

Auxiliary Action

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It's show time in Des Moines

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa, is just days away, and I hope to see you there. If you are still trying to decide if you are going, come and spend a couple of days with your Angus friends; you'll be glad you did!

Special thanks to Anderson Circle Farm

The Anderson Circle Farm of Kentucky has generously agreed to provide the T-shirts for the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*[™] Cook-Off contestants, not only this year but for the following two shows.

Thank you, Ralph and Ruth Anderson, for such a wonderful contribution to the junior Angus program. We'll all be looking for the Cook-Off/Anderson Circle Farm T-shirts in Des Moines this summer; in Denver, Colo., next July; and in Milwaukee, Wis., in 2002.

The NJAS is one of the busiest times of the year for our Ways & Means Committee. Marjorie Perkins does a great job, but she cannot do this show by herself. Please stop by the booth when you first arrive in Des Moines, and sign up to work a two-hour shift. *You can make a difference.*

Congratulations to all the fine young people who won scholarships at their state levels and who are applicants for national awards. I can tell you now, prior to the announcement of the 10 winners of the Auxiliary scholarships, that each of you is a winner for the accomplishments you have attained thus far. You should be proud of your accomplishments. I commend you on the dedication that you have shown in your years of Angus work, community service and family involvement, and I wish you success in pursuing your goals.

In honor of Dean Hurlbut

Each summer our organization presents the silver Revere bowls to the top five showmen at the NJAS. This year the

Auxiliary will begin a new tradition honoring the man who organized the first National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in 1967 and the first national junior Angus show in 1969. The first-place showmanship award will carry the distinction of being named the Dean Hurlbut Showmanship Award.

We are planning a special tribute this fall to honor and to thank Dean for his many years of service, friendship and devotion to the Angus breed and to our organization.

To commemorate his retirement, I am gathering cards and letters to be assembled in a memory book that will be presented to him at our Annual Brunch in Louisville, Ky.

I'm sure many of you remember some great stories about Dean over the past 43 years that you would like to share with him. If you or any Angus breeders you know would like to send greetings or photos, please mail them to me no later than Aug. 31.

Last year we scheduled our breakfast at a new time on Sunday morning, and it was an enormous success. This year, with Dean and his wife, Gloria, as our special guests, we are sure to have another sellout. Be sure to put the brunch on your Louisville agenda.

Computer whiz

Our organization occasionally has a need for people to do various computer jobs, such as reports or Web-page design. If you are computer knowledgeable and would like to serve the Auxiliary from the comfort of your own keyboard, you might be interested in joining this task-oriented group. Please contact me if you would be willing to assist in this capacity.

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STATE'S CORNER

This month many of us will gather in Iowa for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Sharing history of the Iowa Angus Auxiliary is the 1985 American Angus Auxiliary president, Nellie Meinders, who is currently co-chairperson of our Advisory on Trust Committee.

The Iowa Angus Auxiliary was organized in 1952 and conducted its charter meeting in February 1953.

The purpose of the auxiliary is to cooperate and to assist the members of the Iowa Angus Association with the annual banquet and programs, the Iowa State Fair booth and the annual Expo booth; to foster good fellowship among our members, visitors and friends; and to render other services as may be helpful.

We assist the Iowa Junior Angus Association in any way they wish.

The auxiliary has a scholarship program, a top Achievement Award program for the juniors, a spring luncheon, a Miss Iowa Angus contest, state Achievement awards and a newsletter. We honor the top two winners in the Beef Division at the Hawkeye State Science Fair.

Iowa has had seven national officers (the most from any state), three Miss American Angus and five Distinguished Women of the American Angus Auxiliary (listed below).

- Jean Bradway, 1960, for excellent news coverage through the *Angus Journal*;
- Julie Holbert McDonald, 1961, who authored the book *Baby Black*;
- Merrie Zaring Holbert, 1961, who drew the illustrations for the book *Baby Black*;
- Mary Holbert, 1962, who helped set up the constitution and bylaws of the American Angus Auxiliary; and
- Nellie Meinders, 1992, for her dedication and service to the American Angus Auxiliary.