



Heifer, Features Raise \$278,000

Lylester Ranch, Martell, Neb., purchased Vintage Blackbird 7184 to support youth, education and research.

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Since 1980, the donation and sale of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package has been a cornerstone to the breed's success in generating funds to support Angus youth, education and research. The tradition continued Jan. 10 at the 2018 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., as Angus breeders generously supported the sale of the heifer package, as well as five confirmed heifer pregnancies during the National Western Angus Bull Sale. This year generous donors and bidders raised \$278,000 in support of the breed's future.



Heifer in spotlight

Dan and Patricia Vergith of Lylester Ranch, Martell, Neb., bought the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, featuring Vintage Blackbird 7184, for \$215,000.

"Dan always has been very generous in his support of the Foundation, and he knows his support goes to a great cause — future improvements in the

industry," said Dick Hollman, Lylester Ranch beef consultant. "We are looking forward to getting her bred, getting a calf and making the heifer a great donor. She's a perfect addition to the elite pedigrees and great numbers at Lylester Ranch."

Vintage Blackbird 7184 headlined the 2018 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. She was donated by Jim and Sue Coleman of Vintage Angus Ranch of Modesto, Calif.

In addition to the heifer, Lylester Ranch will receive 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free



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transportation to their 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.

“This year’s Angus Foundation Heifer Package continued a legacy of being the premier fundraiser to increase opportunities for Angus youth, education and research,” said Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “Through scholarships and leadership development activities, educational events for Angus breeders and funding important research that will impact the Angus industry, the unrestricted funds raised will have an impact that far outreaches this single event.

“We sincerely appreciate all contending bidders on the

Foundation Heifer and confirmed heifer pregnancies, and their generous support of the Angus Foundation.”


Pregnancies featured

Five heifer pregnancies from notable Angus breeders also were auctioned during the National Western Angus Bull Sale to benefit the Angus Foundation. Those pregnancies included offerings by:

- Crazy K Ranch, Michie, Tenn. Purchased for \$8,000 by Belle Point Ranch, Fort Smith, Ark.
- Linz Heritage Angus, Crown Point, Ind. Purchased for \$15,000 by Ingram Angus, Pulaski, Tenn.
- Pasture View Angus, Dunlap, Ill. Purchased for \$13,000 by Ingram Angus, Pulaski, Tenn.
- Seldom Rest Farms, Niles,

Mich. Purchased for \$19,000 by Lakeview Angus, Mead, Colo.

- Silveira Bros., Firebaugh, Calif. Purchased for \$8,000 by 7 Bar O Cattle Co. LLC, DBA Richburg Angus, Amarillo, Texas.

The Angus Foundation has raised more than \$2.3 million since the inception of the Angus Foundation Heifer Package in 1980. For more information about the Angus Foundation or the sale of the heifer package, contact Jenkins, or visit www.angusfoundation.org for more information. 

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Members of the National Junior Angus Board presented this year’s Foundation Heifer before the start of the National Angus Bull Sale.