

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



Judith Ann (Klosterman) Rentz, 77, Coldwater, Ohio, died Feb. 18.

She was born Aug. 7, 1944, at her family farm near Montezuma, Ohio, to the late Walter and Alvina (Ranly) Klosterman.

Judy was a caring mother and grandmother who greeted everyone with a friendly smile. She loved warm days tending to her garden and taking care of her flower beds. Nothing would make Judy’s heart leap for joy quite as much as seeing her grandkids. She also loved her many nieces and nephews.

Judy’s whole life was one of love — love for her family, but also for her friends and anything she put her mind and hands to. Her infectious personality and the love she had to give were something people wanted to be close to. Her love also came from a deep place of faith.

She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma, where she and Jim were married Dec. 27, 1968. Early in her career, Judy was a staff member at the Center for Neurological Development in Burkettsville, serving many in need of neurological therapy.

She worked at Mercer County Probate Court until retirement and was a volunteer at Mercer Health Hospital.

Judy is survived by her husband, James M. Rentz; three children, Sheri (Nick), Doug (Alicia) and Nick (Gretchen); seven grandchildren and step-grandchildren; five siblings, Earl (Eileen), Victor (Pat), Connie (Jim), Luke (Renee) and Gary (Betty); and in-laws, Barbara, Margaret and Connie.



Walter Larry Atzenweiler, 87, died Feb. 24. Larry was born Dec. 3, 1934, to Walter H. and Anna

M. Atzenweiler in Topeka, Kan., and grew up in Kansas City, Mo.

Larry graduated from Southwest High School in Kansas City, and then from Kansas State University (K-State) a few years later. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. While at K-State, Larry was introduced to the love of his life, Rowena Jean Cook, from Columbus, Kan. The two were united in marriage in 1958.

After college Larry served in the Army Reserves and then went to work for Butler Manufacturing as a sales training manager. In the early 1970s, Larry started the Atzenweiler Company and sold advertising for a few beef cattle publications. In 1971 Larry was one of the founders of the *Missouri Beef Cattleman* magazine, which became the official publication for the Missouri Cattlemen’s

Association. Larry worked for *Missouri Beef Cattleman* for more than 40 years.

Larry is survived by his sons Andy (Gena) and David (Shirley); seven grandchildren; his sister, Mary Ann; and many nieces, nephews and friends.



Leslie Ann Morelock Roye, 53, Fayetteville, Ark., died Jan. 28.

She was born Dec. 16, 1968, in Madison, Wis., a daughter of the late Teddy Morelock and Jane Jones Morelock.

Leslie was a graduate from Fayetteville High School and the University of Arkansas with a master’s degree in animal reproductive physiology. She was a science teacher at Fayetteville High School and a member of the American Angus Association.

Leslie was the first female in the State of Arkansas to receive the FFA State Star Farmer Award and was vice president for the Fayetteville FFA chapter.

Leslie had a big heart for Angus cattle. Throughout her showing career, she received many awards and accolades she later passed down to her daughter. Leslie and Hailey are second- and third-generation cattle producers.

Leslie’s father and mother served as advisors for the Arkansas Junior

Angus Association. After Leslie's showing career ended, she continued to focus her passion for FFA through educating the youth of Northwest Arkansas. She served as an educator for more than 20 years at Fayetteville High School.

For 15 years, Leslie fought multiple battles with cancer. Despite having this terrible disease, Leslie never let it stop her from taking her daughter to a show, cheer practice or any other event. She continued to show her passion for agriculture and the Angus breed her entire life.

Leslie is survived by a daughter, Hailey Ann Roye, and a large loving extended family.



Richard Sour, 91, of Urbana, Ohio, died March 6.

He was born June 29, 1930, in Seneca County, Ohio, to Leland Stanford and Helen Berdine Pangborn Sour.

In 1948 he was selected as the Ohio FFA Star Farmer. He graduated from Jackson Liberty School in 1949 with a scholarship to The Ohio State University (The OSU).

During his time at The OSU, he served as the university's beef cattle herdsman and president of the Saddle and Sirloin Club. As a member of The OSU's 1951 general livestock judging team, he won high individual at both the American Royal and the Chicago International Collegiate Judging Contest. Dick graduated from The OSU in 1953 with a degree in animal husbandry and served on active duty in the U.S. Army in Greenland as a first lieutenant.

Afterward he became beef cattle herdsman and instructor of horse production at Pennsylvania State University. There he was an influential member of the committee

that formed the first Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition. Dick began judging beef cattle in the early 1950s, and during the next 51 years judged many major livestock shows, such as the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago and Louisville; American Royal; Eastern National; Royal Winter Fair in Toronto; Pacific International Exposition in Vancouver, Canada; as well as numerous state and regional livestock shows; and overseas in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

He married Barbara E. Stickley of Urbana Aug. 20, 1955.

After several years establishing Angus Glen Farm in Ontario, Canada, he and his family returned to Champaign County in 1965 and established Carriage Hill Farms. In the mid-1970s, he created the innovative Bovine Enterprises 4-H Club, a club that focused, in part, on members' practical application of

beef cattle marketing skills.

Dick was a member of the committee that originally formulated the Ohio Beef Marketing Program. He was a member of the first Ohio Bull Test Committee and of the executive committee for the Buckeye Beef Show. He initiated and planned the first Ohio Angus Preview Show and later organized the carcass show at the Champaign County Fair.

His portrait was placed in The OSU Animal Science Hall of Fame as the Distinguished Alumnus in 1973.

He actively participated in the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, serving as president and director, and in the Ohio Angus Association during terms as president, secretary and director. He was a director in the Miami Valley Angus Association and in the Champaign County Cattlemen's Association, where he was president and treasurer. He has been president of the Champaign

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He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Leslie; and a son, S. Reed (Christine).

In Recognition BoPat Farms



Pictured (from left) are Larry Patterson, owner of BoPat Farms, and Patterson, Baker and Bo Freeman.

BoPat Farms, Bradford, Tenn., received the American Angus Association's Historic Angus Herd Award for continuous production of

registered-Angus cattle for more than 50 years.

Larry Patterson founded BoPat Farms, originally named Bolton and Patterson Farms, in Bradford, Tenn., in the summer of 1970. The new name, BoPat Farms, was formed from Larry's wife's maiden name, Bolton, and the Patterson name in 1986.

The herd began as a small, secondary business to their row crop operation, but Angus quickly became the staple. The combination of the maternal and carcass traits made Angus the right option for the BoPat operation. They started by selling bulls privately and eventually grew to their own production bull and female sales.

The BoPat foundation cattle were purchased from Rishel Angus, North Platte, Neb.; VanDyke Angus Ranch, Manhattan, Mont.; and Sydenstricker Genetics, Inc., Mexico, Mo.

"Our markets have been built on supplying the commercial cattlemen with quality product that checks the boxes for profit," Patterson said.

Over the years, Patterson has served as a voting delegate or

alternate for the state of Tennessee at the Angus Convention. He has also served as chairman, president and board member for countless state and regional cattle organizations.

There are now five generations of cowboys who work on the farm either permanently or part-time. Patterson still works daily with the herd of 150 females alongside his grandson, Peyton Pruett, who serves as herdsman.

Deacon recognized



Matthew Deacon was named the 2021 Virginia Angus Cattle Manager of the Year. He holds a bachelor's degree

in animal nutrition science and a master's degree in reproductive physiology from West Virginia University. Deacon is a certified embryologist. He currently leads the purebred Angus seedstock program at Audley Cattle.

Georgia Cattlemen's Convention, Feb. 17, Savannah



John Jarrell, Jarrell Angus, Butler, Ga., was posthumously inducted into the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame. Pictured (from left) are Jay, Kim, John Will, Hadley and Nina Jarrell; and Anna Beth, Jennifer and Keith Carpenter, accepting on his behalf.



Harvey Lemmon, Lemmon Cattle Company, Woodbury, Ga., was posthumously inducted into the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame. Pictured are Donnie (left) and Nina Lemmon, accepting on his behalf.

Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Feb. 26, Ozark



Darrell Tunstill, White River Cattle Company, Fayetteville, Ark., consigned the top open heifer and top fall pair at the Sharing the Success Sale, Dec. 11, 2021. Pictured are Tunstill (left) and Sam Haley, Arkansas Angus Ass'n president, presenting.



Tyler Copeland, Copeland Angus Ranch, Paragould, Ark., and Stacey Speer, Speer Farms, Marmaduke, Ark., consigned the top bred heifers at the Sharing the Success Sale, Dec. 11, 2021. Pictured (from left) are Copeland; Sam Haley, presenting; and Speer.



Johnnie Grizzle, Grizzle Angus Ranch, Pocola, Okla., consigned the top bred cow and top bull at the Sharing the Success Sale, Dec. 11, 2021. Pictured (from left) are Jody Grizzle; Sam Haley, presenting; and Johnnie Grizzle.



Jerry and Debbie Cross, Cross Brothers Farm, Paragould, Ark., received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured (from left) are Jerry and Debbie Cross and Sam Haley, presenting.



Gary (left) and Christina Spencer, Lakeview Farms, Powhatan, Ark., won the door prize of the "Angus Calf with Butterfly" print.

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Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 26, Columbia



Elected to serve on the Missouri Angus Ass'n board of directors (seated from left) are David Hunter, Fair Grove, past president; Kelly Smith, West Plains, president; Brock Meyer, Bowling Green, president elect; Tony Ward, Oak Grove, vice president; Darla Eggers, Mexico, secretary; and Julie Conover, Holden, executive director. Standing (from left) are Steve Miller, Maryville, district 1 director; Jim Brinkley, Milan, American Angus Association board member; Chad Sampson, Kirksville, district 2 director; Chas Wheeler, Paris, district 3 director; Roger Behlmann, Saint Paul, district 4 director; Duane Robertson, Russellville, district 5 director; David Warfield, Butler, district 6 director; Holly Meyer, Koshkonong, district 8 director; Kadin Boardman, Jackson, district 9 director; and Kody Graves, Eureka, sales manager.

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Elected to serve on the Missouri Angus Auxiliary (from left) are Melissa Eitel, Novinger, second vice president; Teela Sadowsky, Eagleville, vice president; Reba Colin, Butler, president; Kelly Houston, Savannah, treasurer; and Mackenzie Sampson, Kirksville, secretary.



Charley Spillman, Spillman Farms, Bethany, was named Commercial Producer of the Year. Pictured (from left) are Kyle, Chelsey, Charley and Melinda Spillman; and Teela and Jim Sadowsky.



Ben Eggers, Mexico, and Paul "Butch" Meier, Jackson, were presented with the Pioneer Breeder of the Year Award. Pictured (from left) are Butch and Eileen Meier; Don Laughlin, presenting; and Darla and Ben Eggers.



David Hunter, Fair Grove, was presented with an award for his service as past president. Pictured (from left) are Clint, Rachel, Norma "Gigi," David, Cheratin and Jordan Hunter.



Reed Gooden, Lone Jack, and Grant Ward, Oak Grove, won the Herdsman of the Year Award. Pictured (from left) are Annaliese Mead, Jennifer Russell and Juliette Mead, presenting; Reed Gooden and Grant Ward.



Mardee Sadowsky (right), Eagleville, was named Missouri Breeder of the Year and Missouri Junior Breeder of the Year. Also pictured is David Hunter, presenting.



Mackenzie (left) and Chad Sampson, Kirksville, were honored as outgoing junior advisors.

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