

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



William Earl “Billy” Mayfield, 84, passed away Aug. 22. He was the fourth son of Sallie Will Maultsby Mayfield and

William Thomas Mayfield. He was born March 23, 1937, in the Goodsprings community of Giles County, Tenn.

Billy was involved in athletics from an early age. Upon high school graduation, Billy obtained a scholarship to play basketball at Martin College.

After two years, he decided to become a forest ranger and get married. He had met the love of his life, Judy Williamson, at Coolsprings Church of Christ two years prior. Wedding plans were delayed until he could finish his college career at Middle Tennessee State University.

Aug. 6, 1960, a wedding took place, then graduation and a new job at Marshall County High School, as assistant football coach and science teacher. Later, he would become the head girls’ basketball coach at Giles County High School.

He spent 38 years coaching at Giles County, which included many banners, state championships, and Camp of Winners basketball camps. He also assisted in coaching at his friend’s, Pat Summit, camp and coached the East/West All-Stars.

Billy received two TSSAA state championships, five TSSAA Final Four appearances, and a TSSAA Class AA state runner-up. He also received District Coach of the Year honors five times, and Tennessee Athletic Coaches Administration (TACA) Coach of the Year three times.

He was inducted into the Martin College Hall of Fame in 2000 and the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2003, named “Book of Golden Deeds Award” by a local club, and the GCHS gymnasium bears his name alongside his beloved friend’s, Joe Hardin. Upon retirement Billy had won a total of 750 games.

His other love was raising registered Angus cattle and watching his grandchildren in the show ring. His children started this some 50-plus years before.

His legacy was a Christian, member of the Church of Christ; loving husband; a doting father and

grandfather; and a wonderful, successful coach, teacher and friend.

He was also a member of the National Guard, where he served for seven years.

Billy is survived by his wife, Judy, of 61 years; son, James Michael “Mike” (Susan); daughter, Mariana (Eric); five grandchildren; and nephew, Paul.

Billy is also survived by a host of former players, students, friends, cousins and neighbors.

Angus Arrivals



Alex and Hannah Tolbert welcomed Judah Samuel McCabe Tolbert July 27, 2021. He weighed 10 pounds (lb.) and 3

ounces (oz). Alex is a regional manager for the American Angus Association.

Pennsylvania Angus Breeders’ Show; July 3; Huntingdon



Greg Grim (right), East Berlin, received the Conrad Grove Memorial Award. Pictured presenting is Chad Cash.



Samuel Parr, East Berlin, received the Golden Pitchfork award. Pictured (from left) are Chance Rains, Brenda Rains, Samuel Parr and Dale Rains. **AJ**