

# Louisville

Angus breeders gather in Louisville, Ky., for roll-of-victory Angus show, business meeting and social functions.

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The Angus contingent had a new home base at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) in Louisville for the 2007 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). While the

Executive West still served as the hotel headquarters, most Angus events other than the cattle show moved to Rooms 201-204 on the upper level of KFEC's South Wing C.

In addition to serving as the location of the opening session, the candidate forum and the annual meeting, the upper-level location served as a meeting place for Angus members and an

opportunity to learn more about the Association, its subsidiaries and affiliates.

An Angus Education Center featured seminars presented by staff of the Association and its

subsidiaries. An "info expo" sporting free coffee as well as booths and staff of Association entities was also available for members and others, providing opportunity to meet one-on-one with staff and ask questions about Association programs and services throughout the week.

## Board highlights

The Association Board of Directors met twice during the week — once Saturday prior to the Annual Meeting and once after. Following is a review of the topics discussed and actions taken during the Board meetings Nov. 10 and 13.

- ▶ The 2007 Annual Report was presented to the Board.
- ▶ A progress report was given regarding the priorities that were identified at the March 2007 Angus Leaders Workshop.
- ▶ Board directed staff to inform the Association membership that implementation of the new carcass expected progeny differences (EPDs) would begin with publication of the Fall 2008 National Cattle Evaluation (NCE).
- ▶ A Carcass Evaluation Guidelines Task Force was appointed. The task force is comprised of Jarold Callahan, chairman;

Joe Hampton; John Schurr; Rob Thomas; and Richard Tokach. John Crouch, Bill Bowman and Sally Northcutt will serve as staff advisors. The task force is to report at the February 2008 Board meeting.

- ▶ The Board directed staff to proceed with participation in the USDA Whole Genome Scan Project with application due in February 2009.
- ▶ A legal agreement is being finalized with MMI regarding a genetic defect test, and communication materials are being developed. Implementation will begin in the first quarter of 2008.
- ▶ The AngusSource® Task Force presented a report relative to expansion of the program.
- ▶ A task force was appointed to explore the assessment and evaluation of phenotypic traits in Angus cattle. The task force is comprised of: Jay King, chairman; Jarold Callahan; Al DeClerk; Steve Olson; Robert Schlutz; Cathy Watkins; Richie Oaks; Tom Hill; and Don Boggs. John Crouch, Jim Shirley, Bryce Schumann and Ty Groshans will serve as staff advisors.

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▶ Lawson Hembree of Sugar Hill Farm, Fort Smith, Ark., purchased registration number 16,000,000 during the Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event Saturday, Nov. 10. The \$28,000 purchase will help support education, youth and research as part of the Angus Foundation's Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus fundraising effort.



▶ Angus Foundation Director Milford Jenkins (left) presents a plaque to Angus Foundation Chairman Paul Hill of Bidwell, Ohio, recognizing Hill for four years of dedication as chairman of the Angus Foundation Board. Hill will step down as chairman this year to take the reins as president of the American Angus Association.

- ▶ Committees were appointed and entity boards were elected for 2008. Those appointments are listed below.
- ▶ Staff was instructed to further review the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) agreement relative to premises registration.
- ▶ The next scheduled Board Meeting will be Feb. 20-22, 2008, in Saint Joseph, Mo.

**Committee, Board leadership**

Effective at the conclusion of the 2007 Annual Convention of Delegates, titles for

American Angus Association Board and staff are as follows:

- ▶ Paul Hill, president and chairman of the board
- ▶ Jay King, vice president and vice chairman of the board
- ▶ John Crouch, chief executive officer
- ▶ Bill Davis, treasurer

At Tuesday's Board of Directors Meeting, committees and boards were assigned as follows:

**Executive Committee** — Paul Hill,

chairman; Gregg Blythe; Bill Davis; Jay King; and Rob Thomas

**Activities & Events Committee** — Cathy Watkins, chairman; Al DeClerk, vice chairman; Gregg Blythe; Chad Hoffman; Jay King; James Rentz; Rob Thomas; and Phil Trowbridge

**Breed Improvement Committee** — Jarold Callahan, chairman; Bill Davis, vice chairman; Joe Hampton; John Schurr; Gordon Stucky; Rob Thomas; Phil Trowbridge; and Cathy Watkins

**Information & Data Management**



▶ **Left:** The American Angus Auxiliary elected officers and made changes to its bylaws Saturday, Nov. 10.

▶ **Right:** Jane Ebert of North Carolina and Yvonne Hinman of Montana were honored with the American Angus Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award during the Auxiliary's annual breakfast Sunday morning.



▶ **Above:** Mark McCully, director of supply development for Certified Angus Beef LLC, shared some best practices for managing cattle to hit the *Certified Angus Beef*® brand target during one of Monday's sessions at the new Angus Education Center.



▶ **Above:** National Junior Angus Association Board members help work the ring at the NAILE. Here, Brandon Creamer, Montrose, Colo., assists with the junior Angus show Sunday, Nov. 11.



▶ **Left:** Collin Barker, Kearney, Mo., leads Patton Blackbird 711 to second place in Class 5 of the junior Angus Show show. Junior Angus exhibitors led 161 entries at the 2007 NAILE.

**Committee** — Joe Hampton, chairman; Gordon Stucky, vice chairman; Jarold Callahan; Bill Davis; Norman Garton; Steve Olson; Robert Schlutz; and John Schurr

**Finance & Planning Committee** — Bill Davis, chairman; Joe Hampton, vice chairman; Gregg Blythe; Jarold Callahan; Norman Garton; James Rentz; Robert Schlutz; and John Schurr

**Industry Relations Committee** — Rob Thomas, chairman; Phil Trowbridge, vice chairman; Al DeClerk; Chad Hoffman; Jay King; Steve Olson; Gordon Stucky; and Cathy Watkins

**Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Board** — Bill Davis, chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; John Stika, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Al DeClerk; Norman Garton; Joe Hampton; Jay King; Robert Norton; and Rob Thomas

**Angus Productions Inc. (API) Board** — Jay King, chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; Terry Cotton, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Gregg Blythe; Bill Davis; Steve Olson; Gordon Stucky; Rob Thomas; Cathy Watkins

**Angus Foundation Board** — Robert Schlutz, chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; Milford Jenkins, president; Richard Wilson, secretary; Jarold Callahan; Joe Hampton; John Schurr; Rob Thomas; Phil Trowbridge; and Cathy Watkins

**Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) Board** — Jarold Callahan, chairman; John Crouch, vice chairman; Bill Bowman, president; Richard Wilson, secretary-treasurer; Gregg Blythe; Bill Davis; Joe Hampton; Doug Parrett; Gordon Stucky; and Cathy Watkins

**Chaplain** — Gregg Blythe

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► At the candidate-delegate forum, then vice president and president of the American Angus Association Paul Hill (left) and Jot Hartley review questions from the audience for the five candidates seeking election to the Board.



► Candidate Chad Hoffman sought election to the American Angus Association Board of Directors Sunday during the candidate-delegate forum. Each of the five candidates told the audience a little about themselves and answered four questions from the audience.



► Mallory Trosper (left), Hamilton, Mo., and Dana May, Mineral Point, Wis., explain the embryo lottery fundraiser for the 2008 National Junior Angus Show during Sunday evening's Angus Reception.



► The drawing for the barbecue trailer donated by Glen Grote to the American Angus Auxiliary to help raise funds for the Pat Grote Memorial took place during Sunday evening's Angus Reception. Clint Pearson of Scott City, Kan., won the drawing.



► Canadian Angus Association executive Doug Fee invites attendees of the 124th Annual Meeting of the American Angus Association to attend the 2009 World Angus Secretariat to be in Canada in July 2009.



► Contestants for Miss American Angus line up in the ring Monday morning prior to selection of the grand champion bull.

**National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Representative** — Gregg Blythe  
**NCBA Committee Appointments** — Beef Production Research, Joe Hampton; Product Enhancement, Gordon Stucky; International Markets, Cathy Watkins  
**Parliamentarian** — Paul Donnelly

The following dates were established for the 2008 Board calendar:

- Feb. 19 — New Director Orientation, Saint Joseph, Mo.
- Feb. 20-22 — Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.
- June 11-13 — Board Meeting, location to be announced
- July 13-19 — National Junior Angus Show, Des Moines, Iowa
- Sept 3-5 — Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.
- Sept. 11-13 — CAB Annual Conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- Oct. 7-9 — National Angus Conference & Tour, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Nov. 15 — Board Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

- Nov. 17 — 125th Annual Meeting, Louisville, Ky.
- Nov. 18 — Board Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

**Auxiliary Report**

**Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was called to order by President Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007. There were 30 members and three guests present, plus special guests Curtis Long and his wife, Ann, of Butler, Mo.

Miss American Angus, Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C., addressed the meeting and expressed her appreciation for the experience given her by the Auxiliary. She also introduced the five candidates for the title of 2008 Miss American Angus: Ashlyn Carter, Upland, Ind.; Emma Collins, Morton, Miss.; Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo.; Danielle Foster, Niles, Mich.; and Gretchen Frost, Tallula, Ill.

Introductions were made of Auxiliary Distinguished Women who were present: Linda Brost, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Lois Foster,

Niles, Mich.; Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan.; and Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky.

Nancy Thelen from Saline, Mich., announced a record response of 32 Auxiliary scholarship applications from 25 states. Funding for the scholarships is earned through interest on the scholarship trust fund. The total scholarship amount was increased by \$2,000 for 2008, as approved in the budget, for a total of \$12,000 in scholarship monies. Excellent management of the funds by the Foundation treasurer was cited for enabling the increase. Some minor changes in the application itself have been made.

The Angus Sale Barn inventory has added a cup-and-saucer set that matches the chinaware being sold in past years. Orders were also being taken in the Holiday Room for a new seasonal item — a Christmas wreath and live greenery garland — another first for the Angus Sale Barn.

Angus Cook-Off chairperson, Anne Patton Schubert, announced the observance



▶ Angus enthusiasts had the opportunity to get a jump-start on Christmas shopping by visiting the Holiday Room at the Executive West Hotel.



▶ Newly elected directors of the American Angus Association include (front row, from left) Chad Hoffman, Colfax, Ill.; Norman Garton, Nevada, Mo.; (back row, from left) Jarold Callahan, Edmond, Okla.; James Rentz, Coldwater, Ohio; and Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y.



▶ CAB provided a cutting demonstration Monday during an Angus Education Center. The session featured new cutting methods to help licensees market larger cuts in a more appealing package.



▶ Elected to serve as American Angus Auxiliary officers are Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, advisor; Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., president; Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., president-elect; and Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo., secretary-treasurer.

of 25 years of the Cook-Off event. Various sponsorship levels are available to have sponsor logos on the "Friends of the Black Kettle" t-shirts. The limited-edition t-shirts are only given to the cook-off contestants. One exclusive sponsor can be the only logo on the shirt for a donation of \$1,500, or a second option may occur for 15 individual \$100 sponsors who will each get their logo on the shirt. Other award sponsorships are also available. For more information contact Schubert at 502-477-2663 or co-chair Anne Lampe at 620-872-3915.

The Auxiliary is considering compiling a cookbook with 25 years of Cook-Off recipes as part of the 25th anniversary observance.

The Membership Committee's report, given by Mary Greiman on behalf of chairperson Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont., included the news of eight new lifetime memberships and a total of 100 annual memberships for the year.

Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont., announced \$7,574 earned from Harvey Rattey Sculpture sales, the majority of which came from sales of "The Babysitter" piece. One piece alone brought \$6,500 at the Foundation fundraiser last fall. Orders have come in from all over the country, and one from a Puerto Rico customer. Harvey and Pam Rattey are committed to continuing their sculpture donations to the Auxiliary. All sculpture orders must go through the Auxiliary in order for the Auxiliary to get the commission. Some repeat buyers purchase the sculptures as show awards or as business gifts.

Historical/Archives Committee Chairperson Lois Foster, Niles, Mich., noted the many materials she'd received for the 2007 scrapbook, which is very large, with a thorough collection of the year's memorabilia. Thus, her reference to the Auxiliary as an "active group" this year. State groups contributed many unique items for the collection. The scrapbook was displayed at the Auxiliary's annual meeting and the breakfast. Each year's scrapbook is stored in Saint Joseph at the Association headquarters.

Program and Hospitality Committee Chairperson Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., cited her committee and volunteers for their help with the success of the breakfast each year in Louisville. Junior members are included in the breakfast program, to carry out Sandra's continuing slogan, "We're all about cows and kids."

Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Ark., announced the updating and redesigning of the Auxiliary's web site, hosted through API Web Services. It has a totally new look and a



► Judy and John Crouch pose outside the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky.

menu enabling greater ease in navigation. A page devoted to Miss American Angus is being developed for posting soon. Past scholarship winners' photos and biographies are to be added, as well as past winners of the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off and awards. API Web Services Manager Rich Masoner gave a demonstration of the reorganized web site and its capabilities. Auxiliary member input is encouraged.

The idea of regional representation was again a significant part of the meeting discussion. A proposed bylaw amendment was published in the October 2007 *Angus Journal*, along with four other bylaw changes. The final votes in November were in favor of each change.

Reflective of the change, the Executive Committee of the Executive Board will now be made up of the elected officers, regional directors and the immediate past president. The Executive Committee's role is to transact business requiring immediate attention between meetings. Regional directors will be elected by majority vote at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will assist each region in selecting no more than two director candidates from its region as follows:

Region 1 — Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii and Alaska

Region 2 — Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma

Region 3 — Kansas, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska

Region 4 — Missouri, Arkansas,

Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida

Region 5 — Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky

Region 6 — Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia

State/regional Auxiliary presidents or appointed representatives serving on the Executive Board, formerly called "state/regional directors," will now be called "Auxiliary representatives." If the state/regional president is unable to serve, she may appoint a representative from her state or region to serve.

The Ambassador Committee chairperson, Sandra Wallace, Kansas, Ohio, shared from that committee the difficult challenges presented in trying to involve more youth. Funding is needed to move the program forward.

The Auxiliary is considering initiating a newsletter, with the possibility of publishing it to the membership via the mail or e-mail, or both.

The Nomination Committee's recommendation for the 2008 slate of nominees was accepted as: president, Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich.; president-elect Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.; secretary-treasurer, Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo.; and officer advisor, Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa.

Announcement of the next year's fundraiser was made. Sheri Spader, Spader Angus Farms, Rosendale, Mo., is donating a blue roan quarterhorse to be auctioned off during the 2008 NAILE Angus activities.

**Auxiliary breakfast.** The Iowa decorating committee honored Auxiliary president Mary Greiman with a Christmas snowman motif at the Auxiliary's annual breakfast Sunday morning. Goodie-filled holiday coffee mugs decorated each place setting. Entertainment was provided by Taylor Gazda, Athens, Ga., performing a vocal solo. The "Michigan Bag Ladies" brought the laughter with a hilarious interlude at the end of the program.

Sharee Sankey gave high praise as she announced two additions to the Auxiliary list of Distinguished Women. Yvonne Hinman, Malta, Mont., and Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C., were cited for their pioneer service as officers and consecutive presidents in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively, and innovative fundraising work for the Auxiliary.

Both Yvonne and Jane have gone above

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and beyond in their continuing service to the Auxiliary. Both women helped organize the first Excellence No Exception Conference in Saint Joseph, which helped stimulate creativity and grow leadership. They were also both involved in guiding the Auxiliary through the process of entrusting the Auxiliary scholarship fund to the Angus Foundation. That fund today holds nearly \$300,000.

Under their guidance, Auxiliary Ways & Means has taken on a new dimension. The "Angus Sale Barn," with online purchases available on the Auxiliary web site, now averages more than 400 visits per day from across the country and abroad.

Hinman and Ebert are known for their leadership in developing quality fundraising items, says Nancy Thelen, Auxiliary President. Hinman was responsible for adding the Harvey Rattey bronzes designed specifically for the American Angus Auxiliary to the Holiday Room, and Ebert contributed the idea of the porcelain china.

The five Miss American Angus contestants enjoyed the breakfast gathering and were introduced by committee chairperson Mary McCurry.

Another highlight of the morning was the surprise honoring of Anne Patton Schubert for her 25 years of ongoing leadership and innovation of the Cook-Off competition at the National Junior Angus Show. Anne impersonators dotted the room and joined Ardyce "Maizie" O'Neill in a skit relating the early parts of the Cook-Off's history. Memorable moments in the growth of the annual event were shared by O'Neill and Schubert.

**Miss American Angus.** Competing for the honor of the 2008 Miss American Angus title were Ashlyn Carter, Emma Collins, Britney Creamer, Danielle Foster, and Gretchen Frost. The five young women

competed Saturday and Sunday by presenting a speech, personal interviews, answering impromptu questions and a written exam.

Crowning of Miss American Angus traditionally takes place before the selection of the Roll of Victory (ROV) champion bull, and this year was no exception. Emily Tennant, 2007 Miss American Angus, was introduced to the crowd, along with the five candidates and committee chairwomen Mary McCurry and Emily McCurry.

After naming Danielle Foster as the 2008 Miss American Angus, judges Diane Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas; Dave Russell, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Rose Ann Donnell, Jackson, Tenn., presented her with her banner, crown and flowers. Tennant presented the crown-shaped pendant to her.

### Foundation recognizes supporters

The Angus Foundation has announced that with \$4,075,000 received in out-right cash gifts, pledges and planned giving commitments, Foundation supporters are steadily progressing toward their \$11 million Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus fundraising goal.

The new amount, unveiled Nov. 10 at the Angus Foundation's Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville, Ky., is the result of generous Angus breeders, allied industry interests and friends of the Angus breed wanting to help the Angus Foundation advance its mission of supporting the education, youth and research activities of the Angus industry.

Paul Hill, chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors and John Crouch, chief executive officer of the American Angus Association welcomed supporters to the event. Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins introduced and

recognized special guests and donors.

Jim and Sue Coleman of Vintage Angus Ranch, John and Margaret Downs of Southern Cattle Co., Frank and Belinda VanderSloot of Riverbend Ranch, Klaus and Bonnie Birkel of Camp Cooley Ranch and Bob Norton, President of BioZyme, Inc., were presented plaques for their respective gifts and pledges of \$100,000 or more to the Angus Foundation this year.

Andrew Foster, vice chairman of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), thanked the Angus Foundation for its support of NJAA programs and encouraged those in attendance to continue to support the Angus Foundation in its fundraising efforts. Foster stated that a wide array of NJAA activities are funded by the Angus Foundation.

Chairman of the campaign leadership cabinet, Howard Hillman, updated the Angus Foundation supporters on the progress of Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus. He highlighted the exciting growth the campaign has undergone this year, as well as emphasizing the need to continually give and encouraging others to join in this effort.

"With your ongoing support, the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus will continue to benefit everyone in the Angus industry, including breeders and commercial producers, friends of the breed and allied industry partners," Hillman stated. "It is vital to the Angus breed to have the support that enables us to fund life-long education, exciting youth programs and cutting-edge research."

The evening's festivities ended with the auctioning of the American Angus Association registration number 16,000,000 by auctioneer Col. Steve Dorrان. The number was purchased for \$28,000 by Lawson Hembree IV of Sugar Hill Farms, Fort Smith,



► Judge Quintin Smith names SAV Masterpiece 5289 grand champion of the super-point ROV bull show Monday.



► Red Steagall provided the entertainment during Monday evening's American Angus Association Annual Banquet.

Ark. Before making his closing remarks, Paul Hill was recognized with a plaque for his four years of service as chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

For more information about the Angus Foundation or ways you can contribute to the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus, contact Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100, or log on to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

## Education Center

The Association took a different approach this year to what has in the past been a single information forum to feature new programs and services of the American Angus Association or industry issues of which members need to be aware. This year the information forum was replaced with an opening session that featured a motivational video produced by Graphic Arts of Topeka featuring the producers behind the breed and their use of Angus cattle.

Fulfilling the informational role, the education center and info expo provided more opportunity for members to interact with staff one-on-one. Most of the education center seminars — which were held in one-hour blocks Sunday through Tuesday — were well-attended. Presentations featured:

- ▶ using Association online tools;
- ▶ best practices for targeting the brand;
- ▶ genetic selection tools for heifer pregnancy and docility;
- ▶ premises registration;
- ▶ managing your herd with Angus Information Management Software;
- ▶ programs for commercial producers;
- ▶ AngusSource;
- ▶ development of new carcass EPDs;
- ▶ a cutting demonstration by CAB;
- ▶ tell your story through API's new Creative Media;
- ▶ using DNA for parent verification; and
- ▶ Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus.

## Social gatherings

In addition to the Angus Foundation's Supporter Recognition Event Saturday evening, Association members gathered for several other social events. Past and present directors were invited to a reception preceding the Angus Foundation event Saturday evening. The evening provided opportunity for past directors to reminisce and to visit about current issues affecting the Association.

Sunday evening's Angus Reception marks the first all-inclusive Angus social. Members gathered for hors d'oeuvres and to say hello. The National Junior Angus Association, (NJAA) represented by Mallory Trosper,



Hamilton, Mo., and Dana May, Mineral Point, Wis., took the podium to explain the embryo lottery fundraiser for the 2008 NJAS. The Auxiliary also conducted a drawing for the barbecue trailer donated by Glen Grote to help raise funds for the Pat Grote Memorial, which provides scholarships to youth. Clint Pearson of Scott City, Kan., won the drawing for the trailer.

Monday evening's Annual Banquet featured strip steaks provided by U.S. Premium Beef, award presentations and entertainment by Red Steagall.

Five Angus members were inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the improvement and advancement of the breed by dedicating their time, knowledge and efforts. 2007 inductees included John Barton, Kansas City, Mo.; Bob Hartley, Vinita, Okla.; Blanford Pierce, Creston, Ill.; and T.D. Steele, Roanoke, Va. Fred Francis, formerly of Wilmington, Ill., was inducted posthumously. For more information about the honorees, see page 107.

Mallory Trosper was presented the Outstanding Leadership Award. The award is designed to recognize one outstanding NJAA member each year based upon the leadership exhibited through Angus and various other activities. The Outstanding Leadership Award recipient receives a plaque presented by the NJAA and a check for \$500. The award is made possible as a result of generous supporters and donors to the Angus Foundation.

## The show

And, of course, it wouldn't be the NAILE without the cattle show.

Junior Angus exhibitors led 161 entries before judge Doug Parrett, Champaign, Ill., for the NAILE Junior Angus Heifer Show Sunday, Nov. 11. Parrett named SCC Echo Dell Nellie 6005, owned by Vince Untied of Granville, Ohio, grand champion. PVF SCC Proven Queen 684, owned by Taylor Adcock, Moweaqua, Ill., claimed the reserve grand champion female title.

Kristin Oaks, Calhoun, La., led the grand

▶ **Left: Mallory Trosper** (center), Hamilton, Mo., receives the Barbara Smalstig Outstanding Leadership Award at the 2007 American Angus Association Annual Banquet Nov. 12 in Louisville, Ky. Presenting the award are Fred Smalstig (left), Naples, Fla., and Joe Epperty, NJAA leadership director.

▶ **Below: Danielle Foster**, Niles, Mich., was crowned the 2008 Miss American Angus. The daughter of Elaine and Scott Foster will represent the Angus breed at numerous beef industry events during her reign. The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors the Miss American Angus contest, held annually at the NAILE. Danielle is the 40th Miss American Angus.



champion bred-and-owned female in the junior heifer show. OBAR Gamble's Lady 1056 is a Jan. 2006 daughter of BC Marathon. For more information about the junior show, see page 96.

Quintin Smith, Lebanon, Tenn., evaluated the 115 females, 42 bulls and four cow-calf pairs exhibited during the super-point ROV show Nov. 13-14. SAV Masterpiece 5289 claimed grand champion bull honors for Wilson Cattle Co., Cloverdale, Ind.; Grandview Remitall, Telephone, Texas; and Schaff's Angus Valley, Saint Anthony, N.D. Boyd Heritage 6078, owned by Blake Boyd of Mays Lick, Ky., won reserve grand champion bull.

Champion Hill Lucy 5373 captured grand champion female honors for Mandy Richardson, Louisa, Va. Cherry Knoll Ark Pride was reserve grand champion female for Cherry Knoll Farm Inc., West Grove, Pa.

Frey's Arkpride of Cherryknol won grand champion cow-calf pair. Brody Fitzgerald, West Grove, Pa.; Cherry Knoll Farm; and Katrina Frey, Quarryville, Pa., own the Feb. 2005 female. Richardson showed the reserve grand champion cow-calf pair, featuring Champion Hill Georgina 4402. For more details about the ROV Angus show, see page 88.