

# A Day of

*Photo Story by Jerilyn Johnson*

**Sweet Home, Oregon.** Just the sound of its name is enough to entice you for a visit. This small community of 7,000, nestled in the Willamette Valley of the Cascade Mountains, was top choice when the Pascular family was looking for a place to raise registered Angus cattle back in 1983.

On Saturday, May 19, Sweet Home and the Pascular Angus Ranch also proved to be the ideal place to hold a junior field day.

To top the day off, Sweet Home mayor Dave Holley declared May 19 as "Angus Day" in the community and welcomed the young people to the event.

Clinics on health care, nutrition, and showing and fitting of young cattle were highlights of the field day. They were conducted by Oregon Junior Angus Association (OJAA) leaders and area livestock specialists. More than 70 people, including 4-H and FFA members, OJAA members, area cattle breeders and agribusinessmen participated.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful scenery, mostly sunny weather, good food, fun prizes and the genuine hospitality of the host family.



*The Pascular Family (l to r): Bob, Bobby, Erma and Cara.*



# Learning



*Junior participants register and gather information at the Angus booth.*



*Junior field day participants get a closer look and a chance to ask questions during the fitting demonstration.*



*Kristy Rusher, OJAA secretary from Salem, Ore., demonstrates how to fit a heifer for showing.*



*Mitch Coleman, assistant judging team coach at Oregon State University, conducted a cattle selection seminar. Here he explains that he looks for depth and capacity in heifers.*

In the past, most Oregon Junior Angus field days were set up as shows. "This year we decided to do something different — make it a real day of learning," explains Bob Pascular.

To make it an even more successful event, with widespread interest, the field day was opened up to 4H and FFA members and anyone with an interest in beef cattle.

"We sponsored the field day as an effort to develop the talents and various skill levels of feeding, managing and showing cattle projects for other young people," says Michelle Lantz, OJAA president and former American Angus Queen from Culver, Ore. Lantz helped conduct a seminar on cattle selection, using four heifers from the Pascular Angus herd.

Junior participants who successfully completed the field day's sessions received a special certificate of accomplishment. It was signed by Lantz and Cara Pascular, OJAA vice president and 1990 Western States Angus Queen.



*Future Angus Journal photographer Katie Jacobs took her share of photos.*



*The Pascuals served a hearty lunch for the hard-working and hungry field day participants.*

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