

# Auxiliary Action

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## National Junior Angus Show wrapup

If you shopped the Auxiliary's Ways & Means booth at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, you most likely took your purchases home in one of our new shopping bags. We would like to thank Merial Inc. for contributing the funds for the purchase and printing of the new bags. We appreciate their generous support of our organization.

Our publicity chairwoman, Kelli Toledo, designed the bags using a portion of the Frank Murphy oil painting the American Angus Auxiliary commissioned to help celebrate our upcoming 50th anniversary.

Kelli Megeed was a Montana Angus junior who competed against John Toledo, a California Angus junior, at the Western National Angus Futurity and Junior Show in Reno in 1988. Kelli and John later served together on the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors, became friends, and in 1990 married and combined their cattle herds. They now live in California and are active in statewide Angus events. Kelli is still giving back to the organization with which she grew. We thank her for sharing her time and talent with us.

**Congratulations to all** of the participants at the NJAS. If you attended and had a good time, you are a winner.

Special thanks to the Iowa state chairmen, Doug and Glenda Schroeder; the junior chairman, Jason Schroeder; and all of the committee chairmen and members who worked so diligently to make this event such a success.

Next year the NJAS will be in Denver and hosted by Colorado in conjunction with some of the surrounding states.

**At the NJAS** the Auxiliary was pleased to present the first scholarships of the new millennium to the following high-school graduates. We applaud each of you and wish you the best as you continue your education.

### 1ST PLACES—\$1,800

John McCurry, Kansas  
Lacey Robinson, Missouri

### 2ND PLACES—\$1,600

Gregory Meier, Missouri  
Gina McCurry, Kansas

### 3RD PLACES—\$1,500

Cody Quam, Wisconsin  
Mercedes Danekas, California

### 4TH PLACES—\$1,400

Brit Boehmer, Michigan  
Naomi Gray, Nebraska

### 5TH PLACES—\$1,300

Christopher Rosa, Iowa  
Ashley Grote, Texas

Thank you to our national scholarship chairwoman, Jane Ebert, and our Scholarship Committee. This group has the responsibility of reading and critiquing the applications of young people from across the country. The winning scholarship applications will be on display at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., this fall; I hope you take time to read them. When you do, you will be impressed with the range and quality of work the juniors are doing and realize what a consequential task the judges had. Thanks, ladies.

**Welcome to the new members** who have joined our Auxiliary this spring, as well as those renewing their dues. Leading the way is the newly organized group from North Carolina: Emily Andrews, Edith Boger, Jessie Cassavaugh, Pamela Christopher, Nancy Crocker, Virginia Deal, Bettie Garner, Donna Gentry, Sue Haynes, Sharon Mitchell, Revonda Ratledge, Sharon Russell, Connie Starnes, Elizabeth Stroud, Teresa Swisher, Maggie Tennant, Joyce Wall, Elaine Wood, Shelia Willard, Marilyn Zone, Melissa Hodges, Martha Holshouser, Ruth Jennings, Janice Jordan, Lucille Leatherman, Miriam Lewis and Tammy McPherson. Elaine Scarlet, Julie Scarlet and Jane Fowler are new life members. Way to go, North Carolina.

We also have Traci Cronin from Washington, Robin Young from New

Mexico, Sherri Grappe from Louisiana, Shelly Young and Laura Lee Marghein from Nebraska. Joining as a life member is Mary Snell from Missouri. Some of these new members already have joined committees; anyone in our Auxiliary that would like to help on a committee can contact me.

**Remember, Vickie Meiburg** is compiling a complete list of all members and their current addresses, phone and fax numbers, and e-mail addresses. Won't you take a moment to contact Vickie to make sure she has your complete information? She can be reached at (810) 688-2222 or meiburgd@cardina.net.

**Requests for state auxiliary reports** have been mailed to all state presidents or contacts. Reports should be completed and returned as soon as possible; we would like all states to be represented when we publish the state reports. This is a great way to share your ideas with Angus ladies and auxiliaries in other parts of the country.

On a personal note, you will see that my address listed on page 43 is new; it will take effect near the end of August. Hinman Angus Ranch is moving to northern Montana — just east of the agricultural community of Malta. Billy and Heidi Luloff and their children will be moving to the new ranch; our other daughter and her husband, Jill and Dave Hamilton, and their family already live in northeast Montana. That means Dave and I will be close enough to all of our grandchildren to attend their ball games and birthday parties, some of life's most important events. As we look forward to the challenge of this new opportunity, I am reminded of a favorite saying of an old friend: "Nothing is impossible; some things just take a little longer."

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