

Angus Stakes

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Juniors, say THANK YOU

Advance legwork spearheaded by Garrett Pohlman, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Foundation director, and the NJAA Board under the direction of James Fisher, director of junior activities; the generosity of several contributors and bidders; and an outstanding bred heifer donated by Davis on the Highlands, Springfield, Ky., made for a tremendously successful offering of the 2000 Foundation Heifer Package at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). Those are more adjectives than journalists typically allow themselves, but in this case a little flamboyancy is justified.

As this year's package was offered for sale, several last-minute additions were generously added. The final 2000 Foundation Heifer Package consisted of:

- The bred heifer Davis Polly 8506, donated by Davis on the Highlands;
- Transportation from Denver to the purchaser, provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation;
- 30 days insurance, provided by American Live Stock Insurance;
- A flush and implantation of three embryos into the purchaser's recipients, provided by Trans Ova Genetics;
- Five one-liter bottles of Ivomec (\$1,000 value), provided by Merial;
- 100 doses of Vira Shield® 5, provided by Grand Laboratories;
- Four units of semen on 216 LTD, provided by Circle A Angus Ranch, Iberia, Mo.;
- 300 units of semen on GAR Commitment, donated by Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.;

- The latest version of the Angus Information Management Software (AIMS), donated by the Association's AIMS Department, Scott Johnson, director; and
- A banner ad for one month in addition to two Web pages highlighting the heifer and the purchase of the Foundation Heifer Package on the *Angus Journal's* Web site, donated by the *Journal's* Web Marketing Department under the direction of Angie Stump Denton (view www.angusjournal.com/denver/foundation.html and www.angus.org/heifer/heifer00.htm).

Setting a record, KMK Acres of Thompsons Station, Tenn., and Sugar Hill Farms of Ozark, Ark., teamed to purchase this year's offering for \$65,000. After purchasing the heifer, they donated five guaranteed pregnancies of the heifer flushed to 216 LTD to the Foundation to be sold immediately. The pregnancies were subsequently purchased by Kahn Cattle Co. of Rydal, Ga., for \$25,000.

Kahn Cattle Co. was also the runner-up bidder on the Foundation Heifer Package; Belle Point Ranch was the runner-up bidder on the pregnancies.

Proceeds from the sale of the Foundation heifer support youth, education and research. Last year the Foundation provided more than \$21,000 in scholarships to NJAA members.

For more information, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100. Look for more detailed coverage in the March issue of the *Angus Journal*.



First live coverage

We'll have extensive coverage of the NWSS in the March issue; but, if you'd like a sneak preview, visit the *Angus Journal* Web site at www.angusjournal.com. Angie Denton provided our first live coverage of an event during the show, posting results within hours of completion.

Angie mastered the task beautifully. Look for more such coverage of Angus events and activities in the future.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Carolyn Mullin, Prairie City, Ore., winner of our December readership survey drawing. She won one of the last remaining Frank Murphy *Mists of Autumn* prints. James Fisher informs me there are only seven of these prints left.

New Foundation fund-raiser

The NJAA has commissioned the printing of a set of four black-and-white grease-pencil drawings (shown here) from a series of works by Frank Murphy. To be offered as the "Profitmaker Prints" collection, these four 11-by-14-inch images were used in the Association's advertising campaign from 1966 to 1970. The set is available for a \$100 donation to the Angus Foundation. For more information, call the Junior Activities Department.

Update Resource Edition information

We'll again publish the "Resource Edition" in the June/July Herd Reference Edition. This handy pull-out contains listings of state Angus associations, central test stations, artificial insemination and embryo transfer firms, and Association contacts.

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