

# 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



**James Thomas “Jay” Watson Jr.**, 63, Lincoln, Ala., died May 5.

Jay joined the American Angus Association as a lifetime member in 1978. He was a longtime member of the Alabama Angus Association, where he served on the board of directors and was president in 1985.

Jay and his family donated the seed money for the Richard Dyar Scholarship for Alabama Angus juniors in 1999. He served as a consultant for several Angus breeders across the Southeast. He managed

sales and worked ringside at Angus sales for more than 30 years.

He also served as a delegate to the American Angus Association Annual Convention. Jay was a longtime member of the Alabama and Talladega Cattleman’s Associations, where he served on the county board of directors and as president.

Jay was active in his community, where he served on the Lincoln Industrial Board and as supervisor for the Alabama Soil and Water Conversation committee for 35 years. He also assisted with the organizing of the Talladega County Veterans’ Collaborative.

He is survived by his son, James

Thomas “Trae” (Bridget); sisters, Deborah (Danny) and Sheri; brother, Chris (Stephanie); three grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews.

## Angus Arrivals



MaKenzie and Clayton Allen welcomed a baby boy, **Wesley Allen**, May 18. He weighed 8 pounds (lb.) and 10 ounces (oz.).

MaKenzie is a customer service representative for Angus Genetics Inc. at the American Angus Association.

## 2021 Western National Angus Futurity Super Point Roll of Victory Show, April 17, Reno, Nev.



Chris and Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., won Herdsman of the Year. Pictured (from left) are Buckley and Brad Cox; Ellie Kidwell, Miss American Angus; Chris and Sharee Sankey; and Seth Cox. Photo by Katie Colyer.



Bob Funk, Yukon, Okla., was named the show’s 2021 honoree. Pictured (from left) are Brad Cox, Jarold Callahan and Donnie Robertson, accepting for Bob Funk, and Rod Wesselman. Photo by Katie Colyer.

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## 2021 Western Regional Junior Angus Show, April 17, Reno, Nev.



Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., won premier breeder. Pictured (from left) are Jarold Callahan, Express Angus Ranches; Ellie Kidwell, Miss American Angus; and Donnie Robertson, Express Angus Ranches.

## 2021 Mississippi Angus Ass'n Sale, May 1, Raymond



Nancy (left) and William (right) Howard, Sedgewood Plantation, Canton, consigned the best of show.

## 2021 Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting and Banquet, May 2, Raymond



Elected to serve on the Mississippi Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated from left) Lane Smith, Purvis, president; Stuart Johnson, Tupelo, vice president; Trey Gunn, Benton, treasurer; and Kindra Whitlock, luka, secretary. Directors (back row from left) are D.R. Bozeman Jr., Flora; Jeff Stokes, Jayess; William Howard, Canton; Will McMillan, Newton; Lance McCloud, Jayess; Tony Thames, Jayess; Randy Walker, Potts Camp; and Ron Melancon, Woodville.



Paul St. Blanc, Lena, was inducted posthumously into the Mississippi Angus Ass'n Hall of Fame. Accepting the award on his behalf are (from left) Clint Collins, Kayla Collins, Robert Powell, Emma Collins Powell, Lila Collins, Melanie Kiani and D.R. Bozeman Jr.



D.R. Bozeman Jr. (left) was presented with the outgoing president's buckle by Lane Smith (right), 2021 Mississippi Angus Ass'n president. 