

AUXILIARY NOTES



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Perpetuating Angus

“If you put roots in the ground deep enough, what blossoms will inspire others to come.”
— Robert Redford.

Nothing could be more true as the vision of Dean Hurlbut, junior activities director 1956-1973, expressed at the 50th Anniversary of the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) this summer.

Beginning with the first National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in 1967, Dean laid the groundwork for the NJAS and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) as you see them today. The American Angus Auxiliary is proud to carry on those traditions in support of our Angus youth, especially honoring the five showmanship winners this year with Dean by our side.

Through this issue you can see the strength of our young people as they strive for excellence, receiving Auxiliary-sponsored awards.

Another honored tradition, the 35th All-American *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) Cook-Off entertained 36 youth teams and nearly 200 “chefs” with eight adult and junior Chef’s Challenge teams, as reported by Anne Patton Schubert.

Supporting our youth

While all of our Auxiliary-sponsored awards carry on the vision of many, we are truly proud of the Auxiliary scholarships awarded through careful selection from applicants across the country. We thank our eight-judge

panel for accepting the arduous task of selecting the top five boys and top five girls to receive \$17,000 in funds.

Miss American Angus, the icon of the Angus breed, will celebrate 50 years this November at the 2018 Angus Convention and Auxiliary Annual Breakfast. Come join us as these five young ladies compete for next year’s title — Katie Brock, Stilesville, Ind.; Lindsey Decker, Philo, Ill.; McKayla Raines, Seaman, Ohio; Reagan Skow, Palisade, Neb.; and Madison Weaver, Ephrata, Pa. Register early for the breakfast, as tickets are limited.

NJAS events

The NJAS in July was filled to the brim with contests and events, but it also served as a place for the Auxiliary to make new friends and reconnect with old. Our scholarship workshop was attended by more than 50 adults and juniors who learned how to prepare for the application process. This included information on the required NJAA Bronze and Silver awards.

Auxiliary-sponsored awards

The American Angus Auxiliary is proud to support Angus youth with the following awards: Silver Pitcher and Crystal awards; Black Kettle Award for top Overall Cook-off Team; Spader Award or Bridger Bronze sculpture for Senior and Intermediate Extemporaneous Speech winners; and the Grote LEAD grants for the top Intermediate Steak Cook-Off team.

Our “Don’t Rub me the Wrong Way” social gave members a lesson on blending specialty rubs. The presentation, given by Kara Lee, Certified Angus Beef LLC, was sponsored by the Wisconsin Beef Council.

With standing room only for the mid-year meeting, members were informed of Auxiliary business.

We cannot thank our volunteers and sponsors enough for their support during this special week and throughout the year. Visit our website angusauxiliary.com for more information about how to join, or contact Cindy Ahearn, president-elect.

Online auction

A financial highlight of the Auxiliary is fast approaching. The third annual Full Circle Online Auction, Sept. 26-27, brings together strong Auxiliary supporters. Consignments range from cattle products and services, to home and office decor, to a vacation stay in the mountains near Alpine, Wyo.

Pictures of the items can be found at our website under the fundraising link. Mark your calendars for this fun event, Sept. 26-27, hosted by AngusLive.com.

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