



Auxiliary Notes

► by Nancy Thelen, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Beef month

May is beef month and a great opportunity to promote Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) and to educate consumers, including family and friends, about the many benefits of beef.

Cooking contest

It is also the time for National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members to organize teams and select recipes for the 2008 Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off in Des Moines, Iowa, at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in July. The Cook-Off is sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary, the NJAA and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB). Several Angus breeders and supporters have also generously pledged dollars for awards and special items to celebrate the 25th anniversary.

Bill Werner, Werner Angus, Cordova, Ill., will be sponsoring custom-designed T-shirts; Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky., and Ardyce O'Neill, Logan, Iowa, the co-founders of the Cook-Off, are sponsoring 25th anniversary



commemorative pins; and many other breeders will be sponsoring various awards.

In addition, the Pat Grote LEAD Award will be presented to the winning team members in the intermediate division of the fresh meat competition. This award/scholarship covers the registration cost for the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference hosted by the NJAA. This year's LEAD Conference will be Aug. 1-4 in Billings, Mont.

The highest-placing team in the Cook-Off overall will be awarded the prestigious Black Kettle Award in memory of Paul St. Blanc.

The Cook-Off is an educational and fun team event. Participants creatively provide education about CAB in a skit format

while cooking a CAB product. A panel of judges critiques the Cook-Off entries. The Cook-Off contest will be Tuesday, July 15, beginning at 1 p.m.

There are three age divisions for junior members, plus an adult division. This year a special alumni division will also be offered for anyone who participated in the first Cook-Off in 1983 in Des Moines. Each state is allowed one team per category, per age division. Teams can be composed of two to six people.

If your state has never participated in the Cook-Off, please don't hesitate to contact the committee chairpersons or any of the officers to obtain more information and suggestions for the contest. Anyone who participates or coaches a team learns a tremendous amount about CAB, which will help them to promote our outstanding product, while they are having a fun time giving their presentation or skit.

Our chairpersons for the Cook-Off are Schubert and Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan. Entry forms and guidelines can be obtained from Schubert at 502-477-2663. Recipes and names, addresses and ages of participants in the Cook-Off need to be submitted to Schubert by June 1. Check out the NJAA web site for more information about the contest.

Awards

Each year the American Angus Auxiliary presents hundreds of "Certificate of Achievement Awards." These awards recognize youth for outstanding

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► Pictured at right: Elected to serve as American Angus Auxiliary officers are (from left) **Mary Greiman**, Garner, Iowa, advisor; **Nancy Thelen**, Saline, Mich., president; **Michelle Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., president-elect; and **Kathi Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., secretary-treasurer.



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achievement with Angus cattle and in educational and leadership activities at the national, state and district levels.

I encourage all eligible juniors to apply for a Certificate of Achievement. Keep a record of your placings and participation throughout the year and then complete the form.

The certificates are beneficial when applying for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards through the NJAA, as well as when applying for Auxiliary and Foundation scholarships. Sonja Martin from Lavaca, Ark., chairs this Auxiliary committee and does a wonderful job processing all the forms. The application is available on our web site or by contacting Martin at 479-674-2510.

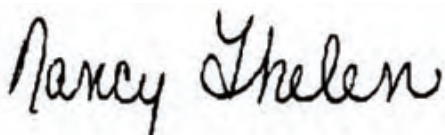
Meetings

As I write this column, I have just returned from our spring officer meeting at the American Angus Association office. The hospitality and support of the staff is outstanding, and it is always such a great experience to visit the office and meet with many of the folks we work with throughout the year.

Our meeting was very productive, and we have some exciting ideas to share with our members at our midyear meeting Wednesday, July 16, at 5 p.m. during the NJAS in Des Moines. I will have more details in next month's column about the meeting.

Memories

May also has one of my favorite days — Mother's Day. The memories of my mom grow stronger every year, and I am so thankful for everything she shared with me. The older I get, I often wonder how she had time to do all that she did and realize what an amazing mother and grandmother she was. I am also reminded of a quote by Mac Anderson: "To the world you may be just one person ... but to one person, you may be the world. That person is your child." Happy Mother's Day!



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Juniors earn Achievement Awards

The American Angus Auxiliary recognizes youth for their accomplishments with Angus cattle by awarding them a Certificate of Achievement. While the Auxiliary intends to report all winners in the May youth-focused issue of the *Angus Journal*, not all states had submitted their winners at press time. The *Angus Journal* will publish other Achievement Award winners within the "Next Generation" column as they become available.

The following junior members have been presented Achievement Awards:

Arkansas

Jacy Alsop
Andy Boecker
Kirk Boecker
Matthew Boecker
Dillon Doublehead
Will Pohlman
Haley Rieff
Audrey Taylor
Christine Taylor
Claire Taylor
Madeline Taylor
Paige Tribble
Katlyn Tunstill
Elizabeth Williams

Iowa

Jordan Barker
Lauren Barker
Tyler Becker
Austin Brandt
Weston Brandt
Joseph Burns
Evan Dietz
Bridget Driscoll
Bryanne Duckett
Taylor Duckett
Jordan Eggman
Danielle Esbeck
Mallory Espenscheid
Robert Freese
Bryce Frost
Zane Gray
Cole Greiman
Kyle Greiman
Madison Henderson
Tyler Henderson
Clayton Hester
Danielle Holmes
Katelyn Holmes
Courtney Jass
Katie Jensen
Kale Kiesewetter
Ashley Kress
Tyler Kress
Leo Kruse
Roni Kruse
Ashley Kuehn
Reed McCormick
Glen Mommson
Kyle Musfeldt
Drew Norris
Jordan Paulsrud
Zachary Peterson
Ty Ruby
Wesley Ruby
Alexandria Sarsfield

Samantha Schermer

Lauren Schroeder
Erin Steele
Joe Sweeney
Jake Swenka

Kansas

Kyleigh Santee

Montana

Olivia Barragree
Zane Barragree
Ashley Berkram
Beau Bromenshenk
Cortney Bromenshenk
Garrett Bromenshenk
Catherine Callantine
Brandon DeBoo
Allison Dubs
Katrina Dubs
Rocky Forseth
Randall Frye
Kari Gillespie
Beth Hooker
Shane Hooker
Issac Hunter
Anne Indreland
Mandy Jacobs
Calvin Kading
Emily Kading
Nora Klick
Shane Koch
Kaleigh Mikkelsen
Kensey Mikkelsen
Jenessa Monson
Kyla Olson
Pam Vanek
Jena Wagner
Jordyn Wagner
Travis Winters

New York

Gabrielle Glenister
Kyle Glenister
Spencer Glenister

Ohio

Jordan Bachman
Justin Bachman
Krystin Bachman
Lincoln Deitrick
Logan Deitrick
Christina Egner
Bethaney Enos
Lauren Grimes
Lindsey Grimes
Danell Hall

Bailey Harsh

William Harsh
Christina Hutchinson
Clarissa Hutchinson
Colton Kreager
Shyla Kreager
Vince Untied
Tyler Wise
Emily Wogan
Sarah Wogan

Pennsylvania

Fred Frey
Katrina Frey
Kate Livingston
Kyle Livingston
Lindsay Upperman

Tennessee

David Ownby

Texas

Megan Ahearn
Tyler Bond-Jones
Gretchen Ettredge
Chessie Garrett
Kevin Gleason
Tarlton Holloway
Jentry Jaggars
C.A. Jones
Carissa Jones
Logan Lastovica
Mattie Lastovica
Mollie Lastovica
Stephanie Lastovica
Jennifer Ramthun
Jessica Ramthun
Tyler Ramthun
Katy Satee
Jennifer Smith
Matt Smith
Brittany Theis
Jared Theis
Justin Theis
Wade Wells
Zachary Wells
Karly Wicker
Brazos Williams
Julie Williams
Tye Williams
Tylee Jo Williams

Virginia

Shane Clary

