

Foundation Heifer Sells

Herbster Angus Farms purchases Basin Lucy 6265, donated by Basin Angus Ranch.

by Sarah Hill, projects editor

The Angus Foundation Heifer Package has been the premier fundraiser for the Angus Foundation to generate funds for Angus youth, education and research efforts. Generous Angus breeders from across the country stepped up as buyers Jan.

11 at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Bull Sale in Denver, Colo., to raise \$265,750 in support of the Angus Foundation.

It was standing-room only in the historic Stadium Arena when the Angus Foundation Heifer Package sold for \$170,000 to longtime Angus Foundation supporters Charles W. and Judy Herbster of Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb.

“We are honored to support the Angus Foundation by once again purchasing the Angus Foundation Heifer Package,” says Charles W. Herbster, Herbster Angus Farms CEO and president. “We strongly support Angus youth activities, and this is a great way

to ensure a bright future for youth who want to be involved in the Angus business.”

The heifer that headlined the 2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package was Basin Lucy 6265, donated by Doug and Sharon Stevenson, Basin Angus Ranch, Joliet, Mont.

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Herbster's purchase of Basin Lucy 6265 marks

five years running that Herbster Angus Farms has bought the Angus Foundation Heifer Package.

“The unrestricted funds raised by the sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package will be put to good use increasing opportunities for Angus youth through scholarships and leadership development activities, supporting educational events for Angus breeders, and funding important research that will impact the Angus industry,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

Since its inception in 1980, the heifer

package has raised more than \$2.25 million for education, youth and research investments through the Angus Foundation. Members of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) presented this year's heifer package before the start of the auction.

In addition to the heifer, Herbster Angus Farms will receive 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; and an advanced reproductive technology package from Trans Ova Genetics and its cloning division, ViaGen, Sioux Center, Iowa.

In addition to the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, several other items were auctioned off during the sale to benefit the Angus Foundation, including the following.

Five heifer pregnancies from notable Angus breeders:

- 44 Farms, Cameron, Texas — Purchased for \$10,000 by the McMahon



► Pictured after the purchase of this year's Angus Foundation Heifer Package are (from left) Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president; NJAB member Gabrielle Lemenager; Miss American Angus Keegan Cassidy; NJAB members Macy Perry, Braden Henricks, Tim Mardesen, Reese Tuckwiller, Catie Hope, Madison Butler, and Katelyn Corsentino; heifer donors Nicole, Doug and Sharon Stevenson; Courtney Coughlin; heifer buyer Charles W. Herbster, Herbster Angus Farms CEO and president; Chris Stephens, Angus Foundation assistant director of development; and Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO. At the halter is Brian Barragree, Barragree Cattle Co., Absarokee, Mont.

at NWSS



► **Left:** Herbster Angus Farms, represented by (from right) Charles W. Herbster, owner, and Courtney Coughlin, purchased the Angus Foundation Heifer Package headlined by Basin Lucy 6265. The heifer was donated by (from left) Doug, Sharon and Nicole Stevenson, Basin Angus Ranch, Joliet, Mont.

Family, Belle Point Ranch, Fort Smith, Ark.

- Dameron Angus, Lexington, Ill. — Purchased for \$23,000 by Ron & Lisa Colburn, Colburn Cattle, Visalia, Calif.
- Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla. — Purchased for \$17,000 by Rick Smith & Tari Hoagland, Lake View Angus, Mead, Colo.
- Pollard Farms, Enid, Okla. — Purchased for \$11,000 by Robert Funk, Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.
- Vintage Angus Ranch, Modesto, Calif. — Purchased for \$19,000 by Dan & Patricia Vergith, Lylester Ranch, Martell, Neb.

Several other packages were also auctioned to benefit the Angus Foundation:

Package No. 1: 2017 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament Event Sponsorship — Purchased for \$2,750 by NuTech Biosciences & Kentucky Nutrition Services, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Package No. 2: Royal Caribbean Cruise — Purchased for \$4,500 by Charlie & Paula Boyd, Boyd Beef Cattle, May's Lick, Ky.

Package No. 3: One Day Ranch Photo Shoot — Purchased for \$2,500 by the Goggins Family, Vermilion Ranch, Billings, Mont.

Package No. 4: Relax at the Biltmore — Purchased for \$1,500 by James & LuAnn Coffey, Branch View Angus, Hustonville, Ky.

Package No. 5: Vacation Experience in Jackson Hole, Wyo. — Purchased for \$4,500 by Kyle & Amanda Conley, Conley Cattle, Sulphur, Okla.

The Iowa Junior Angus Association sold the following packages to raise funds for the



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► **Braden Henricks, National Junior Angus Board Foundation director, addresses the crowd before the Angus Foundation Heifer Package is auctioned at the National Western Bull Sale.**

2017 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa.

Package No. 6: 2017 NJAS-Amana Lily Clock — Purchased for \$1,750 by Allan & Cecilia Teixeira, Teixeira Cattle Co., Pismo Beach, Calif.

Package No. 7: 2017 NJAS Original Art — Purchased for \$1,100 by Steve & Julie French, Beaverton, Mich.

“The Angus Foundation is so fortunate to have such generous donors who are willing to invest in the future of the Angus industry,” Jenkins says. “Their gifts will make the Angus Foundation’s efforts in youth, education and research even more beneficial.”

For more information about the Angus Foundation or the sale of the annual heifer package, contact Jenkins at 816-383-5100 or mjenkins@angusfoundation.org.

