



# Auxiliary Notes

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## A new season of opportunities

*“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”*

— *Thomas Edison*

### Spring will arrive

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. According to the calendar, March 20 signals the end of winter and the beginning of spring. Depending upon where you live, you may encounter spring sooner or winter may linger past that date. With the arrival of spring, I'm excited to shed the insulated coveralls and multiple layers of sweatshirts when tending to the cattle, although I'll probably still need the mud boots!

Spring is the season of renewal and rebirth. It brings with it the sweetness of new beginnings and endless possibilities. The American Angus Auxiliary offers individuals, both young and old, opportunities to take part in educational, promotional, and social activities and programs.

### Opportunities for Angus juniors

**Scholarships.** High school seniors should log on to the Auxiliary's website, [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com), to download the Auxiliary scholarship application and submit it to your state scholarship contact. Ten scholarships — five boys and five girls — will be awarded at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to outstanding Angus juniors from across the United States. If you have questions, contact your state contact (see page 42) or Anne Lampe, national scholarship chair, at [alampe@wbsnet.org](mailto:alampe@wbsnet.org). May 1 is the deadline for state contacts to submit applications.

**Achievement Awards.** Juniors involved in Angus activities this spring and summer are encouraged to apply for the Certificate of Achievement Award given by the Auxiliary for outstanding achievements at national, state and district levels. These certificates are beneficial when applying for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Recognition Program, as well as applying for Auxiliary scholarships. The Achievement Award application is available on the Auxiliary website, [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com), or by contacting committee chairwomen Erica Styles ([cestyles@nvc.net](mailto:cestyles@nvc.net)) or Kerri Gleason ([kgleason@aircanopy.net](mailto:kgleason@aircanopy.net)).

**Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off.** All junior Angus members and their parents should start thinking about the All-American *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off in Harrisburg, Pa., at the NJAS in July. The Cook-Off is one of the most eventful, educational and competitive activities during the week. Each year we look forward to the varied entries and entertaining skits. Recipes and participant information is due by June 1.

### Volunteer opportunities for adults

**Cook-Off.** Volunteers, judges and scorekeepers are needed each year for this contest at the NJAS. Co-chairs Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe, along with

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) are already preparing for this event. If you are interested in assisting with this event, contact either Anne.

**Angus Gift Barn.** The Angus Gift Barn has an excellent selection of items for sale with proceeds funding Auxiliary scholarships and education programs. Do you plan to attend the NJAS or North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)? Why not volunteer an hour or two at the NJAS this July in Pennsylvania or at the NAILE this November in Louisville? Contact Carol Wojciechowski at [cwojo@gmail.com](mailto:cwojo@gmail.com) if you are interested in assisting with the Angus Gift Barn.

**Auxiliary scrapbook.** Each year the historian, Sheri Tunstill, keeps an account of Auxiliary activities and events. We need your assistance in submitting photographs and other memorabilia to document the Auxiliary's work. Each state is asked to submit items from their state to be included in the annual scrapbook.

**Midyear Meeting/NJAS activities.** The 2011 NJAS is fast approaching, and so is our midyear meeting. The midyear meeting and NJAS Auxiliary activities provide Angus enthusiasts an opportunity to network with people dedicated to promoting the Angus breed and supporting Angus youth.

**Auxiliary Post newsletter.** Watch your mailbox during April for the spring edition of the *Auxiliary Post* newsletter. The newsletter is a way for the Auxiliary to keep in touch with members, a post for Auxiliary activities, a place to announce family milestones and celebrations, and a promotional tool to encourage membership

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and participation in a great organization. Contact Barbara Ettredge, president, for newsletter submissions.

There are many opportunities for members to get involved, so don't miss out on the fun; send in your dues today! For membership information, visit the Auxiliary website, [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

### **Futurity heifer to sell**

The American Angus Auxiliary is excited about the return of the donation heifer

project. Ardyce and Jim O'Neill, of O'Neill Farms, Logan, Iowa, are donating the heifer to be auctioned during the All-American Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Ky., June 17-19. Proceeds from the sale of this heifer will help fund Auxiliary scholarship and educational programs and activities. We appreciate the O'Neills' contribution and continuous support of Auxiliary activities. Watch for more information in the coming months on this impressive heifer.

### **Seize your opportunities**

So, during the month of March, peel away the darkness of winter and enter the warmth of spring. Never overlook the opportunities in your life just because they may seem difficult to acquire. Achievements lie within your ability to seize the opportunity and develop your ideas.



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