



# Auxiliary Notes

► by *Sharee Sankey*, president, American Angus Auxiliary

## Changes positive for NJAS

*While watching the closing ceremonies at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind., I couldn't help but think back to 1969 when the first National Junior Angus Heifer Show was in Columbia, Mo. As an exhibitor at that first show, it has been fun to watch the growth of the junior program, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and NJAS activities through the years.*

### Growth and changes

The breed's first national junior show had approximately 190 head of only owned heifers, shown in 13 classes and two divisions, with 136 exhibitors. It was in conjunction with the 15th Annual American Angus Association Conference and was only three days long.

Looking over the schedule from that conference, there were two sessions with speakers I found interesting. The President of the Association at that time, Flynn Stewart, spoke on "The purpose of the Conference and Junior Heifer Show."

When I think about the purpose of the NJAS from then till now, all I can say is *wow!* Who would have ever thought that six days would barely be enough time to host all the events, shows and activities. The number of junior Angus members who participate in all those contests and shows is overwhelming. It is truly a family affair. What a tribute to our NJAA, American Angus Auxiliary, Association and the memberships they hold.

The other speaker at the conference, Robert Totusek, spoke on "What to look for when watching an Angus show: A detailed explanation and demonstration of how cattlemen can learn the most from watching the judging of breeding cattle."

Thinking about the classes that were shown Wednesday through Saturday, and seeing class after class coming through the ring being split because of maybe only a one-day difference in age, is something to really

be excited about. The depth in each class and the overall numbers exhibited were awesome to see.

### Junior Board

Then, when I think about the 13 NJAA Board candidates running for six vacant positions, it shows how strong the NJAA is with the leaders in our state associations. I had the opportunity to hear each of these candidates speak at the NJAA Delegate/Candidate dinner Wednesday night. The delegates had a great set of candidates to choose from.

As a parent of a past NJAA Board member, I can remember all the highs and lows we went through while campaigning for the NJAA Board. As parents of the Board candidates, you can be very proud of your family members, as they are an awesome group of future beef industry leaders. The competitive spirit that goes on during the week of the NJAS raises the bar each year for NJAA members for goals to achieve.

### Awards and workshops

The Auxiliary had an action-packed week. The Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off had 172 contestants, 35 teams and four sets of judges participating in the contest. There

were 16 fresh meat, 10 Quick-N-Easy™ and nine deli teams judged, with a team from Indiana winning the prestigious Black Kettle Award.

The competitions for the Janet Castle Crystal Awards and Silver Pitcher Awards were down to the wire on the points for our winners. Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb., and Ransom Gardiner, Ashland, Kan., won the Crystal Awards, recognizing outstanding achievement in the educational contests at the NJAS. Katy Satree, Montague, Texas, and Kade Patton, Milton, Ind., won the Silver Pitcher Awards, recognizing accomplishments in the showing.

The National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest was equally tough, with the winners receiving silver Revere bowls for first through fifth place. Layne Armbruster took home the Dean Hurlbut Award, which the Auxiliary presents to the winner of the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

The Auxiliary hosted a scholarship workshop on Thursday afternoon, led by past scholarship winner and committee member Cheramie Viator of Franklin, Texas. The application was discussed in general, including what to do and what not to do when filling out the form (see "Auxiliary in Action," page 262). Several past winning applications were on hand for the attendees to look at and ask questions about.

The Auxiliary presented 10 scholarships, totaling \$10,000, during Friday night's awards ceremony at the NJAS. Winners in the boys' division include Waco Phipps, Kearney, Neb., first; Jordan Hunter, Fair Grove, Mo., second; Billy Ray Lewis, Walstonburg, N.C., third; Kenny Hopper, Leonardville, Kan., fourth; and William Mayfield, Pulaski, Tenn., fifth.

Winners in the girls' division include Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan., first; Emily Tennant, Greensboro, N.C., second; Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., third; Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio, fourth; and Lauren Schroeder, Clarence, Iowa, fifth. For more information on these outstanding junior members, see "The Road to Success," page 255.

**"True wisdom lies in gathering the precious things out of each day as it goes by."**

— *Bouton*

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## Thank you

Thank you to all the ladies who helped in the Angus Sale Barn Ways & Means booth at the National Junior Angus Show. Your help was very much appreciated!

**Cathy Miller**  
Angus Sale Barn  
Ways & Means Chairperson

## Midyear meeting

The annual midyear meeting was Thursday afternoon. Several of the committee chairs involved in the weeklong NJAS gave reports on their committees' activities. An informational survey was conducted along with a membership information update. Minutes of the midyear meeting will be printed in the *Angus Journal*.

Announcements at the meeting included the American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting Nov. 11 at 3 p.m., and the Auxiliary Breakfast Nov. 12 at 8 a.m. at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. Please note the time changes from last year for the meeting and breakfast.

Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., is our breakfast chairman, and reservations are asked of attendees. Tickets for the breakfast will be \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting Sandra at 11313 N. 279th, Mount Hope, KS 67108; (316) 667-2418 (home); (316) 304-5973 (cell); or sandyehill@dtmspeed.net.

The Kansas ladies are excited about the breakfast theme and would like to invite everyone to attend. I hope you will make plans to come to Louisville in November to attend our Auxiliary activities.

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► The Angus Sale Barn was open in the trade show at the NJAS. A project of the Auxiliary Ways & Means Committee, monies earned from the sales of merchandise help fund Auxiliary scholarships.



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► Above: From left, Sharee Sankey, American Angus Auxiliary president, presents the silver Revere bowl symbolizing the Dean Hurlbut Award to Layne Armbruster, winner of the 2006 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Randy, Lindsey and Cody White present Armbruster the memorial belt buckle in honor of Jake White.

► Left: Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., presents a scholarship to William Mayfield, Pulkaski, Tenn., during the Awards Ceremony at the 2006 NJAS. The American Angus Auxiliary presented 10 NJAA members scholarships totaling \$10,000.

► Below: South Dakota juniors Alex Rogan, Kylee Geppert and Brittany Bush were among 35 teams and 172 contestants participating in the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off at the 2006 NJAS.

