



Newsmakers

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

IN THE NEWS

Hamilton Angus Farm, Ava, Ill., celebrated its 70th year of operation. The farm was established in 1938 by Archie Hamilton. As a youngster, Archie, assisted by his ag teacher, purchased his first Angus heifer from Kurt Byrd of Galatia, Ill.

Archie continued in the Angus business until he was called to serve in World War II from July of 1945 to January of 1947. After serving a year of duty in Germany with the 331st Military Police Unit, Archie purchased a foundation group of breeding age females from George Bond in Galatia. The farm is a diversified operation, including purebred livestock, grain, hayland and pasture.

As the popularity of the Angus breed progressed, Archie purchased foundation herd sires from top operations at the time in order to raise superior, functionally sound, performance-oriented cattle.

Archie has been a life member of the American Angus Association since 1948 and a member of the Illinois Angus Association and the Southwestern Illinois Angus Association. Hamilton Angus Farm is a member of the Wabash Valley Angus Association. He has consigned cattle to numerous local association sales and hosted production sales.

Archie and his wife, Eileen, have three sons, Kenny, Glenn and Don, who grew up showing Angus cattle in 4-H and continue to show today. Two grandsons, Doug and Dusty, and a granddaughter, Kim, showed in 4-H, FFA and Angus junior shows. The Hamiltons have two younger granddaughters, Kelly, 10, and Kayla, 5, who ensure there will be Hamiltons in the showing for some time to come.

The **Georgia Angus Association** has moved. Please direct all correspondence to Georgia Angus Association; 638 Lake Crest Dr., Jefferson, GA 30549; 706-387-0656; info@georgiaangus.org or www.georgiaangus.org.

IN PASSING

Paul "Doc" Keesee, 96, Oklahoma City, Okla., died April 17 in Tulsa, Okla., following a fall and subsequent medical complications.

Doc was born Dec. 24, 1912, at home in rural Sasakwa, Okla. In 1917, the family

moved to Pecan Grove north of Holdenville, Okla., then moved to California before returning to Pecan Grove, where Doc lived until leaving home for college.

Doc graduated from Pecan Grove Grammar School and then from Holdenville High School in 1934. He graduated from Cameron College in 1936 where he played football and was president of the Student Senate.

He graduated from Oklahoma A&M [now Oklahoma State University (OSU)] in 1938 with a degree in animal husbandry. He belonged to Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. After graduation from OSU, Doc taught vocational agriculture at Carter, Okla., and Sayre, Okla., for four years. He entered veterinary school in 1942 and graduated from Kansas State University (K-State), Manhattan, Kan., in 1946 with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

Doc met Louise Nance of Hollis, Okla., while they were attending Cameron College in Lawton, Okla. They were married Aug. 12, 1939. After graduation from veterinary school, the Keesees moved to Essar Ranch near San Antonio, Texas, where Doc became the ranch veterinarian. In 1948, Doc became ranch manager and partner at Essar. He was a pioneer in artificial insemination (AI) and sterility work with cattle. The Essar herd was sold to Sen. Robert Kerr and Dean McGee in late 1955.

Doc and his family moved with the herd of cattle and six ranch partners to Poteau, Okla., in 1956 to establish Kermac Angus Ranch. He served as ranch manager and later became a partner in the operation. They routinely managed 2,500 commercial cows and 1,500 registered Angus cows, making it the largest Angus ranch in the world at the time. After the death of Sen. Kerr in 1963, McGee and Doc brought their portion of the Angus herd to the McGee-Keesee Ranch west of Edmond, Okla., where they remained for 30 years.

Doc was internationally known for his trips to Scotland to purchase Angus cattle and as a judge for international cattle



Paul "Doc" Keesee

shows, including the Chicago International Livestock Show.

Doc and Louise have a ranch north of Holdenville and partnered with his son and daughter-in-law in K&K Cattle Co. Doc was involved in real estate, primarily ranch and farm property, for a number of years after retiring from ranching. In August 1995 he and Louise built a home in northwest Oklahoma City.

A life member of the American Angus Association since 1950, Doc was also a member of the Oklahoma Angus Association and served as president of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and the Tri-State Angus Association. He was an inductee into the Oklahoma Angus Association Hall of Fame. Doc belonged to the OSU Posse Club, Rotary Club, Kerr Memorial Men's Breakfast Club and Church of the Servant Methodist Church.

Doc is survived by his wife; daughters Nancy and Janie; son Paul Jr.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Chace Montoya, 30, Vian, Colo., died June 25 at his home.

Chace was born Nov. 30, 1977, in LaJara, Colo., to Facundo and Leigh Montoya. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in animal science, specializing in reproduction. He also graduated from an embryologist school located in Manhattan, Kan.

He was a member of the American Angus Association as a junior member and later as co-owner of Question Mark Angus. Chace was a lifelong owner of Angus, buying his first heifer at age 8 and then staying home from school to watch her calve. He had many fond memories of exhibiting livestock across the country.

Chace was actively involved in many aspects of the livestock industry and had recently been pursuing another avenue of the livestock business — taking care of the love of his life, "the mama cow." His reproduction business, Question Mark Genetics, was starting to flourish due to his quest for taking care of the mama cow. The business had grown to include the horse industry this past year.

Chace is survived by his parents; daughter Tristyn, brother Britt and grandmother Mae.

Iola (Vaughn) **Schaumburg**, 76, died July 16 at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Kan.

Iola was born Jan. 17, 1932, at Maize, Kan., and graduated from Halstead High School in 1950. She was a nurse's aide at Halstead Hospital and served 17 years as a nursing assistant to Dr. Ruth Montgomery Short in Halstead. She served Memorial Hospital in McPherson, Kan., as director of volunteers for five years, retiring in 1982.

Iola was married to William Considine and had four children from that union. She later married Ronald Schaumburg. They were married for 25 years.

Iola is survived by her husband; sons Michael and Philip; daughters Mary Ann and Pamela; brothers Carl, Roy and James; stepdaughter Deborah; stepson Stephen; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Bobby Smith, Fairview, Okla., is the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) president for 2008-2010. He succeeds **Jim Santomaso**, Sterling, Colo., who becomes chairman of the board.

LMA's new vice president is **David Macedo**, Tulare, Calif. Newly elected to the board are **Randy Patterson**, Anthony, Kan., and **Rob Fraser**, Miles City, Mont. Re-elected to the LMA board are **T. Phil**

Harvey, Jackson, Ga.; **Jerry Etheredge**, Linden, Ala.; and **Tim Starks**, Cherokee, Okla.

Matt Lowery, Burwell, Neb., won the LMA 45th annual World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC) June 28 at the Sioux Falls Regional Livestock Market, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Ted Odle, Brush, Colo., is the reserve world champion, and the runner-up world champion is **Ty Thompson**, Billings, Mont. The remaining seven finalists, who emerged from a field of 33 contestants, are **Lance Cochran**, Medford, Okla.; **Charly Cummings**, Yates Center, Kan.; **Justin Dodson**, Welch, Okla.; **Tom Frey**, Creston, Iowa; **Brian Little**, Wann, Okla.; **Paul Ramirez**, Tucson, Ariz.; and **Rick Shoemaker**, Kearney, Neb.

Christine Wilson has been named assistant dean for academic programs for the Kansas State University (K-State) College of Agriculture, effective Aug. 1.

Joel Groskreutz, Reedsburg, Wis., has been selected as president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Accelerated Genetics, effective July 15. He succeeds **Roger Ripley**, who retired Aug. 1.

J. Burton Eller Jr. has been hired by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) to manage the association's legislative and regulatory office in Washington, D.C. Eller, who served as senior vice president of government affairs for the former National Cattlemen's Association (NCA), will report to CEO Terry Stokes.

Steven Knudsen is the new communications director for the International Agri-Center, charged with managing the communications of the World Ag Expo and the California Antique Farm Show and Heritage Complex.

Joshua Branen has been hired by BioTracking LLC as a research scientist to explore and develop the company's product line and assist the sales team in explaining the science-based benefits of the company's testing services.

Joe Schuele is the new communications director for the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) in Denver, Colo., effective July 10. He was formerly communications director for NCBA.

