

# Heifer Package Sets Record

Canyon Creek Angus purchases Angus Foundation Heifer Package for a record-breaking \$250,000.

by *Shelia Stannard*

Angus supporters and breeders were listening Jan. 12 as Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation director of development, challenged an over-capacity arena crowd to rise above past records and purchase the 2006 Angus Foundation Heifer Package at a new record price in celebration of the 100th National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

Canyon Creek Angus LLC, owned by Ronald and Myki Simek of Genoa, Nev., and Ben and Lindsey Simek and family of Cody, Wyo., rose to the challenge by purchasing the bred heifer for a record \$250,000. Contending bidders included

Fox Run Farms LLC, Mexico, Mo., and Shoulderbone Plantation, White Plains, Ga.

B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214, donated by Bill and Barbara Rishel of Rishel Angus, North Platte, Neb., headlined this year's Angus Foundation Heifer Package. At sale time, the daughter of Twin Valley

Precision E161 was bred to Ironwood New Level and due to calve in early February. This marks the first year a bred heifer has been part of the package.

"The power of one donor is truly amazing, and this year we had several donors who showed interest in this astounding heifer package," Jenkins says.

"Due to the generosity of Bill and Barb Rishel, Ronald and Myki Simek, Ben and Lindsey Simek and their family, and other breeders who bid on the package, we have reached a new pinnacle for the Angus Foundation to further

advance education, youth and research in the Angus breed."

Other donors to the package included American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill., who donated 30 days of insurance. Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill., was to provide transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch, and Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa, was to provide a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows.

Canyon Creek Angus, although relatively new to the Angus breed, is not new to the cattle business or to supporting youth in the beef business. The Simeks owned and operated Little Mondeaux Limousin, consisting of 450 cows, from 1978 until 1992. During that time they were supporters of the North

American Limousin Junior Association, and they exhibited many champions in shows from California to Wisconsin.

The Angus Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit affiliate of the American Angus Association, with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo. Since 1980, the Angus Foundation Heifer Package has been auctioned annually at the NWSS. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

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► **Above:** Canyon Creek Angus LLC set an all-time record with its \$250,000 purchase of the heifer package at the 2006 NWSS. National Junior Angus Association Board members gathered around (front row) Dawson and Makenzie Simek, Cody, Wyo.; (back row, from left) Bill Rishel, North Platte, Neb.; Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation director of development; Barbara Rishel; Paul Hill, Angus Foundation board chairman; Jason Behrhorst, at the halter; Ben Simek, Cody, Wyo.; Ronald and Myki Simek, Genoa, Nev.; and Lindsey and Anna Simek, Cody, Wyo.

► **Right:** B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214, donated by Bill and Barb Rishel of Rishel Angus, North Platte, Neb., was sold prior to the Angus Bull Sale.



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