

# 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



**Kenneth Max Brandenberger**, 79, Llano, Texas, passed away Sept. 3, 2021.

Kenneth was born in Mason Sept. 5, 1941, to Dayton Charles Brandenberger and Nila Lee Bode. He was a fifth-generation descendant of the original families that settled in the area.

Growing up in a ranching family in Mason, Llano and San Saba counties, he and his brothers showed several winning 4-H and FFA livestock projects, including many champions at San Antonio and Houston. He graduated from San Saba in 1960 and was on several state-winning judging teams. Kenneth received a bachelor’s degree from Texas Tech University, where he was on judging teams and served as president of the Texas Tech Block & Bridle Club from 1963-1964.

Kenneth married Patricia Mitchell in Lamb County in 1964. He and Pat then took a job with View Lawn Angus Farms in Mabel, Minn. While they were there for more than five years, he served as director of the Northeast Iowa Angus Association and Southeast Minnesota Angus Association.

Their daughters Carol and Caryn were born in 1966 and 1969. Two weeks after Caryn was born, they moved back to Llano County, Texas.

Kenneth became herdsman at Granite Hills Hereford Ranch. Soon after, their daughter Connie was born in 1971 to complete their family.

Kenneth then went on to be managing partner of the J.D. and Joyce Jordan Hereford Ranch in Mason, followed by territory sales manager for Moorman’s Manufacturing. When ranches began selling in the area, Kenneth got his real estate license and went to selling.

For the last 30 years, he enjoyed sharing the stories and history of his beloved Hill Country and selling ranch real estate with Frosty Miller Ranch Realty.

Kenneth’s lifelong involvement in the beef cattle industry took him many places to judge and show some of the finest purebred cattle in the world. One of his truest pleasures was raising good beef by developing breeding stock from his brother and raising top-dollar calves on his aunt and uncle’s ranch with his partnering cousin, Linda. He and Pat also spread their interests in farming on the Texas South Plains.

Kenneth was president of the Hill Country Livestock Raisers Association, president of the Llano County Junior Livestock Show, general manager of the Llano County Rodeo and director of the Llano County Community Center. He served as a member and president of

the Llano School Board and served on the administrative board of the Lutie Watkins United Methodist Church.

Kenneth served as a director of the Texas Hereford Association and was an advisor to the Texas Junior Hereford Association. He was a longtime supporter of both Llano County and Texas 4-H, and was awarded the honor of the state’s Distinguished 4-H Leader in 1983.

Kenneth served more than 28 years on the Llano County Soil and Water Conservation District board, serving as director and president several times over the years. He served on the state stewardship committee under Governors Bush and Perry.

In 2019 he enjoyed his family chairing the 50th anniversary of the Kothmann Reunion at the Premier Ranch in Mason. He also loved Texas Tech football games and the horse races at Ruidoso Downs, which he had attended for more than 50 years. He and Pat thoroughly enjoyed all their lifelong friends from all over in their travels across the United States.

Survivors are wife, Pat; daughters Carol (Joe), Caryn (Eric) and Connie (Kevin); four granddaughters; one grandson; brothers, Donald, Bruce (Judy) and Tommy (Susan); and many nieces and nephews.

**2021 Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n  
Field Day, June 11-12, Worthington**



Angus breeders elected to serve on the Minnesota Angus Ass'n board of directors (from left) are Dustin Wiese, Pequot Lakes; Bruce Waugh, Goodhue; Andrew Swanson, Ivanhoe, secretary-treasurer; John Nesler, La Crescent; and Glenn Johnson, Pipestone, president.

**2021 Iowa State Fair Angus Show,  
Aug. 17, Des Moines**



Collison Angus, Rockwell City, won premier breeder.



Jennifer Carrico (left), Redfield, received the Bob Schlutz Memorial Award.



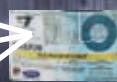
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