



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Nancy Jo Sullivan*, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Miss American Angus to compete in Louisville

We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.

— *Ben Sweetland*

Lighting the path

For me, that is what the American Angus Auxiliary is all about. It is lighting the path for youth in the Angus industry through scholarships, awards, the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off and many other yearly activities.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up this month, and I thought I would give you an overview of what to expect.

Miss American Angus (MAA) is crowned at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., in November each year. The Auxiliary scholarship application is the basis from which the girls are chosen to compete.

The role of MAA is one of much importance and responsibility. MAA is an ambassador for the Angus breed and a representative of the Association and the Auxiliary. This role brings MAA to the public's eye and allows her to serve as a role model to youth across the country throughout her reign.

Serving as MAA requires much time and willingness to devote oneself to the Angus

breed. The 2004 MAA will be required to attend six major shows: the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), Denver, Colo., in January; the Western National Angus Futurity, Reno, Nev., in April; the Atlantic National, Timonium, Md., in May; the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Raleigh, N.C., in June; the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Kansas City, Mo., in July; and the NAILE, Louisville, in November. The American Angus Futurity is not a required show, but the Futurity committee invites MAA to attend and pays a portion of her expenses to do so.

In addition to the required shows, MAA is encouraged to attend as many shows, sales, field days, banquets and promotional events as possible. A \$5,000 travel expense fund is available to help with expenses, and with careful planning, these funds usually cover a majority of the expenses for the six required shows.

In addition to the travel expense fund, MAA will be given an "official" jacket, a crown and a banner. A wardrobe allowance of \$200 will be presented along with a \$250 stationary allowance. Sponsors usually give additional gifts each year to the contestants and the newly crowned MAA.

The contest to select the 2004 MAA will be Nov. 15-18 in Louisville in conjunction with the NAILE. The contest includes four phases: (1) a written test that tests knowledge of the cattle and Angus industries, (2) a prepared speech based upon a predetermined topic, (3) a 20-minute personal interview with a panel of judges and (4) an impromptu question to be answered by contestants.

The Executive West has been denoted as the Angus host hotel and will serve as the location for the MAA competition. The announcement and crowning of the 2004 Miss American Angus will be in the showing on Monday, Nov. 17.

The contestants

Let me introduce the five special young ladies running for 2004 MAA.

Wravenna Phipps, Kearney, Neb., is the daughter of William and Robin Phipps. Wravenna is currently attending Black Hawk College, Moline, Ill., and will finish her degree in ag communications and public relations at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater.

Lisa Stream, Chariton, Iowa, is the daughter of Rodney and Sue Stream. Lisa's plans include majoring in biomedical engineering at the University of Iowa (UI), Iowa City, and attending medical school, where she will specialize in dermatology.

Megin Santee, Langdon, Kansas, is the daughter of Barry and Karen Santee. Megin attends Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, Kan., and is majoring in agribusiness and accounting. She will finish her degrees at Kansas State University (K-State), Manhattan.

Keela Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis., is the daughter of Kevin and Keri Retallick. Keela attends the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison and is majoring in animal science. She plans to pursue a career in animal genetics.

Katy Kemp, Decatur, Texas, is the daughter of Thomas and Evie Kemp. Katy attends Texas A&M, College Station, and is majoring in animal science.

Louisville schedule

Below is the Auxiliary's schedule of events during the NAILE:

Saturday, Nov. 15

- 1-3 p.m. — American Angus Auxiliary Executive Meeting, Executive West Edinburgh Room. This meeting is for American Angus Auxiliary committee chairwomen, Auxiliary officers and state presidents, or a state contact representative.
- 7 p.m. — "Meet Around the Campfire Buffet," Executive West Poolside. Please wear Western attire from days gone by.

Sunday, Nov. 16

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. — Holiday Room, Executive West Drinkwater Room.

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▶ 9-10:30 a.m. — American Angus Auxiliary Breakfast, Executive West Queen of Scots Room. Breakfast is hosted by the great state of Ohio! It is always a fun time for all, with door prizes from individual states, great food and great company with many Angus friends. (Please remember that each state is to bring a door prize to the breakfast.) Tickets are \$15. You can make reservations with Sandra McCurry through e-mail at sandyehill@aol.com,

phone (316) 661-8954 or fax (316) 661-2117, and pay at the door. Or mail your checks to McCurry at 11313 N. 279th W., Mount Hope, KS 67108.

- ▶ 11 a.m. — Miss American Angus competition, Executive West Shannon Room.
- ▶ 11 a.m.-noon — American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting, Executive West Queen of Scots Room. The meeting is open to all present, past and new American Angus Auxiliary members. At this meeting you will have a chance to hear the report and recommendation

from the Miss American Angus Selection Task Force. I know that the appointment of a task force has generated much discussion. Questions and comments have included, "How is Miss American Angus selected?" "The selection process isn't broken." "Have you thought about it from this angle?" I have often been reminded from top executives that there isn't a process or procedure that couldn't use some enhancements, and each process should be reviewed often to stay on the leading edge. Isn't that what the Angus industry is all about?

Monday, Nov. 17

8 a.m.-6 p.m. — Holiday Room, Executive West Drinkwater Room. The Holiday Room provides a great opportunity to stock up on Angus items both for promotion and for gift-giving. We will be rolling out the beautiful gold-trimmed china dessert plate. The plate will be offered in sets of four, with four new images that Frank Murphy has created. Don't miss this opportunity to start this great collection. Every two years a new segment to the place setting will be introduced. The next offering will be the dinner plate. When you finish, you could

have a total place setting of china. Cool, right?

My last column

Thank you for the opportunity to hold the torch for the past 20 months as president of the Auxiliary. I hope in some small way I have shed some light on this great organization; I know it really brightened my path. I am looking forward to seeing you in Louisville this month and want to thank everyone who has supported the American Angus Auxiliary this past year! I am looking forward to working as advisor on the Auxiliary Board next year.

Amy Iman Bellis from Missouri will be the 2004 American Angus Auxiliary president, and she is presently appointing committees. Amy would love to hear from you if you are interested in volunteering. For more information, contact a member of the officer team or see us on the Web at www.angus.org and click on "Auxiliary."



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