



Auxiliary Notes

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Recognizing strong leaders in mothers and youth

A woman is like a tea bag. You never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

A salute to Angus moms

With Mother's Day celebrated this month, I thought it was time to pay tribute to all the women who support this great breed and the greatest junior members in the world. Happy Mother's Day!

I want to say a special happy Mother's Day to my mom, Joanne Lienemann, who has been a very special inspiration to my children and me. I cannot keep up with that woman. She is in the choir, in Rotary, on every church committee and on the Adel, Iowa, alumni committee. She plays bridge and pinochle and never says "no" to a community drive or need. On top of that, she is in the hall of fame for Wick Buildings and every year is either No. 1 or No. 2 in sales volume. And did I say she still has time for her husband, friends and eight grandchildren? Way to go, Mom, and to all the moms just like you in this wonderful Angus family.

As I have said in the past, we don't have soccer moms — we have "show-barn moms." Well, Moms, it is time to suit up again for show season and for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky. I know you are all helping with photos, recordkeeping, show preparations, beef

Cook-Off trial runs, scrapbooks and with scholarship applications for some.

Junior contests

The American Angus Auxiliary strongly believes in the importance of the educational contests at the NJAS. To promote and support these contests, the Auxiliary sponsors the Janet Castle Crystal Award (also referred to as the Crystal Award). This award is based on the junior member's placing in all of the educational events. It is given to the overall high-point boy and high-point girl.

Contests included for this award are photography, the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off, poster, graphic design, extemporaneous speech, team sales and public speaking.

Two new contests will be added in 2003 — creative writing and the quiz bowl. Cathy Watkins and Beaver Ridge Farm will generously fund the Crystal Awards for the next five years.

Points are awarded to the top three placings in each age division in each contest listed above as follows:

1st place	7 points
2nd place	5 points
3rd place	3 points

(One point is also awarded to each participant in each contest who is not among the top three placings.)

The Janet Castle Crystal Award is awarded in memory of Janet Castle. It was created with a generous donation from her family to the Auxiliary. Janet was one of the founders of the scholarship fund. She served as president of the Auxiliary in 1962. Janet's vision and dedication helped many junior Angus members, and it is appropriate that the Auxiliary's award be named for her.

Silver Pitcher Award

The goal of this award is to recognize a boy and a girl at the NJAS who have accumulated the highest point earnings in

the cattle breed category contests. This award has been given since 1953 to the highest-point girl. Beginning in 1993 it was awarded to both the highest-point girl and the highest-point boy.

1st in class	4 points
2nd in class	3 points
3rd in class	2 points
4th in class	1 point
Division champion	2 points
Division reserve champion	1 point
Grand champion	3 points
(Steer, cow-calf pair, owned heifer, bred-and-owned heifer or bred-and-owned bull)	
Reserve grand champion	2 points
(Steer, cow-calf pair, owned heifer, bred-and-owned heifer or bred-and-owned bull)	

No single entry may earn more than 9 points.

Achievement awards

An achievement of any kind is worthy of recognition. The American Angus Auxiliary recognizes boys and girls for their ability and accomplishments with Angus cattle by awarding them a Certificate of Achievement. The goal of the achievement awards committee is to reach every deserving girl and boy in Canada and the United States.

Awards given to young people over the years have made a tremendous impact upon youth programs being offered everywhere today. Ambitious young people are intent upon progress. Their goal is continuous improvement. We feel the Achievement Awards program of the American Angus Auxiliary has served to boost the participation of juniors interested in Angus cattle. Their accomplishments in this field are not limited, since the achievement may be in steer or breeding stock competition, showmanship, judging, fat carcasses, winners of medals or trophies, juniors reaching the scholarship finals (whose names have been submitted by their state chairman), queens, or princesses.

Congratulations to all the Achievement Award winners, many of whom are listed in the accompanying list on page 49.

Whether you are preparing your Angus exhibit or preparing for quiz bowl, Cook-Off, public speaking, team sales, photography, creative writing or graphic design, remember family and friends are there to coach you and to help in any way possible. After all, you are our future!

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