell was appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as the 16th chief of the Forest Service, succeeding Dale Bosworth, who retired Feb. 2 after 41 years of service. Kimbell previously served as regional forester for the Northern Region in Missoula, Mont., which includes northern Idaho and North Dakota.

Before becoming a regional forester, Kimbell served in the Washington office as associate deputy chief for the National Forest System. As Forest Service chief, Kimbell will oversee an organization of more than 30,000 employees and manage a budget of just more than \$4 billion.



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► Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n, Grantville, Jan. 7

► The 2007 Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Dale Rains**, Mercer, president; **Bob Livingston**, Seven Valleys, vice president; **Barbara Weaver**, New Holland, secretary; **Bradford Bishard**, York, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Fritz Frey**, Quarryville; **Donald Nichols**, Tyrone; **Ned Hower**, Bethlehem; **Cheryl Fairbairn**, Coatesville; **Gary Seefeldt**, Port Allegany; **Roberta McMullen**, Quarryville; **Erskine Cash**, Centre Hall; **Gregory Grim**, East Berlin; and **Harry Bachman**, Annville.



► **The Foore Family** was named Family of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Caitlin, William, Cheryl and Ryan Fairbairn, presenting the award; and Chris, Andrea, Mark and Logan Foore, all of Seven Valleys, accepting the award.



► **The Dale Rains Family**, Mercer, was named Breeder of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Dale and Brenda Rains; and Gary Seefeldt, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n director, presenting the award.



► **The McKean Bros.**, Mercer, was named Seedstock Producer of the Year. Pictured are (from left) Greg and Peggy McKean; and Dale Rains, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n president, presenting the award.