

On farms large or small, Angus are at the heart of it all

1987 Auxiliary Scholarship Winners

From a garden variety of farms and Angus operations across the USA come the vignettes of junior Angus profiles presented here. They represent the cream of several crops for most exemplify the legacy of years, decades, and even generations devoted to the character-building effect of youth raising Angus.

Ten applicants were selected and will share in a fund of more than \$7,000 allocated to helping Angus juniors advance their education. The Scholarship Fund heifer such as donated by B&L Ranch, Shawnee, Okla., helps perpetuate this activity of the American Angus Auxiliary. Efforts put forth by the Auxiliary and generous breeders have created a highly prized and appreciated opportunity for deserving young breeders.

Following a tradition established several years ago, the girl applicants become eligible to compete for Miss American Angus. Her selection will be announced at the national show and annual meeting in Louisville, November 16, 1987. Here are sketches of some impressive breeders and Angus supporters of the future:



Amy Lyons

"I hope to raise Angus cattle for I feel...it has greatly and positively influenced my life."

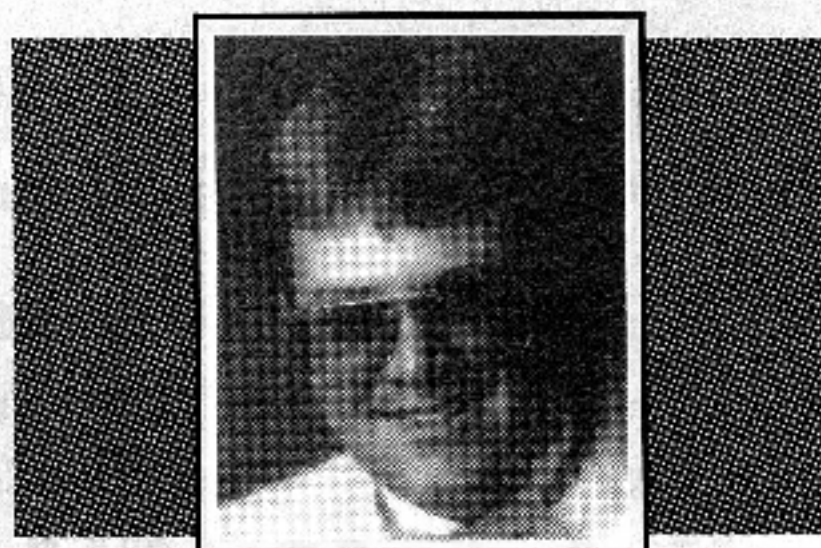
Amy Lyons, first place winner of the girls' division, is the daughter of a well-known Kansas Angus family, the Frank Lyons of Manhattan. They support a herd of nearly 160 registered cows on 1,400 plus acres in the fabled Flint Hills of east central Kansas. Amy has been involved with the state junior Angus assn. for 11 years and has held a full slate of offices in state and district breed organizations.

She was a member of the national championship quiz bowl in 1982 and has won numerous achievement and showmanship awards.

In 1980, her family was recognized as the Kansas Angus Family of the Year.

School and scholastic honors include National Honor Society, National Commended Scholar, and Outstanding Scholastic Award recipient. She's been recognized for her efforts on the school newspapers and was a member of the 6A division girls' volleyball championship team in 1986. Her 4-H achievement record includes 11 years' activity in meats and quiz bowl competition, photography, beef projects, and serving the organization in a variety of offices.

Amy owns a herd of 23 registered females and is lending her experience in showing the progeny from this herd by conducting showing and fitting clinics to 4-Hers across the state. Emphasis in recent years has been placed on the EPD approach to herd improvement and AHIR. She's studied A.I. at Kansas State University, Manhattan. Bulls from her herd have been enrolled in the Potwin and Beloit tests.



William Reeder

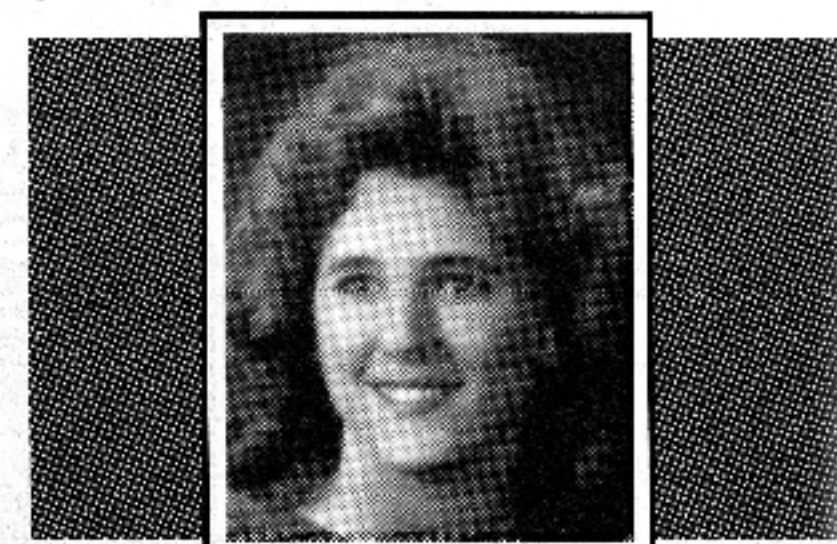
"... (y)ou would have to have been born in a city and spent at least half your life there to fully understand what registered Angus cattle mean to me."

He's the showman part of the Andrew Starr family and Angus operation at Sunbright, Tenn., this first place boys' division winner. "Billy" Reeder has become a familiar face at recent national shows as his expertise takes him to the top placings or captures the showmanship banner.

His 4-H career has been a full one with beef project, poultry, and public speaking achievements. At school, he's played baseball and basketball. At Sunbright High School, he's been voted the best citizen and most likely to succeed. And at Star Dust, his family's Angus farm, he is solely responsible for the nutrition, fitting, and grooming of the the herd show cattle. His school yearbook entry

is the only comment expressing that a "favorite pet is a cow . They not only give me a feeling of enjoyment and fulfillment, but they've also given me the opportunity to develop a keen sense of responsibility."

He plans attending the University of Tennessee majoring in meat science or agricultural business.



Lisa Hawkins

"Soon, I discovered that my grandfather, dad, and I had a common bond—our cattle interests." (At age five).

Seventeen-year-old Lisa Hawkins, Mason, Mich., has pursued her Angus career on a suburban acreage of ten acres. The family's been involved with Angus for more than 10 years, and Lisa's membership in junior Angus activities began nine years ago.

Her father and mother are both active and visible in the state's beef industry. David Hawkins is a professor of animal science at Michigan State University and Kathleen Hawkins is director of education of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission.

Lisa's Angus activities include winning Certificates of Achievement for her nine years' of involvement. She served as queen of the state Angus association for two years and won a coveted silver pitcher award at the National Junior Angus Show. She's been the Michigan Premier Junior Angus Exhibitor. Lisa is the second place, Auxiliary scholarship winner.

Her school activities include varsity swim team, co-editor of the yearbook, memberships in the marching, concert, and pep bands. Lisa's 4-H activities garnered five award trips to Toronto, Wisconsin, and Kentucky. She's been recognized by the National Honor Society for her community service.

Performance cattle have been important to her. She now owns 14 registered cows, keeping the bulk of her herd on her grandfather's farm on a partnership

basis. The 1986 calf crop posted an adjusted average weaning weight of 598 pounds, with an 887-pound yearling average for the replacement heifers. One of her original show heifers is now recognized as a Pathfinder cow. Highlights of her Angus career thus far include showing a grand champion at the National Junior Angus Show, setting up a live animal demonstration for a Certified Angus Beef promotion at a local supermarket, and learning to "balance a ration."

Lisa plans a career in agriculture communications and advertising at Michigan State University.



Angela Holder

"The farm I live and grew up on is a generation-to-generation family farm for almost 55 years."

The emphasis is shifting a bit as **Angela Holder**, Gamaliel, Ky., continues her Angus interest and career. She's enjoyed the showing activities and atmosphere but is becoming more interested in performance testing through the central bull tests. One of her bulls was topgaining entry tested through this year's Tennessee Senior Performance Test and she plans on repeating the effort.

Angela is the daughter of Benny and Nellgene Holder and resides on the family's 1,200-acre farm in Monroe County. The Holder herd numbers 160 registered cows. The farm also markets swine, tobacco, and timber.

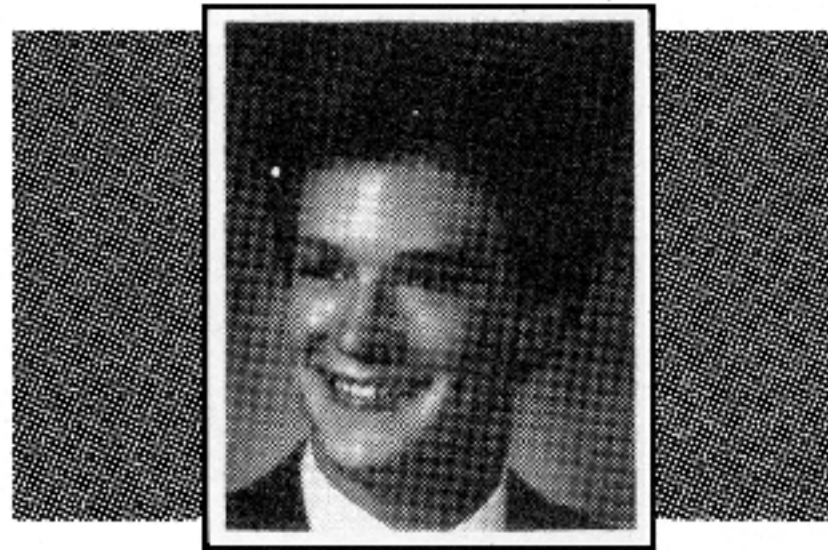
She is also a 10-year member of state and national Angus associations. She is the third place girls' winner.

Her Angus activities include reigning as queen of the KSA and representing the state at the National Junior Angus Show in the beef cook-off contest for two years. She's held several offices in the state junior organization and has an extensive 4-H career encompassing national awards and achievements. She's been a demonstration champion for several years and was a state fashion revue finalist and semi-finalist in modeling. Angela was the state winner of the 'Make it Yourself with Wool' contest and represented Kentucky at national competition in San Diego.

Her school achievements include

election as the senior class girl "most likely to succeed" plus participation in the pep club and Future Homemakers of America and membership in the Monroe County Academic Team.

Her interests in dietetics was fostered while working with the county school dietitian in planning weekly beef dishes for the school lunch program. Angela plans a career in this area, studying at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.



Daniel Moser

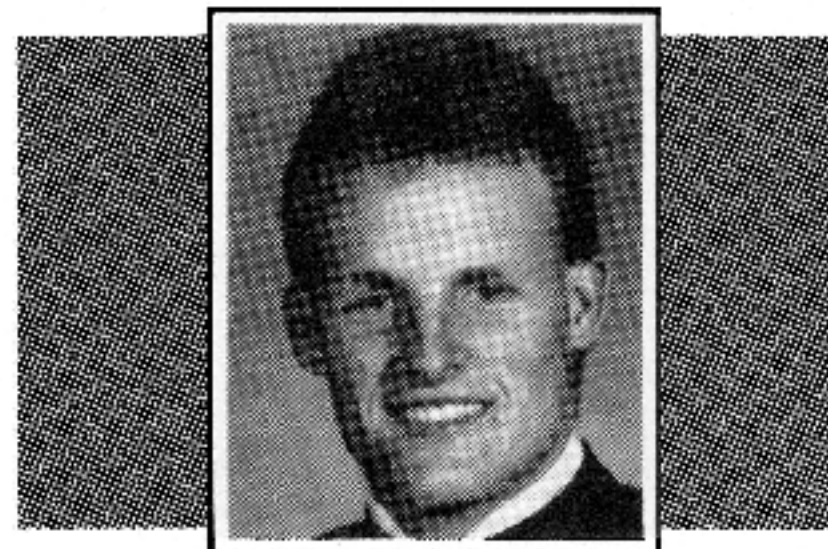
"I look upon my decision to raise and show Angus cattle as one of the best of my life."

The Moser farm near Effingham, Kan., may be typical of Atchison County as **Daniel Moser** estimates the average acreage there to be 160 acres. The Lowell Mosers grow row crops in addition to the cattle operation which is largely Daniel's enterprise. He presently owns 14 registered Angus females and is second place winner, boy's division.

During his 10-year participation in state and national Angus activities, Daniel has enjoyed a number of achievements particularly in the show arena. His 4-H and FFA careers have been extensive with council and officer positions and responsibilities. Dairy and beef judging contests have been among his interests.

He's played football and was recognized by the National Honor Society. Other honors include the American Legion Citizenship Award and selection as senator of the Boys' State of Kansas.

He'll begin studies at Kansas State University this fall in the fields of animal science and agricultural economics.



Scott Jones

"I have even learned the value of losing, as well as winning."

An early learning disability spurred third place boys' winner **Scott Jones** onward to such excellence he graduated from high school as Salutatorian with a 94.35 average. He was also nominated by his student body as the "Most likely to succeed" and "Most school-spirited."

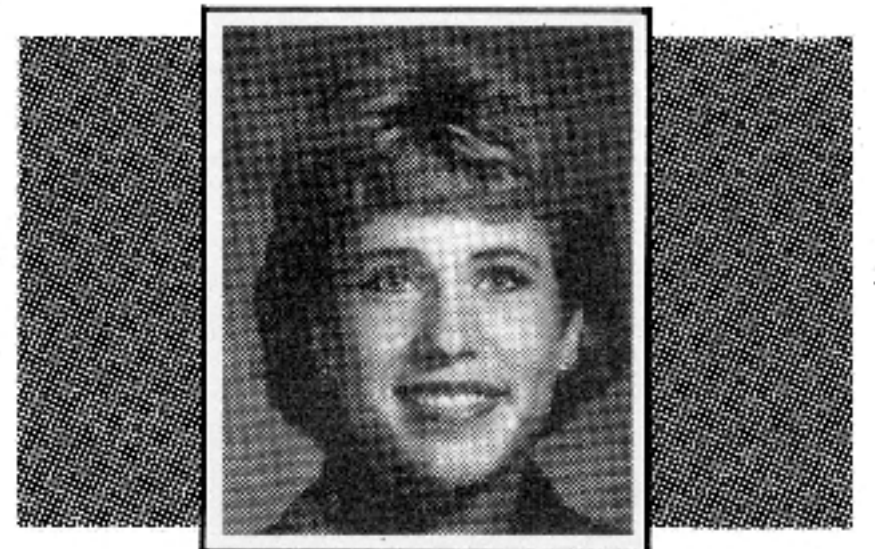
He is the son of the Dale Overpecks, Granbury, Texas, and will be entering Tarleton State University for two years with an eye toward graduating from Texas A&M with a degree in agricultural economics and a minor in animal science.

Scott is currently president of the Texas Junior Angus Assn. and has been active in a number of the organization's committee projects. He has a four-year athletic career in football and basketball and has been a member of the high school golf team for three years. He has also served on the annual staff and student council as vice-president.

His FFA awards include recognition as Star Chapter Farmer, Lone Star Farmer, and Who's Who in Vo Ag. He was captain of his high school football team and was selected all-district offense and defense.

He was a delegate to Boys' State and the Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in 1986.

Of his Angus experience, Scott says: "The Angus breed has really meant a lot to me. It has taught me leadership as well as responsibility."



Mary Ann Brandenberger

"I'm the 'Cow Queen' in my school, and the kids love hearing my stock show stories."

"Showing cattle seems the 'Brandenberger' thing to do," says fourth place girls' scholarship winner **Mary Ann Brandenberger** from Clifton, Texas. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brandenberger. The family presently operates 1,800 acres, 300 owned, where they raise 150 Angus brood cows.

Mary has held offices in the Texas Junior Angus Assn. with experience helping organize a number of the group's annual activities such as regional shows, field days, and banquets. She's been the Texas Angus Princess, Texas Angus Queen, and president of the TJAA. Her

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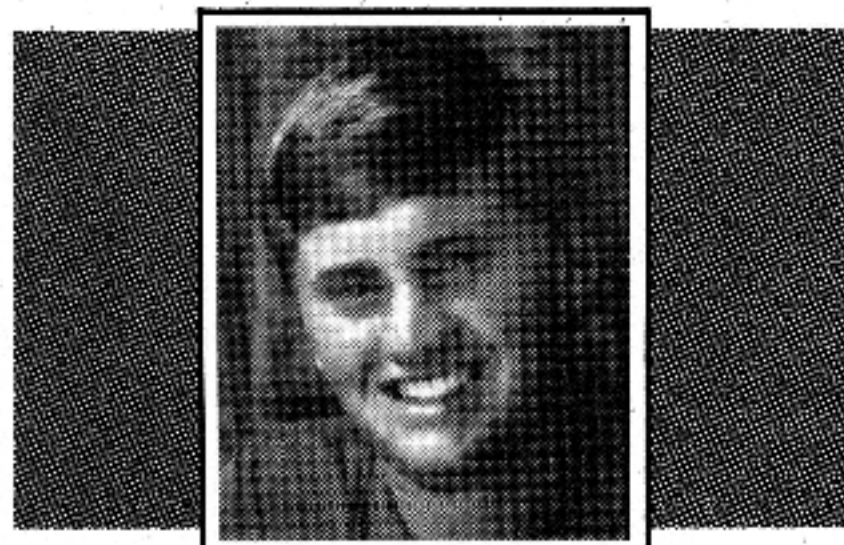
beef, home economics, and livestock projects in 4-H have been award-winning.

At high school, Mary has been a band member, varsity volleyball squad member, track, basketball, and tennis team member. She's been listed in Who's Who in American High Schools, and her academic achievements have gained her recognition from the National Honor Society and as an Academic All-American. She was president of the junior class.

Her Angus herd has grown from a solitary pair bought in 1973 to more than 50 head of cows, heifers, and two bulls. Her cattle earnings have enabled her to buy a pick-up truck plus build a fund for her college education. Mary plans a career in elementary education.

Mary lists the benefits from her Angus involvement as leadership experience, travel ("Mom insisted we see museums, zoos, NASA"), and dealing with adversity: "Showing in cities like Houston and San Antonio has taught me—a very small-town girl—to cope with traffic, crowds, and policemen (wrecks happen, too!)."

"This last show season was the perfect ending to a show career, but the lessons learned in 15th place—or with a non-placing steer—were invaluable. . . . My Angus memories and friends, and knowing that we—a small Angus family enterprise—can raise and show competitive cattle has made all the years of hard work and sacrifice worthwhile."



Joe Marshall Davis

"A nine-year-old boy from our county started showing a couple of years ago. I have helped him with his showing and this year when he won his first trophy, it was like me winning my first one again, only deeper, more lasting. I thank the Angus business for opportunities like these."

Fourth-place boys' winner **Joe Marshall Davis** of Blue Mountain, Miss. served his high school student body as its president this past year. He also played varsity football and baseball during his years at W P. Daniel and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He is the son of the John M. Davises and resides on the family farm of 80 acres in a county where farms average

75. Twenty registered cows are raised there. Joe's been a member of national and state Angus organizations for more than eight years and has been vice-president and president of the Mississippi Junior Angus Assn. several years. He's been cited by the state association for his leadership and participation.

His 4-H accomplishments include conducting workshops for beginning showmen.

Joe Marshall is a recipient of an annual Rotary award and was selected to the W. P. Daniel Hall of Fame. He credits his Angus experience as helping him in other areas of life and says his only goal yet unattained is winning the grand champion heifer slot at the state level, "where my sister has beaten me twice. But there are still two years left."

He plans a career in law and public service after study at Mississippi State and the University of Mississippi.



Susan Patton

"I was pulled third and couldn't have been happier with my first white ribbon and \$10 worth of prize money."

Susan Patton's family has been raising registered Angus for nearly 30 years. They support 60 registered cows on a combination of 420 owned acres and 900 leased. Other enterprises are corn and soybeans.

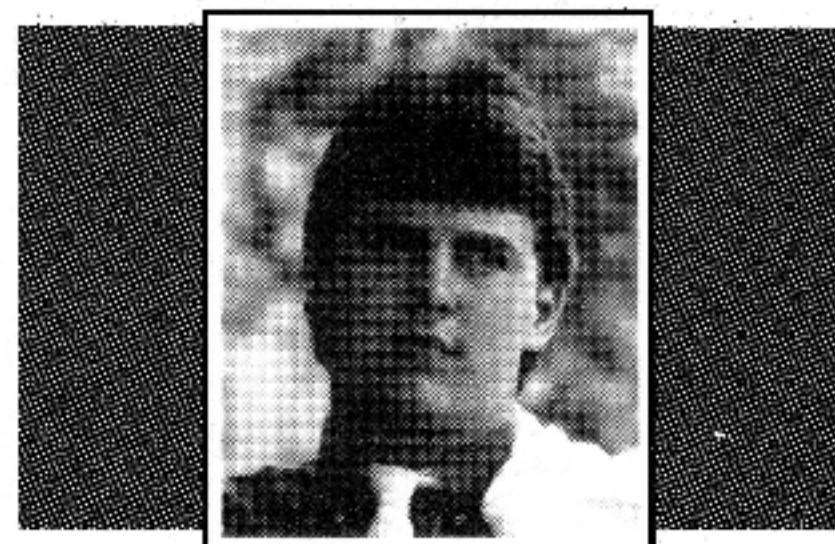
Susan is the daughter of James and Randee Patton, Crawfordsville, Ind., where she's been active in the state and national junior organizations for nine years. She's shown champion animals at both state and national levels. Her 4-H involvement parallels her Angus activity.

Her athletic career at North Montgomery High School has been notable with credits for the swimming team for four years, girls' fast pitch softball for three, girls' basketball for three, and membership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She's been a member of the National Honor Society and the student council for four years, serving as president for one.

She was voted best personality of the senior class and was recognized with the Miss Sportmanship of the Girls Swimming Team also. Susan has been a member of homecoming and prom queen courts and was captain of the girls' softball team.

Physical therapy is a career goal she hopes to study at Purdue University, though she expresses a long-term goal of eventually owning a top quality herd of Angus.

"The purebred beef industry and 4-H beef projects are much more than just the breeding of top quality cattle," she says. "They afford the opportunity of meeting many new people and learning to work and relate to those people." Susan was selected as fifth place girls' winner.



Jason Jasper

"I gained so much from my experience with Angus that I like to see others develop an enthusiasm for cattle. I enjoy helping fellow FFA members to care for their Angus cattle."

The Jasper family raises 35 registered Angus cows near Nicholasville, Ky. in Jessamine County. **Jason Jasper** is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jasper and has been participating in Angus events for nine years. He's served as vice-president of the KJAA and has been active in the junior-sponsored show, the Sweepstakes show and sale, and showmanship contests. He is the fifth place boys' scholarship winner.

Jason has pursued an active athletic career while enrolled at Jessamine County High. He's played basketball for three years, football for four, and has been a member of the student council for two years. He was its chairman in 1984.

He's been judging 4-H and FFA livestock for eight years and has been especially active in showmanship demonstrations and herdsman competitions. He's developed hay, tobacco, and beef projects. His beef projects have won several supreme live and carcass contests. His role in church and other youth activities earned him recognition as the Jessamine County Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth. He's cited on the FFA Honor Roll and the 4-H Hall of Fame.

His career intentions are to enroll at Union College and major in agriculture. Of his Angus years, he says: "When I stop and think about Angus cattle and what they involve, I think of the saying we used at the 1982 National Junior Heifer Show: What a wonderful way of life." **AJ**