

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



Jere Lee Cannon, 81, Flemingsburg, Ky., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, at Baptist Health Lexington.

Born in Mount Sterling, Ky., April 17, 1941, he was the son of the late Clyde Cannon and the late Carolyn Fox Cannon.

Jere graduated from Morehead State University with a bachelor’s degree in agriculture. He began buying Angus heifers with his brother, Charles, and showing steers for a 4-H project. In 1952 Stone Gate Farms was born.

Jere was a member of the FFA and served in the state office of secretary in 1961. He was a founding member of the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association and a member of the Fleming County Cattlemen’s Association. He served on the Beef Improvement Federation Board. He had been a member of the Fleming County Farm Bureau for 40 years, where he served as president and served on the local beef committee and the state beef committee.

Jere served on the local board of Southern States Cooperative and was elected to serve on the regional board of directors of Southern states in Richmond, Va., from 1975 to 2005. He was a member of the Kentucky Angus Association and a

lifetime member of the American Angus Association.

Stone Gate Farms was selected as the Kentucky Angus Association Breeder of the Year in 2006, and received the Kentucky Angus Association Historic Herd Award in 2008. Jere and Charles received the Angus Heritage Foundation Award. He was the Chamber of Commerce Ag Leader of the Year and was nominated for Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year.

On the forefront of agriculture exploration in cattle breeding and genetics, Jere knew the value of networking with other beef

cattle producers, not only to gain knowledge, but also to improve farming practices and education. His leadership in local, state and national agriculture was a part of his commitment to improving agriculture for all farmers as well as mentoring young people getting into the cattle industry.

Jere was a teacher and principal at Mount Carmel Elementary, and went on to be a teacher at Fleming County High School. He was a member of the Flemingsburg Christian Church, where he served as a deacon.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Jayne Clark Cannon;

Ohio State Fair Angus Show, July 29, Columbus



Kingsway Angus, Tiffin, won premier breeder and exhibitor. Pictured (from left) are John King; Mary Lou King; Jamie King Wheeler, holding Brock Wheeler; Wyatt King; Ben Wheeler, holding Cole Wheeler; Chloe King; Megan King, holding Blaine Wheeler; and Eric King. Photo by Linde’s Livestock Photos LLC.

daughter, Victoria (Steve); brother, Charles (Frances); sister, Mary; nieces and nephews, Kerry, Jere, Joy (Rick), Clay (Becky) and Chris (Libby); great-nieces and -nephews, Casey (Carly), Corey, Lucas (Kirsten), Lauren (Seth), Caleb (Danielle) and Carson; along with other family members and friends.

Angus Arrivals



Paige Nelson and her husband, Tyler, welcomed Cort McCall Nelson to the Angus family July 26. He weighed 7

pounds (lb.) and 6 ounces (oz.).

Paige is a field editor for the *Angus Journal*.

In Recognition

Compass Ag Solutions —
Garren Bellis


Compass Ag Solutions is proud to welcome Garren Bellis, Business & Risk Management Consultant, broker and LRP insurance agent, to the Fort Collins office.

Garren is a sixth-generation cattleman who grew up on a cow-calf operation in western Missouri raising purebred Angus seedstock and commercial cattle. Garren grew his family's operation by creating a branded-beef operation and shipping beef from coast to coast. His passion for the livestock industry led him

to the University of Missouri, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in agricultural economics; and then to Texas Christian University, where he graduated from the ranch management program.

Garren's professional career began managing purebred cow-calf ranches in southern and eastern parts of Texas. He began managing a bull development and international export program. Soon after, Garren was recruited to be the ranch manager of a purebred Angus operation in East Texas where he marketed genetics nationwide. Most

recently, he served as ranch manager for a commercial cow-calf and stocker operation in East Texas.

Garren applies his experience and knowledge gained from the ranching industry to business and risk management. He and his wife, Shannon, enjoy fishing as a family and coaching T-ball for their three sons, Beau, Kaeden and Coen. 

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