

# 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

**Jeremy and Leann Schleicher**, Stewartsville, Mo., announce the birth of their son Jack Hudson, on Jan. 18. He weighed 4 pounds, 11.5 ounces and was 17 1/4 inches long.



Leann is a graphic design artist for Angus Media.

## In Passing

**Carl Michael Wallman**, 75, Pittsfield, N.H., passed away Feb. 14.



He was an environmentalist, ecologist, farmer, breeder of championship cattle, apostle of naturalist philosopher Aldo

Leopold, lifelong fan of the New York Yankees, good neighbor and dear friend. He was proprietor of Graylag Cabins on Wild Goose Pond and cofounder of the Northwood Area Land Management Collaborative (NALMC), which began in 2004 as a means by which neighbors working together could be good stewards of the land.

After graduating from the

University of Wisconsin and studying mathematics at Northeastern University, Carl bought 180 acres in Northwood, and he eventually learned the basics of farming and raising Angus cattle.

During the next 25 years, he turned Harmony Hill Farm into a great success. Carl developed innovative breeding techniques that had cattle ranchers from around the country studying his methods and buying his cattle. In 1989 he was awarded the grand champion pen of three Angus bulls at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver.

In 1994 he sold his herd and purchased the main house and lakeside cabin of Graylag, a property on Wild Goose Pond in Pittsfield that had been a basketball camp in the 1960s and 1970s. Inspired by the natural landscape and the philosophy of Aldo Leopold, he became determined to reach out to neighbors and build community, to think of the land as part of a larger system that knows no boundaries.

He worked with New Hampshire Fish and Game to understand and map the watersheds and habitats, and he began a dialogue with neighbors about their common interests, across property lines and often across ideological lines, too. That’s how NALMC was born in 2006.

After restoring some of the cabins and adding artistic touches throughout the property, Carl began renting cabins. Gradually, Graylag grew and evolved as a place of healing and beauty.

In his final months, Carl succeeded in establishing paths for both Harmony Hill Farm and Graylag to continue in their current form well beyond his lifetime. The farm is being donated to Southeast Land Trust under an innovative easement, so that it will remain a farm forever. And his beloved Graylag has been reborn as Graylag Nature Preserve, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting people with nature and one another.

Carl is survived by his sons Evan and Gabriel; one granddaughter; and partner, Fran.

**Gordon Glen Booth**, 81, Veteran, Wyo., passed away Feb. 26.

Gordon was born Nov. 5, 1938, in Torrington, Wyo., to Henry and Helen Booth. He was the oldest of three children. He grew up in Veteran and graduated from Veteran High School Eagles in 1956.

He attended college at the University of Wyoming with majors in agriculture and animal science, as well as running track. While at the University of Wyoming, Gordon belonged to the TKE fraternity. It

was also at UW he met Mary Ann Zwemer and on June 23, 1958, they married in the Deaver Methodist Church. They went back to UW that fall before moving to his family's farm in Veteran, Wyo., where they were married for 58 years.

Gordon served as past president of the Wyoming Angus Association, an original founding charter member of the Wyoming Beef Cattle Improvement Association, and past president of the Goshen County Farm Bureau. He was a 4-H leader and Boy Scout leader, as well as receiving the honor as an Eagle Scout.

He belonged to the American Angus Association, American International Charolais Association, American Quarter Horse and Paint Horse Association. He also raised and belonged to Columbia and Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Association.

Gordon began to artificially inseminate (AI) cattle in 1969. He was a cutting-edge and original user of prostaglandin for synchronization. He worked with Jim Drayson on sexed semen as early as 1985. He began embryo transplanting (ET) in the early '90s. He loved working with American Breeders Association (ABS), where he has been a rep since April 1, 1986; over 35 years.

The ranch started Progress Thru Performance bull sales in 1973 at Stockman Livestock. He transferred the bull sale in 1979 to the home place. The ranch's sale was the first production sale in Goshen County with guest consignors. Gordon truly embraced technology of the genetic

influence and identity of cattle.

Gordon is survived by his children Kerri, Shawn, Jodie and Kacey; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## In Recognition Historic Angus Herd

Ralph Porter and Sons, Dalhart, Texas, was recognized as an American Angus Association Historic Angus Herd.

In 1960, Ralph Porter, along with his son Wayne, purchased their foundation Angus herd from the OK&T Angus Sale in Buffalo, Okla. From this, a partnership was formed known as Ralph Porter and Sons.

At the time, the cows were sold as single units, pens of two or pens of three, and the average price was \$250. They purchased eight cows and one bull from Ralph Hopkins, Moreland, Okla.; Otto Yauk, Woodward, Okla.; A&M Hissen, Sand Springs, Okla.; L.B. Parsons and Sons, Anthony, Kan.; and C.T. Ubank, Coats, Kan.

In the beginning the blueprint of the cattle program was to keep all the females and sell the bull calves. The goal was to have 200 mama cows. That changed in 1964 when they purchased Scotch bull Blazon of SL 38 from J.V. Hampton of Fort Worth, Texas. The bull was purchased on the recommendation of Dallam County Extension Agent B.F. Yeates. This bull and his son were used for the next eight years to intensify the Scotch breeding.

The Historic Angus Herd Award recognizes Angus breeders and immediate families who have been in

continuous production of registered-Angus cattle for 50 years or more.

## Colorado Angus Ass'n

The Colorado Angus Association hosted its annual meeting in Denver on Jan. 16, during the NWSS. The newly elected officers are Brent Vieselmeyer, president; Jason Wrich, vice president; Ty Walter, secretary; and Chris Shelton, treasurer. Newly elected directors are Scott Beaman; Hannah Garrett; Troy Marshall; Jeff Meyers; and Duane Yearous.

The board voted unanimously to contribute the commission earned from the sponsorship of the 2020 Foundation Female Sale to the Colorado Cattlemen's Association Building Fund. The express purpose of the donation is to help fund the purchase of the historic Livestock Exchange Building located in the Yards at the NWSS complex. The board also voted unanimously to make a contribution to the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, which is being hosted in Colorado in 2020.

The Golden Trend Show will be in Craig, Colo., June 13-14, 2020. The plans for the 2020 Colorado Angus tour will be forthcoming.

For more information visit <http://coloradoangusassociation.com/>.

## 2020 Texas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Jan. 24, Fort Worth



Serving on the Texas Angus Ass'n board of directors (seated, from left) are Megan Johnson, Fort Worth, executive director; Greg Dennis, Giddings, president; Bodey Langford, Lockhart, vice president; Steed Smith, Huntsville, second vice president; Bryan Vay, Giddings, secretary-treasurer; and Wyman Poe, Navasota, general manager. Pictured standing (from left) are Mike Ettredge, Pilot Point; Keith Preston, Paris; Van Percy, Midland; Ronnie Foley, Merit; Roger West, Stephenville; Bill Evans, Stephenville; Michael Kuck, Luling; Steve Zybach, Briscoe; and Joe Bush, Hamilton. Not pictured are Joel Hopper, Dike; and Les Worsham, Houston.

## 2020 Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 25, Hutchinson



Elected to serve on the Kansas Angus Ass'n board of directors (front row, from left) are John McCurry, Burrton, president; Clint Woodrow, Emporia, vice president; Jeff Klausmeyer, Wellington, treasurer; Anne Lampe, Scott City, secretary/manager; and Brandon New, Leavenworth, past president. Directors (back row, from left) are Ben Williams, Hutchinson; Stephanie Dickerson, Paradise; Rick Cozzitorto, Olathe; Spencer Jones, Wamego; Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland; and Elizabeth Perkins, Lorraine.



Gordon Stucky, Kingman (left), received the Honorary Member Award. Pictured presenting are Carolyn Phelps (center), and Mike Molitor, honorary member committee chairman (right).

## 2020 Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 1, La Rue



Fred Penick, Hebron (left), received the Distinguished Service Award. Also pictured are Rylee Closser (center), and Dave Felumlee (right), presenting.



Elected to serve on the Ohio Angus Ass'n board of directors (seated, from left) are Wes Untied, Granville; Scott Millikan, Napoleon; Shawn Howell, Shelby; Allen Gahler, Graytown, treasurer; Todd Raines, Seaman, president; Keith Kauffman, Danville, vice president; Daniel Wells, Frankfort, executive secretary; Joseph Sanders, Harrod, chairman of the board; and John King, Tiffin. Directors (standing, from left) are Nick Wagner IV, Attica; Michael Atterholt, Jeromesville; John Hall, Cardington; Kelvin Egner, Shelby; Henry Bergfeld, Summittville; Jay Clutter, Wapakoneta; David Felumlee, Newark; David Baird, Washington Court House; Fred Penick, Hebron; John Grimes, Hillsboro; Tim Harsh, Radnor; and Dan DeMeyer, West Union.

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