



Auxiliary Notes

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November nostalgia

This issue marks my last article as president of the American Angus Auxiliary. I never knew so many people actually read my scribbles until the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) this past summer. Many producers commented about the stories of my Angus childhood and about traveling with my dad to Angus sales. Thank you for reading my articles this past year and for all of the support you have given to the Auxiliary and to me.

November in Louisville

November is a nostalgic month for me, and it doesn't have much to do with Thanksgiving. I started my first article this year talking about my dad, so I guess including him in my last one is appropriate. The first Monday of November was the date of our annual Iman Angus production sale for many years. Dad advertised it with his logo of a sitting Angus bull with a bubble that said, "I'm an Angus." I'd love to get my

hands on one of his old signs, but alas, I don't think any of them were kept. We also lost Dad in November 1990.

But, this November marks an exciting time for the American Angus Auxiliary. At the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., we will have new items in the Holiday Room, and we hope you come do your Christmas shopping with us. You won't have to look any further than the Drinkwater Room of

the Executive West Hotel to find the Auxiliary silent auction and its unique items.

We will have two major events at Louisville that will help strengthen our scholarship program. First, Sandra McCurry and Linda Brost have put together a few live auction items of great interest. And, we are honored to be selling *Angus Legends* — *Volume I*, the new book written by Tom Burke, Kurt Schaff and Rance Long of the American Angus Hall of Fame. So, make sure you check out all the Auxiliary happenings while at the NAILE, and come buy your copy of this one-of-a-kind book.

Should you miss an item at Louisville, by the time we return you should be able to visit the Auxiliary's protected Web site, www.angus.org/auxiliary/store, and use your credit card to buy online. The Angus Sale Barn will continue to be your source for additional copies of *Angus Legends* after Louisville, as well.

Don't forget

The Auxiliary annual breakfast is being hosted by the Missouri Angus Auxiliary this year on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 9 a.m. I know that we have some awesome entertainment lined up, including a couple of Missouri juniors who are going to sing for us. Tickets to the breakfast are \$15 each and can be

reserved by contacting Sandra McCurry at 11313 N. 279th W., Mount Hope, KS 67108; sandyehill@dtinspeed.net; or (316) 667-2418.

Saturday, Nov. 13. Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting at 1 p.m. This is for items requiring immediate action. No reports will be given. Proposed scholarship changes will be decided at this meeting, so make sure your state is represented.

Saturday, Nov. 13. Auxiliary Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. (*Note date change here.*) Committee reports will be given at this meeting. We will be unveiling a major fund-raising activity for next year to keep our scholarship program strong, so make plans to join us.

Thanks for the year

What article of mine would be complete without a few thank-yous? Seriously, we are blessed with many dedicated volunteers in the Auxiliary. First, thank you to our partners in the Angus business: the American Angus Association, the *Angus Journal*, and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). I especially want to thank Crystal Albers of the *Angus Journal* for her work on our articles, as well as Cheryl Oxley and Lou Ann Adams for countless hours spent on our Web site. Also, thank you to *Angus Topics* and *Angus News* for running our articles.

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I personally need to thank each of our officers and committee chairs for their dedication to making the events of the Auxiliary go so smoothly, as well as Sandra McCurry, Linda Brost, Anne Patton Schubert and Lois Foster for all their wisdom and advice on Auxiliary matters. I can't forget the many Missouri auxiliary members who have been great to work with and who have had such an awesome year hosting our annual breakfast and the NJAS. And lastly, thank you to Marlene Hill-Dukehart, Darla Eggers, Jackie Witte and others who all give the most sage advice and help. Y'all are great! This year has been fun working with you all.

Coming to a close

I look forward to serving the Auxiliary as advisor next year and will enjoy seeing

everyone in Louisville and at the 2005 NJAS in Denver, Colo. The Auxiliary does so much good for our Angus juniors that I think everyone should be a part of it. If you have not joined us, now is the time. After all, we are in it for the kids and the future of the Angus breed. Come be a partner in promoting this great breed.

Thank you and see y'all in Louisville. And don't forget to attend our "Excellence, No Exception II" Conference in Saint Joseph, Mo., May 20-21, 2005.

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