Planning ahead

Summer is such a busy time of the year for everyone, and it is no different for the American Angus Auxiliary. It is an exciting time filled with traveling to shows and events and catching up with friends.

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Setting goals

The Auxiliary began the season by traveling to Saint Joseph, Mo., for our annual spring planning meeting in April. This is an exciting time as we plan our year ahead and set goals for ourselves and the Auxiliary. The American Angus Auxiliary is thriving, and we strive daily to uphold our

mission. Promotion of the Angus breed and recognizing the accomplishments of Angus youth are very important to us.

Traditions

One way the Auxiliary is able to continue to support our Angus juniors is

through our Tradition Continues program. Through the generous donations of Angus breeders around the country, we have been able to offer countless scholarships and awards. We are very much looking forward to this year's auction. Excitement is already brewing with the donation of an embryo package from Prairie View Farms of Gridley, Ill. Alan Miller and family have graciously donated two embryos out of PVF Missie 0053 and PVF Insight 0129.

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Prairie View Farms is a leader in the Angus breed, and the genetics speak for themselves. Our Tradition Continues embryos will be auctioned Saturday, June 21, during the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity reception in Louisville, Ky. For more information, contact Cortney Holshouser, American Angus Auxiliary president, at

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Shop until you drop

Another way that we work to constantly support our programs is through our Ways and Means committee. Within this committee, we have so many products to offer the Angus community. Our Gifts that Sizzle®

program is the perfect way to give someone the highest-quality beef product. Our partnership with Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) has been amazing, and we are proud to offer their products. If you are looking for a one-of-a-kind Angus sculpture, we also offer Harvey Rattey pieces that are unique and beautiful.

Lastly, you will see our Angus Gift Barn set up at shows such as the Atlantic National Angus Show, the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) this summer. Be sure to stop by our booth and browse all of the unique Angus items — such as kitchen items, totes, pocket knives, stationary, glassware and baby items — that we offer. If you can't be at the shows, please visit us at www.angusgiftbarn. com or www.angusauxiliary.com to check out all that we have to offer!

Everyone's invited

Before we know it, it will be time for the NJAS. The NJAS is one of my absolute favorite times of the year. I look forward to the week of catching up with my Angus friends and making new friends. NJAS is special to me because it was the place that

American Angus Auxiliary Schedule at NIAS

Tuesday, July 8

1 p.m. — Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off and Chef's Challenge

Wednesday, July 9

4 p.m. — Auxiliary social and "Capturing the Moment" activity 4:45 p.m. — Auxiliary midyear meeting

Friday, July 11

6:30 p.m. — (during the National Junior Angus Association awards program) presentation of Auxiliary scholarships; announcement of Miss American Angus contestants; awarding of the Auxiliary's Black Kettle, Cook-Off, Crystal, Grote and Spader awards

Saturday, July 12

Presentation of Silver Bowls to top five showmanship winners and announcement and presentation of Silver Pitcher winners

The Angus Gift Barn will be open Tuesday, July 8, through Saturday, July 12.

I first saw the American Angus Auxiliary in action. It was amazing to see all of the contests that the Auxiliary sponsors and coordinates.

From the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off and 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.

We invite everyone to our activities during this year's NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind. Come by the Cook-Off and support your favorite team, and then join us later in the week for a social, activity and brief meeting. Our activity will feature social media and photography — something that is becoming more and more a part of our families and businesses.

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