

## **AUXILIARY NOTES**

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## Happy 70th Anniversary, American Angus Auxiliary

For these first 70 years, it has been the mission of the Auxiliary to offer individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional, and social programs and activities.

With this monumental 70th year achievement, the American Angus Auxiliary has been planning unique events and collectors' items.

First, in March the Angus Women's Connected Conference was hosted in Excelsior Springs, Mo. This three-day event was an enormous success with excellent reviews from the attendees. The opening keynote speaker was Courtenay DeHoff of Fancy Lady Cowgirl and a past National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member. Courtenay connected with the ladies on many levels, but most of all with her love and passion for agriculture. In addition, Mark McCully, the American Angus Association CEO, was in attendance not only at the opening dinner but also during our tour of the American Angus Association. Mark did a wonderful job of making the ladies feel welcome but also communicating their importance to the Angus breed.

In July is the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) hosted in Kansas City, Mo. For this event, the American Angus Auxiliary will be joining the attending states and participating in the annual tailgate/4th of July picnic celebration. This will be our first

time becoming an active participant in this fun-loving evening that my kids always rave about. We invite you to stop by our tent for a celebratory treat, friendly conversation and maybe even a tattoo.

Lastly, I am extremely excited to announce the commissioned artwork piece by CJ Brown. This 70th anniversary painting will be unveiled at our midyear meeting during the NJAS. I cannot thank CJ enough for creating this unique painting that will be auctioned off at the American Angus Auxiliary breakfast hosted in November in Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition to the original painting, there will be only 10-15 artists proofs and a limited-edition printing. This will be a must-have piece of artwork for all Auxiliary and Angus lovers alike.

To all families, safe travels on all your summer show excursions. If you find yourself in need of a layover while traveling through Indiana, please feel free to reach out.

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