



Auxiliary Notes

► by **Mary Greiman**, president, American Angus Auxiliary

A new season

Ahhh, March. Theoretically the official start of spring. Unfortunately, here in North Iowa (or the arctic tundra as some of us call it), spring won't really roll around for a few more weeks.

Anticipation and excitement

For many of you, this time of year means long, sleepless nights, muddy lots and dirty udders, the occasional scours and respiratory illnesses. In other words, calving season. Thank goodness the anticipation and excitement of what those favorite cows are going to produce this time makes it all worthwhile. I believe it's the anticipation and excitement that motivates most of us to get up in the night and trudge out into the cold to see if we now own a champion.

These two emotions are the underlying motivators in most everything we do. We spend countless hours working at our jobs, at school and out in the cattle barns in anticipation of what great things we are going to accomplish. We hope our time and effort will be "rewarded" or "recognized,"

either through a promotion or bonus, good grades and scholarships, or what our Angus youth are focusing on: a champion in the showing.

Generally, we tend to anticipate a positive result to our efforts, hence the excitement. We get so excited thinking about what we would like to do with a bonus, lots of big scholarships, or winning at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), state fairs and county fairs.

So what does this mean for the Auxiliary?

We are excitedly anticipating a great year for our members and our youth. Our officer team and some committee chairwomen recently completed a successful two-day retreat discussing all the opportunities we offer and how we might improve them.

We are excited about offering \$10,000 in scholarships, and we anticipate an incredible

set of applications. From that set of applications, we anticipate outstanding Miss American Angus candidates. We are excited to see the many and varied entries

that will be at the NJAS, especially in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off skits. We are also excited about the many awards we will be giving out at the awards program at the NJAS.

As I mentioned in my last article, one thing the American Angus Auxiliary wants to focus on this year is increasing our membership. So I anticipate many people joining our organization this year. I am excited at the opportunity to meet each and every one in the coming months. I am also excitedly anticipating catching up with all my old friends at all our activities.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch

Thankfully, our calving season is done. No more interrupted sleep or worries about frostbitten ears. We avoided muddy lots and sickness. Now comes the anticipation and excitement of which calves are destined for the showing and which ones are for the salering. When spring break comes in a couple of weeks, my sons will be spending most of their time tying up those little calves, brushing and clipping them to see which "ring" each one will end up in. Lots of anticipation and excitement!

Get excited and get involved with the Auxiliary!

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Reminder:

Seniors, talk to your state scholarship chairperson as soon as possible about your state's scholarship deadline, and get your applications submitted to them. The application can be found on the Auxiliary's web site at www.angusauxiliary.com.

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► **Right:** Officers of the American Angus Auxiliary for 2007 include (from left) Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., advisor; Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, president; Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., president-elect; and Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., secretary-treasurer.

