#### **ASSOCIATION** HIGHLIGHTS



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#### **BLI applications due**

Applications for the 11th annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) June 18-22, 2018, are now being accepted.

Sponsored by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Foundation, BLI is designed for American Angus Association members 25-45 years old as a means to provide participants insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and for the beef industry now and in the future.

The Association and the Angus Foundation will provide

transportation, lodging, meals and materials during the BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation between their home and the beginning and ending points.

The BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online or by contacting Caitlyn Brandt in the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5189. Feb. 15 is the application deadline.

#### **Women Connected**

The fourth biennial Women Connected conference will take place in Excelsior Springs, Mo., April 18-20.

The event brings together full-time

ranchers, ranchers' wives, parents of juniors and college-age women to share the common bond of Angus cattle. The event has been hosted every other year since 2012, and has alternated between Saint Joseph, Mo., and Wooster, Ohio. Attendance is granted by application only and is limited to 20 attendees.

Applications are available at www.angusauxiliary.com/about/women-connected.html and are due Feb. 15.

#### Watch I Am Angus

We all come from somewhere. That includes Angus cattle and

#### Kathy LaScala hired as corporate sales manager

Kathy LaScala joins Angus Productions Inc. (API) as corporate sales manager. LaScala began her role Jan. 3 and will be overseeing industry sales operations to ensure profit maximization and realization of sales targets. In her role, LaScala will be working with corporate accounts to position advertising, sponsorship and marketing opportunities across all API platforms. She also will attend major shows, events and meetings.

"Kathy brings a wealth of experience to our team, and we are excited to be able to put her deep knowledge of developing corporate clients to use growing our corporate relationships," said Rick Cozzitorto, API president. "She already has hit the ground running as we continue to enhance our offerings."

LaScala grew up on a dairy farm in western New York and earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Cornell University. For more than 11 years, she was on the Vance Publishing sales team with her main focus being Drovers and Bovine Veterinarian. While at Vance, LaScala was responsible



for developing, maintaining and growing a portfolio of national accounts. She represented the brands at industry trade shows, conferences and industry events each year. Most recently, she was a member of the sales team at Lee Newspapers Inc.

In addition, LaScala was responsible for selling more than 80% of the exhibitor space for the inaugural Angus Convention Trade Show, which resulted in securing an even larger venue for 2015

and several spaces being forward-contracted by the close of the 2014 show.

She has received many awards and achieved many accomplishments in her career, including the 2017 Livestock Publications Council Ed Bible Distinguished Service Award; 2015-2016 Kansas Agriculture & Rural Leadership (KARL) Class XIII; judge of 2017 Kansas State FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Finals; 2014 National FFA judge, sales & marketing, career development event; and 2012-2013 Livestock Publications Council president.

breeders. I Am Angus | Fabric of Our Forebears dives into the rich heritage of the Angus breed and the varied people who now raise Angus across the world. From the original Aberdeen-Angus herds in Scotland to the plains of South Dakota, down to the bayou and everywhere in between, the Angus story is told from eight breeders' perspectives in the latest film produced by the American Angus Association.

The film tells the stories of how the eight cattlemen and women from varied lineages are connected by a common thread, the heritage and legacy of the Angus breed. We learn about the origins of the Angus breed at Dunlouise Angus and Ballindalloch Castle in Scotland before moving to the United States to the Biltmore Estate, Subiaco Abbey, Diamond Peak Cattle Co. and 12 Star Angus, and then we hear from Salvador Galindo and Kelsey Ducheneaux about their Angus stories.

"We are excited to premiere our most comprehensive I Am Angus film to date with eight stories of those carrying on the longstanding Angus tradition," said Josh Comninellis, Association video production director. "As natives and immigrants, Angus cattle and their breeders have shaped the Association of today, and the I Am Angus | Fabric of our Forebears honors that history."

The original description of the I Am Angus concept, initially developed by the Angus Media team in early 2010, was to produce "personal portraits of the individuals responsible, directly or indirectly, for the production of Angus beef told across the mediums of film, photography and print."

I Am Angus | Fabric of our Forebears can be viewed on angus.org and Angus TV on Vimeo and Youtube.

#### At a glance

#### **FEBRUARY 2018**

- 1 Application deadline for Association, AGI, Angus Foundation and Angus Media internships
- **15** Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) application due
- Raising the Bar (Oklahoma City, Okla.) registration deadline
- MAJAC Show, Harrisonburg, Va.
- Women Connected applications due

#### **MARCH 2018**

- 1 Nominations for Advisors of the Year due
- **1** Nominations Honorary Angus Foundation recipients due

#### **APRIL 2018**

- 18-20 Women Connected, Excelsion Springs, Mo.
- 20-21 American Angus Auxiliary Spring Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.

#### **MAY 2018**

- 1 Allied Angus Breeders scholarship applications due
- 1 American Angus Auxiliary scholarship applications due
- 1 Angus Foundation scholarship applications due

#### Scholarship available

The Angus Foundation Board of Directors approved funds to provide \$1,000 scholarships to three youth who use Angus genetics in their seedstock or commercial operations. Awards will be distributed in July 2018.

Applicants must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/ university or other accredited institution for the fall of 2018.

They can be an entering freshman or a continuing student in any undergraduate program. The applicant or applicant's parents/ guardians must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months.

Full details can be found at www.angusfoundation.org. Information can be found in the resources section on the home page. The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship application is available online and is due May 1.

#### Skeletal EPDs in the works

Angus breeders have been submitting foot and leg scores since early 2015 and enough data points have been gathered to create research expected progeny differences (EPDs). This means weekly production EPDs are closer to fruition. For more information on the usefulness of foot scoring and the status of research behind it, see the article "Solid Foundation," on page 90 of this issue.

#### Nominate individuals

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and recognizes the time, effort and dedication adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs. Nomination

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#### **CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES**

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

#### REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age
TRANSFERS
Applications received less than 30 days from sale date
MISCELLANEOUS
Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) fee (per weaning weight)
Regular annual membership with <i>Angus Journal</i> subscription\$130
Lifetime membership (optional to pay in three \$500/year installments) \$1,500
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age)\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf regular registration fee plus \$10

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the *Breeder's Reference Guide*. Free copies are available from the Association. An online version is available through the "Rules and Forms" link at *www.angus.org*.

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#### **BREEDER'S REFERENCE**

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

#### SYMBOL MEANING

- # Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire
- + Embryo transfer calf
- ^ Cell clone
- % Split-ET
- @ Clone-ET
- \* Parentage qualified to both parents and the mating

The American Angus Association currently recognizes the following genetic conditions:

CODE AM CA D2	MEANING Arthrogryposis multiplex Contractural arachnodactyly PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism
DD	Developmental duplication
DM	Double muscling
DW	Dwarfism
HG	Horn gene
HI	Heterochromia irides
M1	nt821 mutation for double
	muscling
NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
OH	Oculocutaneous hypopigmentation
OS	Osteopetrosis
RD	Red gene
SN	Syndactyly
WT	Wild type color gene

The following single-letter descriptors appearing after a genetic condition code shall have the following meaning:

- P refers to a "potential" carrier based on an ancestor known to carry that specific mutation.
- F refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be "free" of that specific mutation.
- C refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a "carrier" of that specific mutation.
- A refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a carrier of two copies of that specific mutation. It may or may not exhibit the phenotype associated with that genetic condition.

The following letter designations describe cases in which there is more than one genetic condition present:

- XF Free of more than one genetic condition.
- XC Carrier of more than one genetic condition.
- XA Affected of more than one genetic condition.
- RTF Recessive trait free (produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect).

forms are available by contacting the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100. Nominations for both honors are due to the Events and Education Department by March 1.

#### **Auxiliary scholarships**

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition. Applications are available at www.angusauxiliary.com. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are listed in this issue on page 252.

#### 2018 Black Books available

You can now order 2018 AngusSource®/Beef Record Service (BRS) black books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar, as well as space to keep management records on your cow herd. They feature the American Angus Association logo on the back.

Producers can request two free books and purchase additional books for \$3 each. The 2018 books are available in any quantity.

To place orders, contact the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or blackbooks@angus.org.

#### **Foundation scholarships**

The Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2018 NJAS in Madison, Wis.

The eligibility requirements for the general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from



high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org. The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

#### F designated for 2018

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, F001 and F002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2018.

Using the international letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For information about permanent ID (Rule 105) and naming animals (Rules 102 and 107), access the online Breeder's Reference Guide. To access from www.angus.org, click on

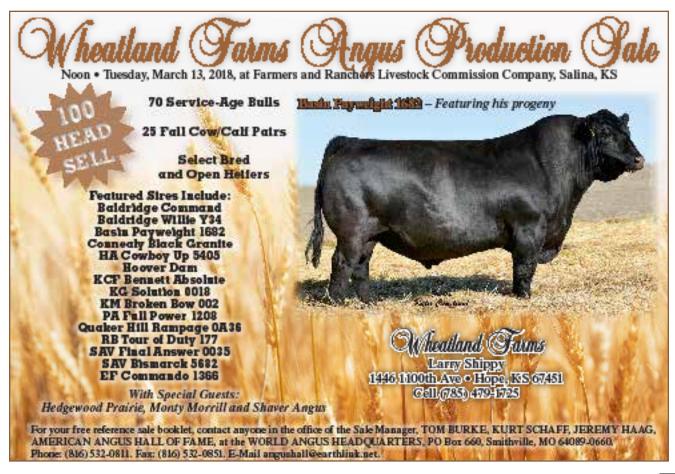
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#### Herds of the century

The American Angus Association initiated the Century Award to recognize its members and their families who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for at least 100 years. Award recipients will be recognized with an engraved plaque at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet, notice will be given in the Angus Journal, and a list will be maintained on the Association's website.

Contact the Events and Education Department for more information or for applications. This year's awards were presented during the Awards Recognition Breakfast in Columbus,

Look for it on the American Angus Association's website, angus.org.



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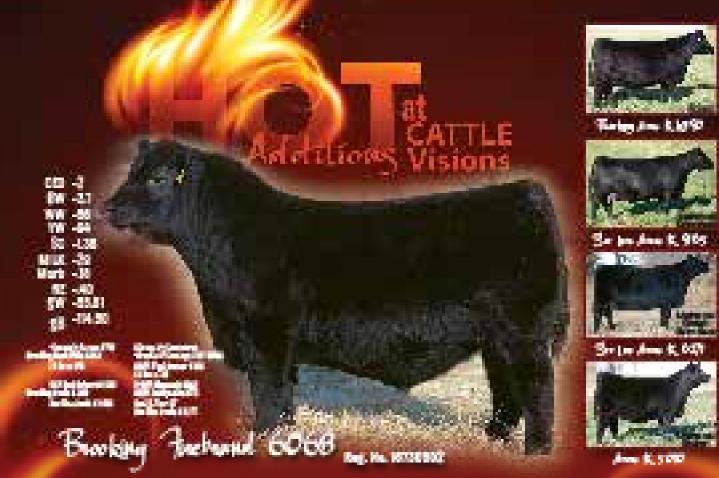






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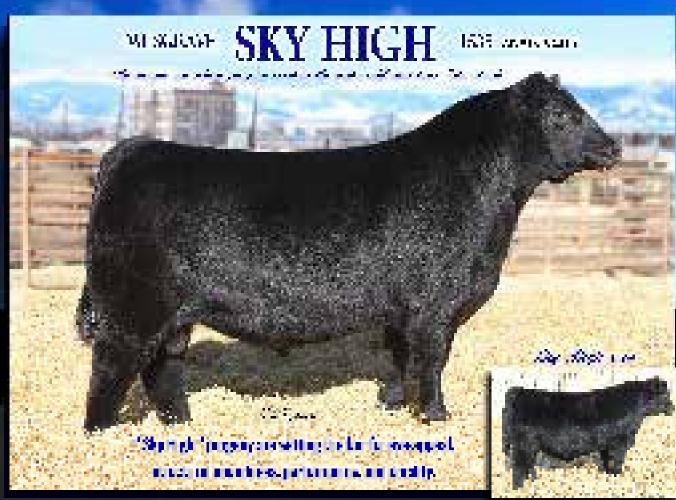


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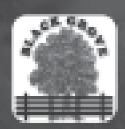
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