



Auxiliary Notes

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The history we make

“He didn’t tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.”

— *Clarence Budington Kelland*

We salute our fathers and all the father figures in our lives!

Happy Father’s Day!

Do you know the history of Father’s Day? Sonora Dodd of Washington first had the idea of a “father’s day.” She thought of the idea while listening to a Mother’s Day sermon in 1909. Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his five other children on a rural farm in eastern Washington State.

After Sonora became an adult, she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father who made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless and loving man.

Sonora’s father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father’s Day celebration in Spokane, Wash., June 19, 1910. President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father’s Day. Then, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father’s Day. President Richard Nixon signed the law that finally made it permanent

in 1972. Now, thanks to <http://wilstar.com/holidays/fathers.htm>, you know.

Auxiliary midyear meeting

The midyear meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary will take place Wednesday, July 22, in Perry, Ga., in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). We will begin the meeting at 4:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall with a social that will include a reception, visiting with old friends, making new friends and a few get-acquainted activities. The business meeting will begin promptly at 5 p.m. Plan to attend this important meeting. Bring a friend and introduce them to what the

Auxiliary is all about. All are welcome.

Watch for the Auxiliary’s “relaxation station” at the NJAS. A “relaxation station” will be set up for adult females to separate themselves from the craziness of the busy week. It will be a place of solitude — free from husbands and children. You will be able to receive a quick massage, listen to soothing music and enjoy a cool, refreshing beverage. We wish to extend an invitation to all adult females to check out the “relaxation station.” You will be glad you did! Watch for signs posted around the fairgrounds to lead you to the “Auxiliary’s Relaxation Station.”

26th annual CAB® Cook-Off

The 26th Annual All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off gets under way Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the Roquemore Conference Center at the fairgrounds in Perry. You are invited.

Each year the Cook-Off gets better and better. If you aren’t entered in the competition, come anyway. Visiting the Cook-Off is a great way to see what it is all about and to see how to get involved next year.

A special thanks to Anne Patton Schubert (502-477-2663), Taylorsville, Ky., and

Anne Lampe (620-872-3391), Scott City, Kan., for their dedication to this event. Anne and Anne serve as co-chairwomen of this popular contest. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Cook-Off, please contact either chairwoman.

The Auxiliary Post

You asked for it and we listened. The first edition of *The Auxiliary Post* — the American Angus Auxiliary’s newsletter, was delivered to Auxiliary members in mid-April. We hope you enjoyed reading about all the excitement within the Auxiliary. If you didn’t receive your newsletter, please contact me at 479-936-1685. The next printing of *The Auxiliary Post* will be Oct. 1.

See you in Perry

I am looking forward to the NJAS in July. Our Angus Sale Barn will be on site all week in Perry. You will want to make shopping there a priority to pick up the official, one-of-a-kind, commemorative NJAS T-shirt as well as the 25th Anniversary CAB Cook-Off Cookbook.

While in Perry, the Auxiliary will present \$15,000 in college scholarships, the Pat Grote Award to the top intermediate division winner in the extemporaneous speaking contest, the Richard L. “Dick” Spader Award to the top senior extemporaneous speaker, the Pat Grote LEAD scholarships to the intermediate winners of the CAB Cook-Off, and all the CAB Cook-Off prizes for top recipes, top showman, and the Black Kettle Award for the overall winning team.

The Auxiliary also presents the Janet Castle Crystal Award to the overall high-point male and female based on placings in the educational contests; the Silver Pitcher awards to the male and female with the most outstanding achievement in the showring at the NJAS; and silver Revere bowls to the top five contestants in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. The NJAS is a special time for the Auxiliary to honor the efforts of the members of the NJAA.

The NJAS is the highlight of our year. Make it the highlight of yours!

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