

# 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



**Walter Cecil ‘Cec’ McCurry**, 86, Mt. Hope, Kan., passed away June 5, 2019.

McCurry was the youngest of seven children of Cora Lee Workman McCurry and Walter McCurry. He was born Nov. 12, 1932, in Geneseo, Kan. He graduated from Mount Hope High School in 1950 and entered the United States Army in 1955. Eventually, McCurry was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. After he was discharged from the Army, he returned to the family farm near Bentley, Kan.

In 1958, he and his four brothers entered into a partnership known as McCurry Brothers Angus. In 1962, they purchased the old Bridgman Elevator which McCurry managed until it was sold in 2005. He continued to be active in the cattle business, serving on the American Angus Association Board of Directors and as president of the Kansas Angus Association. McCurry was a farmer, stockman and a man of agriculture. He often quoted the 4-H motto “To make the best better,” and he lived it.

McCurry and his wife, Sandra, were named honorary members of the Kansas Angus Association in 2014 and received the National Angus Heritage Foundation award in 2011.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Sandra Hill McCurry; three sons, Brad (Alicia) McCurry, Greg (Pam) McCurry, and Geoff (Lucy) McCurry; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and Odell McCurry, his brother.

## Angus Arrivals



**Chris and Abigail Engel**, Smithville, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter Zona Josephine on June 9. She

weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20.5 inches long.

Chris is director of Angus Link at the American Angus Association and Abigail is a print services coordinator for Angus Media.



**Brandon and Bethany Kelly**, Saint Joseph, Mo., announce the birth of their son Owen Ryan on June 17. He weighed 6

pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Owen joins his two older brothers Luke and Eli at home.

Bethany works in the human resources department for the American Angus Association.



**Alex and Hannah Tolbert**, Harrodsburg, Ky., announce the birth of their son Elijah Alexander on June 22. He weighed 8

pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Elijah and Alex will forever share a birthday.

Alex serves as a regional manager for the American Angus Association covering Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

## In recognition CAA announces board executive

The Canadian Angus Association (CAA) announces the 2019–2020 board executives selected during the Canadian Angus National Convention in Drumheller, AB.

Bob Hahn of Sherwood Park, AB, was elevated from the position of president elect to president. Trevor Welch of Glassville, NB, moved into the past president position, and Shawn Birmingham of Brandon, MB, was chosen as president elect.

Hahn was elected to the CAA board in 2013 and was elected for a second term in 2016. He has operated HR Hahn Cattle Co. in Sherwood Park, AB, since 2000. Hahn served on the Alberta Angus Association board of directors from 2008 through 2012. He is also a chartered accountant and

operates his own practice, Hahn & Houle Chartered Accountants.

Welch is the fourth generation of his family to farm on their land: Garvie Mountain Angus. He, his father Fred Welch and son Taylor Welch currently run around 30 mother cows, made up of purebred black Angus and black baldie commercial cows. Welch is a professional engineer and a licensed New Brunswick Land Surveyor by profession, and is the owner of Welch Surveys Ltd.

Birmingham and his wife Teresa operate TSN Angus Livestock. They calve approximately 250 females each

year, 80 of which are purebred black Angus. Shawn and Teresa's passion for the breed has been recognized on several occasions, including receiving the 2012 Manitoba Angus Purebred Breeder of the Year award as well as the 2016 Outstanding Young Angus Breeder award from the CAA.

In addition to the new executive, Dale Easton of Wawota, SK, was acclaimed for a second term on the board and Brett Wildman of Sangudo, AB, was elected to a second term.

Easton operates Eastondale Angus with his wife Shelly and their daughter Erika near Wawota. Eastondale Angus is a purebred

cattle operation with approximately 180 females calving annually. Prior to joining the CAA board, Easton served on the Saskatchewan Angus Association Board of Directors for eight years. He was president from 2012–2014.

Wildman was elected to the board in 2014. He owns and operates Wildman Livestock with his wife Traci and their daughter Paige in Sangudo, AB. He was raised on a purebred Angus operation and has worked as a herdsman and semen collector.

## 2019 Alabama Angus Association Junior Preview Show & Field Day, June 1, Cullman



The Jackie Thrower Family, Arab, was named family of the year. Pictured (from left) are Brett, Kelly, John, Amelia, Sue and Jackie Thrower.



CK Cattle, Hope Hull, was named breeder of the year. Pictured (front row, from left) are Ellis Evans and Shep Evans. Also pictured (back row, from left) are Bradfield & Kathleen Evans; and Katie & Chuck Madaris.

## 2019 Atlantic National Super Point ROV Show, May 26, Timonium, Md.



Seldom Rest Farms, Niles, Mich., won premier breeder. Pictured (from left) are Scott Foster, recipient; Madison Weaver, Miss American Angus; Andrew Foster, recipient; and Zack Butler, judge.



Doug and Donna Full, Full Day Enterprise, Woodbine, Md., received the Show Dedication Award. Pictured (from left) are Paul Hill, show chairman; and Doug and Donna Full, recipients.



Daniel Rohrbaugh, Seven Valleys, Pa., right, was presented with the Calderazzo Volunteer Award. Presented by Harry Bachman, show manager, left.



Bryce Fitzgerald, West Grove, Pa., won premier exhibitor.

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## 2019 Louisiana Angus Association Annual Meeting & Banquet, April 26, LeCompte



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Lee Robbins, Grand Bayou Farms, Ruston, left, received the 2018 high selling bred heifer award, 2018 high selling spring pair award and 2019 high selling bull under 20 months award. Presented by Kara LeBeouf, Miss Louisiana Angus, right.



Dave Means III, Roseneath Plantation, Gloster, left, received the 2018 high selling fall pair award. Presented by LeBeouf, right.



Lee Hymel, Vacherie, left, received the 2018 high selling open heifer award. Presented by LeBeouf, right.



Robert Burford, Dixie Farms, Gloster, left, received the 2019 high selling bull over 20 months award. Presented by LeBeouf, right.



Phillip and Beth Shoemaker, Winnsboro, were named breeder of the year. Pictured (from left) are Phillip and Beth Shoemaker, recipients. Presented by LeBeouf, right.

Serving on the Louisiana Angus Association board of directors (front row, from left) are Edward Hymel, Vacherie, secretary; Kurt LeBeouf, DeRidder, president; Lee Robbins, Ruston, vice president; and Dale Schexnayder, Port Allen, treasurer. Also serving (second row, from left) are Enyart Mitchell, Coushatta, director; Dave Means III, Gloster, director; and Lana Myers, Jennings, junior advisor. Directors (back row, from left) are David Billingsley Jr., Keithville; Warren Bryan, Ruston; Kevin Windham, Jena; Phillip Shoemaker, Winnsboro; Robert Burford, Gloster; Ron Springer, Keithville; and Drew Hall, Ethel.





## 2019 Mississippi Angus Association Annual Meeting & Banquet, May 3, Raymond



Don Patrick, Terry, breeder, left; and Whitney Watts, Wesson, exhibitor, center, won Mississippi State Fair bred champion bull; Mississippi State Fair bred heifer champion; and Mississippi Dixie National reserve champion bull. Presented by Lane Smith, Mississippi Angus Association vice president, right.



Charles Nester, Morton, breeder, left; and Ryan Purvis, Morton, exhibitor, center, won Mississippi State Fair bred reserve champion bull. Presented by Smith, right.



Trey, Karen, and James Gunn, Woods Angus, Benton, breeders, left; and Jacob Bell, Raymond, exhibitor, center, won Mississippi Dixie National champion bull and Mississippi Dixie National reserve champion bred heifer. Presented by Smith, right.



Trey, Karen, and James Gunn, breeders, left; and Haley Walker, Potts Camp, exhibitor, center, won Mississippi Dixie National champion heifer. Presented by Smith, right.



Lance McCloud, McCloud Farms, Jayess, right, won progressive breeder of the year. Presented by Smith, left.



Marc Kimbrell, Carrollton, left, won the president's award. Presented by Smith, right.



Stephen Gaines, Brandon, right, was presented with the outgoing president's buckle. Presented by Smith, left.



Serving on the Mississippi Angus Association board of directors (front row, from left) are Marc Kimbrell, Carrollton, secretary; D.R. Bozeman Jr., Flora, president; Lane Smith, Purvis, vice president; and Kindra Whitlock, Iuka, treasurer. Directors (second row, from left) are Jon Paul Whitlock, Iuka; Randy Walker, Potts Camp; Will McMillan, Newton; William Howard, Canton; Tony Thames, Jayess; Larry Blocker, Starkville; James Peden, Moselle; and W.E. Warren, West.

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## 2019 Mississippi Angus Association Sale, May 4, Raymond



Golden J Farm, Tupelo, consigned the champion open heifer, the high selling open heifer and the champion fall cow-calf pair and best of show. Pictured (from left) are Luke Chittum, consignor; and D.R. Bozeman, Mississippi Angus Association president, presenting.



Vista Farms, Fayette, Ala., consigned the champion bred heifer. Pictured (from left) are Bozeman, presenting; and Sarah McElfresh, consignor.



Black Star Angus, Mantachie, consigned the champion spring cow-calf pair and high-selling cow-calf pair. Pictured (from left) are C.W. Franks, consignor; and Bozeman, presenting.



Vista Cattle Company consigned the high-selling bred heifer. Pictured (from left) are Randy Walker, Mississippi Angus Association director, presenting; and Scott McElfresh, consignor.



Cole's Cattle Company, Bogue Chitto, consigned the high-selling bull and the champion bull. Pictured (from left) are Landon Cole; Tom Cole, consignor; and Walker, presenting.

## 2019 Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic Show, May 26, Lancaster



Mike and Mary Stanek, Potosi, Wis., were honored with the show dedication award. Presented by Hannah Tremaine, Miss Wisconsin Angus, center.