

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.

Angus Arrivals



Josh and Brittany Comminellis, Liberty, Mo., announce the birth of their son Shiloh Leland George on Jan. 29.

He weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long. Shiloh joins his brother Gideon at home.

Josh works for the American Angus Association, Saint Joseph, Mo., in the Communications Department primarily as a videographer.



Kurt and Jodee Jones, Randolph, N.Y., announce the birth of their son Kolt Richard on Jan. 29. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was

19 inches long. Kolt joins his older sisters Turah Michael and Marin Kate at home.

Kurt raises Angus cattle on C Bar K Farm in Randolph, which he has operated for the past 11 years.

In recognition

Thummel joins Missouri Cattlemen's staff

The Missouri Cattlemen's Association (MCA) welcomed Sydney Thummel to its staff on Feb. 4, 2019. She will serve as the manager of membership based in the association's headquarters in Columbia.

MCA Executive Vice President Mike Deering says Thummel is no stranger to the association and has been involved for many years.

"I am confident Sydney will represent MCA well and be a true asset to the current and soon-to-be members of this association," Deering says. "She's hardworking, dedicated, most importantly, she is committed and passionate about advancing Missouri's beef industry."

Thummel is a recent graduate of Northwest Missouri State University where she majored in agricultural business. Originally from Sheridan, Mo., she grew up on a diversified

farming operation and is an active participant on the farm.

She has been an active member and a leader in the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association and the Missouri Junior Angus Association.

While attending college, Sydney worked for GFG Ag Services; Nodaway Valley Bank; and at the Missouri State Fair as an assistant in the beef office.

"I am ready to get to work," Thummel says. "Missouri farm and ranch families work hard to produce the safest, most delicious beef possible. They do not have time to drop everything and be in Jefferson City or Washington, D.C., on a moment's notice. That's one reason this association exists. We are there for them and I'm honored to be part of the team."

2019 Florida Angus Association Banquet

Serving on the 2019 Florida Angus Association Board of Directors (seated, from left) are Richie Longanecker, president, Lithia; Douglas Holmberg, second vice president, Lithia; J.R. Baker, treasurer, Brooksville; Donna Blommel, secretary, Dade City. Directors (back row, from left) are Zoila Hernandez, Wellington; Ronnie Williams, Silver Springs; Bill Freel, Weirsdale; Albert Austrino, Dade City; Zachary Longanecker and Kelley Longanecker, both of Lithia; and Graham Hall, Brooksville.



2019 Kansas Angus Association Banquet

Elected to serve on the 2019 Kansas Angus Association Board of Directors (seated, from left) are Brandon New, Leavenworth, president; John McCurry, Burrton, vice president; Clint Woodrow, Emporia, treasurer; Anne Lampe, Scott City, secretary/manager; and Neal Haverkamp, Bern, past president. Also elected to serve (standing, from left) are Jason Flory, Baldwin City; Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland; Ben Williams, Hutchinson; Darin Huck, Dodge City; Jeff Klausmeyer, Clearwater; Spencer Jones, Wamego; Jace Johnson, Dwight; Lance Cline, Onaga; Stephanie Dickerson, Paradise; and Cash Schilling, Edson.



Elected to serve on the Kansas Angus Association Auxiliary (from left) are Wendy Flory, Baldwin City, president; Melissa Cozzitorto, Olathe, vice president; Tonya Theis, Leavenworth, secretary; Lori Fink, Randolph, treasurer; Esther McCabe, Elk City, reporter; and Beverly Figge, Onaga, past president.



The Edmund Theis family, April Valley Farms, Leavenworth, received the honorary member award. Pictured (from left) are Mark Theis; Larry Theis; Alice and Edmund Theis; Jerry Theis; Paula Poff; and Joe Theis.

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2019 Pennsylvania Angus Association Banquet



Receiving seedstock producer of the year (right) is Chad Cash, Cash Family Angus/Kohr Farms, York. Presenting the award is Deric Horting, Pennsylvania Angus Association Board of Directors (left).



Beaver Creek Angus, Thomasville, was named breeder of the year. Pictured (from left) are Greg Grim; Jared Miller, holding Dawson Miller; Hannah Miller; Kolton Grim; Kaitlyn Grim; and Kyle Grim.



The Bell family, Nottingham, was named family of the year. Pictured (from left) are Dave, Kaitlin, David and Tiffany Bell.



Receiving promoter of the year (from left) are Peggy and Greg McKean, Mercer. Marshall McKean is also pictured, center.



Elected to serve on the Pennsylvania Angus Association Board of Directors (seated, from left) are Jamie Brozman, Bethlehem, secretary; Chad Cash, York, president; and Bradford Bishard, York, treasurer. Also elected to serve (standing, from left) are Tim Livingston, Dover; Dale Rains, Mercer; Kyle Grim, Thomasville; John Nichols, Tyrone; and Deric Horting, Newport.

2019 Northern Virginia Angus Association Banquet



John Pennington, Warrenton, Va., left, won the field day award. Presented by Chuck Alexander, right.