

NEWSMAKERS

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Within this "Newsmakers" column we share important news and accomplishments of our members, including state association activities, birth and marriage announcements, and news of Angus members' passing.

In Passing



Elias "Eli" Stahl, 71, Lewistown, Mont., passed away Nov. 1, 2019.

He was born Oct. 27, 1948, at the Deerfield

Colony where he lived all his life.

Eli was elected minister in 1987 and was ordained in 1995. He lived a dedicated life as a true *Gemeinschafter*.

Eli enjoyed full days of work and started most days at daylight or earlier. He had a passion for raising Angus cattle and took pride in selecting herd sires. He was well-known by Angus cattlemen throughout the industry. He especially enjoyed going to Sage Creek Ranch to check on the cows.

Eli always looked forward to a new calf crop and baby colts. He was also an avid gardener and spent most of summers tending to the flood irrigation.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of 48 years; sons Rev. Gene (Evelyn) and Tim (Margaret); daughters Helen (Rev. Ben), Rosanna (Daniel) and Naomi (Paul); 25 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

C.L. Cook, 85, Social Circle, Ga., passed away Dec. 12, 2019.

C.L. was born on April 17, 1934, on Wesley Chapel Road in South



DeKalb County. Even before he graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School in 1952, he was hard at work as a

brickmason. It wasn't long before he was making a mark in the world, and in 1953, he was named Apprentice of the Year and represented the state of Georgia.

From 1953 to 1961, he worked as a foreman and mason and in 1961, formed C.L. Cook, Inc. and served on the board of MCAA. In 1976, he formed Pyramid Masonry Contractors, Inc. The company, under his leadership, continued to grow. By 1987 he had opened satellite offices in Charlotte and Orlando. Today, Pyramid continues to thrive and remains one of the top masonry contractors in the southeastern United States.

C.L. and his wife, Joyce, moved from Wesley Chapel Road to Social Circle in 1991, where C.L. developed one of the premier Angus herds in the country. He promoted the same quality and integrity in his cattle business, and was elected president of the Georgia Angus Association. He was selected as Cattleman of the Year, Outstanding Conservationist for Newton County and Outstanding Conservationist for Georgia.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joyce Manning Cook; his three children, Karen and her husband, Steve, Kenneth and his wife, Jeanne, and Angel and her husband, Steve; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Libby" Cullinan Mathers, 65, Tremont, Ill., passed



away Dec. 14, 2019.

Libby, also affectionately known as "Dibby" by her two older brothers, was born to Duane Austin

Cullinan and Mary Habel Cullinan on May 5, 1954, at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Illinois.

Known for being a sweet, beautiful child, she later grew into a pioneering force in the business areas of farming, cattle, horses, and the establishment of successful shops, gaming bars, a developed distillery, and a farm-to-table restaurant called "Harvest" in Delavan, Ill.

Throughout her life, besides her love for all types of music, horses were Libby's greatest passion. For more than 50 years she was not only a successful exhibitor, she was a skilled horse trainer and later became an owner of a renowned boarder facility in Morton and later in Delavan.

Still passionate about her horse operations, she expanded her interests to purebred Angus cattle. In the last 20 years, Top Line Farm had countless champions at the state and national levels including six national grand champions at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver and three national grand champions at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky.

Libby's annual fall cattle sale in Tremont, Ill., for 11 consecutive years brought in buyers from 27 states, Canada, Mexico and South America. It was through her cattle and farming success she respectfully became known by other land and livestock owners in the area as "The Woman of the West."

Libby graduated from Bergan High School in 1972 and went on to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

Libby resided in Peoria, Ill., until her move to rural Tremont in 2004. A big believer in the development of the downtown area in Delavan, Libby started with the opening of a farm-to-table restaurant she named Harvest. Libby then continued investing in many more downtown buildings and was a huge force in revitalizing Main Street. Delavan became Libby's home away from home, largely due to the many friends and business associates she loved who lived there.

Along with her business interests, Libby was a member of the Junior League of Peoria, a benefactor to WTVP, a longtime member of the Mid-West Charity Horse Show Board, and a national and state benefactor of the junior Angus programs. She was a member of the American Angus Association, the Illinois Angus Association and

served on the All-American Breeders' Futurity Board of Directors.

Libby is survived by one son, Thomas A. (Kristin) of Peoria, Ill.

Joseph Leroy "Roy" Outlaw, Jr., 58,



of Seven Springs, N.C., passed away Dec. 25, 2019.

Roy was born Nov. 18, 1961, in Lenoir County to Joann Sutton Outlaw and the

late Joseph Leroy Outlaw, Sr.

With a love and passion for farming and agriculture, Roy worked 30 years as an animal health technician with the N.C. Department of Agriculture. Following retirement, Roy began working as a field representative for East Carolina Stockyard.

Roy is a member and past president of both the North Carolina Angus Association and the Wayne County Cattlemen's Association. He served on the board of directors for the Wayne County Livestock Development Association.

From his beloved herd of Angus cows to growing hay, Roy's world revolved around farming. When his new granddaughter, Gracelyn, came along, things changed. She had her Pappy wrapped around her tiny fingers. Roy loved his family and worked hard to care and provide for his wife and two daughters. As an only child, he was faithful in taking care of his mama, whom he dearly loved.

Roy was a lifelong member of Seven Springs Baptist Church. He served as a deacon many times and his church family held a special place in his heart. Roy was always honest, caring, reliable and hardworking.

He was a friend to all and liked nothing more than to sit down and

have a good conversation, especially when it involved talking about his cows and his *alma mater*, North Carolina State University. He had a keen sense of humor and could talk to anybody. Roy held a deep concern for his fellow man and was willing to help others any way he could.

In addition to his mother, Roy is survived by his wife, Donna; daughters Chelsea and Courtney; and one granddaughter.

In recognition Marshall recognized as distinguished alumnus

Lorna Marshall, Burlington, Colo., was recognized as Kansas State University (KSU) Department of Animal Sciences and Industry Distinguished Alumnus on Dec. 3.

Marshall is an industry-leading authority in the beef artificial insemination (AI) business. Active in 4-H and Simmental youth programs, she attended Colby Community College where she served as student body president and competed on the livestock judging team. The 1989 Kansas Community College Student of the Year, Marshall transferred to KSU where she was a Block & Bridle officer and a member of the 1990 reserve national champion livestock judging team. After earning her bachelor's degree in animal science, Marshall completed her animal breeding master's at Colorado State University.

Upon completion of graduate school, she worked for the American Gelbvieh Association as a special services manager before beginning her career in the beef AI industry.

In 1995, Marshall entered the beef AI sector becoming manager of sire acquisition for ABS Global. After leaving that role in 2011, she went on

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to work for Cooperative Resources International/Genex where she placed a strong emphasis on marketing and product development.

In 2016, Marshall transitioned to Select Sires where she currently serves as the vice president of beef programs. Since she joined the Select Sires team, the company has increased beef sales and market share.

Marshall and her husband, Troy, reside in Burlington, Colo., where they are partners in Marshall Cattle Co. Their 450-head operation consisting of purebred Angus and SimAngus cattle is home of SuperMamas and emphasizes maternally functional, balanced-trait cattle. Lorna and Troy have three children — Wyatt, Justis and Wynn.



Lorna Marshall (right) was recognized as Kansas State University Department of Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus.

2019 Nebraska Angus Association Meeting and Banquet



Elected to the Nebraska Angus Association board of directors (front row, from left) are Brett Weers, Beatrice, Neb., past president; Margo Lehn, Long Pine, Neb., secretary/manager; and Danny Poss, Scotia, Neb., president. Pictured back row (from left) are Mark Laflin, Crab Orchard, Southeast director; Jeff Ruggles, McCook, Neb., South director; Benjamin Andrews, Minneapolis, Minn., North director; Matthew Lowery, Burwell, Neb., commercial director; and Joe Epperly, Albion, Neb., Northeast director.

2019 North Dakota Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet



Elected to serve on the North Dakota board of directors (front row, from left) are Ryan Ressler, Cooperstown, N.D.; Ashley Bruner and Travis Bruner, both of Drake, N.D., secretaries/treasurers; Evan Farnsworth, McHenry, N.D.; Matthew Tastad, Rolette, N.D. past president; Casey Maher, Morristown, S.D., vice president; and Jeremy Strommen, New Salem, N.D. Pictured (back row, from left) are Dustin Frey, Granville, N.D.; Robert Carlson and Gregg Urlacher, both of Regent, N.D.; Joel Opp, Hebron, N.D., president; Paul Topp, Grace City, N.D.; Sydney Caraballo, Wildrose, N.D., director; and Stetson Ellingson, Saint Anthony, N.D., director.



Frey Angus Ranch, Granville, N.D., received the Breeder of the Year award. Pictured (from left) are Dustin Frey and Lynn Frey.

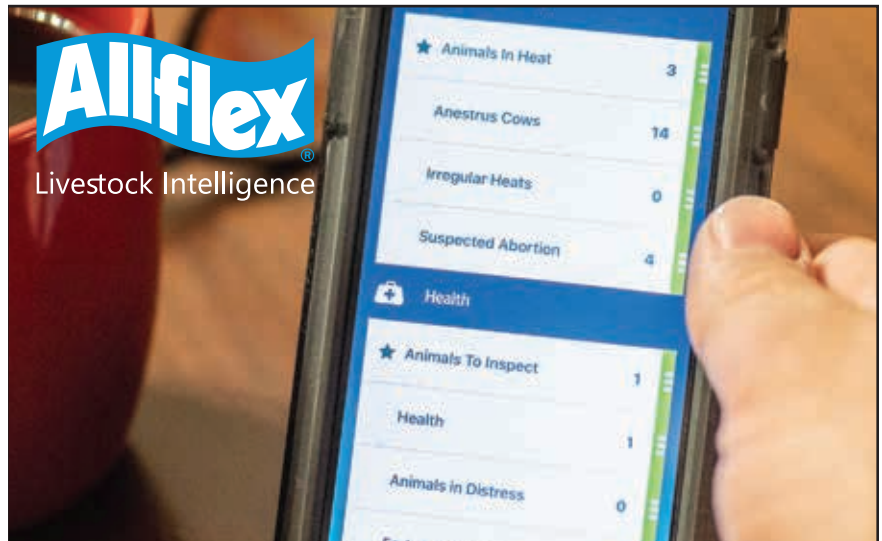


Svenningsen Ranch, Valley City, N.D., received the Commercial Breeder of the Year award. Pictured (from left) are Greg, Marcy, Tara and Adam Svenningsen.



Steve Brooks, Bowman, N.D., left, received the Man of the Year award. Pictured presenting the award is Joel Opp, North Dakota Angus Association president.

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