

# 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



**Deacon Marvin B. (Bocephus) Mclver**, Wray, Ga., passed away March 16.

He is the son of the late

Rev. John Mclver, Sr. and the late Maggie Bell Stewart Mclver.

Survivors include his wife, Denise Mclver; children Mitchell and McKayla Mclver; and grandson Brett Mclver; and several sisters and brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

## Angus arrivals



Andy and Ashley Blumer, Saint Joseph, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter Opal Grace on March 13. She weighed

5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18.75 inches long.

Andy works for Angus Media in the Web Department and Ashley works for Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI).

## In recognition

### 44 Farms



Bob McClaren, 44 Farms president and CEO made a lead gift of \$250,000 to the new

International Beef Cattle Academy (IBCA) at Texas A&M University (TAMU), establishing the 44 Farms IBCA Endowment.

The academy has the potential to expand TAMU’s leadership in agriculture even further across the world. McClaren’s gift, which also kicks off a multi-year \$10.5 million fundraising campaign for TAMU’s Department of Animal Science, will be used to support scholarships, the development of educational curriculum and other expenses for the cutting-edge online program.

### Robert Hall Jr.

Robert Hall Jr., who has been dedicated to animal agriculture for more than 70 years and is the longtime owner and president of Central Kentucky’s Farmers Feed Mill and its Hallway Feeds brand, will be the 2019 inductee into the

Saddle and Sirloin Club. It is widely considered the highest honor in the livestock industry.



This elite club of influential figures in the livestock industry was originally housed on the top floor

of the Purebred Livestock Records Building in Chicago, Ill., in the early 1900s. Livestock men would gather on the top floor over a sirloin steak or a saddle of lamb in the banquet, leading to the name “Saddle and Sirloin Club.” Chosen by their peers, the club continues the heritage of its founders to pay homage to those making the greatest contributions to the livestock industry.

Hall was instrumental in the formation and continued growth of the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) as he served on the executive committee from 1974 to 2012. He will be honored in an induction program and portrait unveiling Nov. 17, 2019, during the show.

After growing up on a family farm in central Kentucky and graduating from the University of Kentucky, Hall lived in New York and managed a purebred Angus Farm, served in

the U.S. Army as a veterinary meat inspector and was the beef cattle herdsman at the University of Kentucky's Coldstream Farm. He and his wife, Bonnie, purchased Farmers Feed Mill, a small feed business in Lexington, Ky., in 1964.

Known as "Mr. Bob," Hall lives on the family farm in Scott County, Kentucky, and is a regular presence at the feed mill with his son, Lee, and daughter, Julia, now running the day-to-day operation.

## Cierra Lamey

The University of Montana-Western (UM-Western) women's basketball team took home the program's first national title after a 75-59 win over Oklahoma City University during the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) D1 Women's Basketball Tournament.

American Angus Association



Angus member Cierra Lamey, Wise River, Mont., helped the University of Montana-Western become the NAIA D1 Women's national champion team this past March.

member Cierra Lamey of Circle L Angus, Wise River, Mont., went 100% from the free-throw line and was instrumental in team rebounds, nabbing six total.

Bearing the number 23 on her jersey, Lamey is a senior studying biology who has helped UM-Western

make history in the last two years. She was part of the team's first trip to the NAIA National Tournament in 2018 and helped the team win its first national title in the school's history in March 2019.

## 2019 Georgia Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet



The Georgia Angus Association (GAA) posthumously inducted Billy King, Irvington Farms, West Point, into the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame. Billy's family accepted the award. Pictured (from left) are Haley, Julie and Chris Throne; Ann Black, Billy's daughter; and Hank Throne and Katherine Throne.



The Douglas Williams family, Milan, were named the Georgia Angus Association Member of the Year. Pictured (from left) are Douglas, Hannah and Tammy Williams.

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Dick and Julie Phillips, Wakefield Farm, Hartwell, were honored as the Commercial Producer of the Year. Pictured (from left) are Todd Baldwin; Dick and Julie Phillips; and Scott Fleming.



Serving on the Georgia Angus Association Board of Directors (front row, from left) are Douglas Williams, Milan, director; Carolyn Gazda, Athens, director; Todd Alford, Bowman, vice president; Andrew McPeake, Arnoldsville, president; Christy Page, Jefferson, executive secretary; and Smitty Lamb, Tifton, director. Also serving (back row, from left) are Cole Elrod, Talmo; Wilkes Barnett, Washington; Kyle Potts, Jefferson; Adam Verner, Smithville; Alan Bridges, Lexington; Michael Cronic, Braselton; Mike McCravy, Bowdon; and Clay Williams, Bishop.

## 2019 South Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet



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Gene Pruitt, Abbeville, was inducted into the South Carolina Angus Association Hall of Fame. Pictured (from left) are Walter Shealy, presenting the award; and Gene and Glenda Pruitt.



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Serving on the South Carolina Angus Association Board of Directors (from left) are John Garrett, Troy, director; Lee Clinton, Clover, director; Michael Johnson, Kinards, treasurer; Dixon Shealy, Newberry, president; Danny Winchester, Six Mile, vice president; Lynn Shealy, Chapin, immediate past president; Heather Blackmon Collins, Tigerville, director; Neal Martin, Saluda, secretary; and Kevin Renwick, Iva, director.

## 2019 Virginia Angus Association Annual Meeting and Banquet



The St. Clair family, Berryville, received the Angus Family of the Year Award. Pictured (from left) are Chuck Alexander, presenting; and Helena, Mikayla, Matthew and Debbie St. Clair, recipients.





Mark Duffell, Aldie, (right) received the Hall of Merit Award presented by Scott Buchanan.



Timothy Clark (right) and Dennis Eastin (not pictured) both of Gretna, received the Promoter of the Year Award presented by Buddy Shelton.



John Pennington, Monomoy, Warrenton, (right) received the Vanguard Award presented by Dennis Pearson.



Kevin Fleenor, Appomattox, (right) received the Past President Award presented by the 2019 Virginia Angus Association president Dennis Pearson.



Shawn Harris, Gretna, (left) received the Herdsman of the Year Award presented by Kevin Fleenor.



Peter Fulper, Gretna, (left) received the Distinguished Service Award presented by George Winn.



The Coleman family, Scottsville, received the Handbook Dedication Award. Pictured (from left) are Paul Coleman, recipient; David Leonard, presenting; and Virginia Coleman, recipient.



Tom Nixon, Glenmary Farm LLC, Rapidan, (right) received the Cattlemen of the Year Award presented by Dennis Pearson.



John Prekker, Silver Creek Angus, Danville, received the Bartenslager Award. Pictured (from left) are John, Norma Jo and Andrew Prekker, recipients; and Scott Greiner, presenting. **AJ**



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CED	BW	WN	YW	SC	DOC	Milk	CW	Marb	RE	\$W	\$F	\$B
12	-0.7	68	121	1.23	24	42	56	0.65	0.38	87.55	84.88	151.19
% Rank 10	% Rank 15	% Rank 10	\$ Rank 10	%Rank 20	% Rank 20	\$ Rank 1	% Rank 10	% Rank 35	% Rank -	% Rank 1	% Rank 10	% Rank 20



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