



# Auxiliary Notes

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## The time of our life

*My family attended our first National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Iowa in 2000. It was the beginning of great memories and friendships. This year will be the last NJAS Alex will be participating in, and Andrew will be there to support him during the week. What a great ride it has been for all of us!*

### Reminiscing

On Friday night of the NJAS, one of the highlights for me is watching the slide show/video put together throughout the week. I remember Greenday singing, "Time of Your Life." How appropriate! "It's something unpredictable but in the end is right; I hope you had the time of your life." Thank you, and yes, we have!

I look forward to the week of catching up with my Angus family and making new friends in Grand Island. The NJAS is special to me because it was the place that I first saw the American Angus Auxiliary in action. My friend Kathi Creamer invited me to my first Auxiliary meeting 16 years ago, and I became a lifetime member. I remember feeling amazed seeing all of the contests that the Auxiliary sponsors and coordinates.

### Invitation

From the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off and the Chef's Challenge to the announcement of our American Angus Auxiliary national scholarship winners, the NJAS is a time to showcase what we as an Auxiliary work throughout the year to support and promote. I challenge you to bring a friend to the social. You never know

what an impact that invitation can make.

We invite everyone to our activities during this year's NJAS, and we are always in need of volunteers to help with the Cook-Off. I guarantee that you will be entertained for the afternoon. Join us at the Auxiliary social when we host "Color Me Angus!" Following our social, we'll have a brief midyear meeting and will promote the Full Circle Online Auction and the mentor program to our membership. Bring your daughters or older junior members so they can benefit from this program.

The Angus Gift Barn will be on site all week at the NJAS. Manager Christy Perdue has done an outstanding job in providing a great selection of unique items for Angus enthusiasts and bringing awareness to the Auxiliary and our programs in the process. As always, if you are not able to attend, you can check out all the items or pay your annual dues at [www.angusgiftbarn.com](http://www.angusgiftbarn.com).

A big thank you to the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) staff who hosted our spring meeting and the Women Connected conference in Wooster, Ohio. What a great event! We are putting our plans into action for 2016 and we were ecstatic to have 36 women from 17 states attend the Women Connected conference. Thanks again to the Angus Foundation for supporting this event and recognizing what an impact this conference

can make for women in agriculture across the country.

### Fundraiser

The Auxiliary is excited to present a new fundraiser, the Full Circle Online Auction, a national Angus consignment sale hosted by [AngusLive.com](http://AngusLive.com) Sept. 28-29. The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair-market value in excess of \$100. Auction categories include live animals, embryo and semen packages, Angus memorabilia and collectibles, home décor, cattle equipment and other useful items. Consignments received by June 1 will receive 90 days of advertising, including an ad for the sale that will appear in the *Angus Journal*.

Consignors will receive 50% of the gross revenue their lots generate (or they can donate 100% to the Auxiliary), as well as recognition in the sale promotion to be launched at the NJAS and on the online site throughout July, August and September.

Consignments may be accepted until mid-August. If you are interested in being a consignor, contact Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates at [cortneyhd@gmail.com](mailto:cortneyhd@gmail.com), Julie McMahon French at [juliefrench@nethawk.com](mailto:juliefrench@nethawk.com),

or me at [drogen3061@aol.com](mailto:drogen3061@aol.com). Check out the great lots at [Angusauxiliary.com/FullCircleOnlineAuction.html](http://Angusauxiliary.com/FullCircleOnlineAuction.html) and support the Auxiliary!

See you in Grand Island!

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