

Spring is a miraculous experience!

When spring arrives the whole world comes alive after the winter in which it seemed everything was dead. Our world that seemed so dull and cold has come alive once again. Beneath the cold, hard ground, the plants and trees are preparing to be reborn. Today, the morning news anchor announced that spring will arrive two days early this year! That put a smile on my face. He then announced that due to climate changes all the seasons would come early — summer, fall and winter. I look forward to spring because of the arrival of new baby calves. I am anxious to see the results of my husband's and my daughter's many hours of planning those perfect matings.

Make plans now to enter the Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off

Spring for the Auxiliary means gearing up for all the contests and awards the Auxiliary sponsors during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), one of which is the All-American *Certified Angus Beef* (CAB) Cook-Off. Spring is the perfect time for junior members to begin making plans for the Cook-Off. Entries for the national contest must be

received by contest co-chairwomen Anne Patton Schubert or Anne Lampe by June 1.

The event, sponsored jointly by the American Angus Auxiliary, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), American Angus Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), takes place annually during the NJAS. Winners in categories in showmanship and recipe as well as overall excellence will be awarded special prizes.

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There are usually three categories, with divisions for junior teams consisting of two to six members of a state junior association (junior, intermediate, senior), and for adults (individuals or teams.)

The event is educational, competitive and fun! The Cook-Off is an excellent way to educate and entertain nonparticipants, while promoting our chief end product — Certified Angus Beef. The Auxiliary web site (www.angusauxiliary.com) highlights cookbooks, photographs and stories from previous Cook-Offs. Begin making plans now to participate.

Spring means time to apply for **Auxiliary scholarships**

Spring brings the deadline for Auxiliary scholarship applications. This year the Auxiliary will present \$15,000 in college funds to Angus juniors.

Graduating high school seniors must first win their state scholarship contest. The state chairman then submits the winning entries (one female and one male) to the national scholarship chairwoman, Kathi Creamer, by May 10. All the information can be found on the Auxiliary web site.

Applicants are advised to carefully read and follow all directions and guidelines. It is a good idea to review the scoring rubric to see how the application is scored as well as having several people look over the application for needed corrections or omissions of information.

Links purchase 'Blue'

The Auxiliary is so pleased with our latest fundraising project — "Blue."

Blue, the registered blue roan Quarter Horse donated by the Spader family, sold in the recent Phil Trowbridge Family & Friends Sale for \$11,000 to Tucker and Vickie Link of Kiamichi Link Ranch of Finley, Okla. We understand that our beloved Blue will be going to a great home!

A very special thank you to all who made this endeavor such a huge success, including Sheri, Brett and Alyssa Spader, Rich Masoner and family, Rhonda McCurry, Phil Trowbridge, Jerry Lehmann, Stuart Wilson with American Live Stock Inc., Sandra McCurry, Linda Brost, all who bid at the auction, Tucker and Vickie Link, and all Angus Auxiliary members who worked so diligently on this project.

These funds will be used for the future generations of Angus through the scholarship fund.

Use spring to renew your spirit for life

Spring gives us hope for rejuvenation in our own lives as well. Spring is a time to renew the excitement and zest for life that lives inside. Do something this spring that matters, such as spending time with family or visiting an old friend, working on a project with a young person, playing with children, or volunteering in your community or church.

Opportunities for service surround each one of us. Renew your own spirit by making a difference in someone else's life!

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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 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:

Alabama

Slate Knight Kayla Norris Kendall Norris Anne Stanford Hannah Whitecotton Tyler Wood

Arkansas

Taylor LaCour Nicholas Pohlman Will Pohlman Laykyn Rainbolt **Haley Rieff** Paige Tribble Katlyn Tunstill Audrey Taylor **Christine Taylor** Claire Taylor Madeline Taylor

Colorado

Molly Cooksey **Brandon Creamer Britney Creamer** Katie German Jessica Harrison Holly Heckendorf Kati Keys Morgan Penner

Georgia

Dillon Parker

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Jeremy Arends **Jordan Barker** Lauren Barker Tyler Becker **Austin Brandt Weston Brandt Bailey Core** Bridget Driscoll **Bryanne Duckett Taylor Duckett** Mallory

Espenscheid Cole Greiman Kvle Greiman Audra Haglund Sophie Hansen **Eric Harvey** Nathan Hay **Madison Henderson Tucker Henderson** Tyler Henderson Katelyn Holmes Ashlev Hunter Ashley Iehl **Courtney Jass**

Lane Judy Rachael Karsten Kale Kiesewetter Abby Klendworth Leo Kruse Roni Kruse Ashley Kuehn Caitlin Kuehn Mary Mardesen Reed McCormick Glen Mommsen Kyle Musfeldt **Drew Norris** Tyler Orman Jordan Paulsrud Wesley Ruby Samantha Schermer Lauren Schroeder **Austin Siela** Erin Steele Tyler Steele Sarah Stream **Tanner Stutsman Matthew Wical**

Kentucky Blake Boyd Logan Boyd Nikki Bugg Logan Goggin

Maggie Jasper Colby Myers Lauren Moss Colton Ogburn Ericka Waggener Katrina Womack

Louisiana

Katelyn Corsentino Chevenne Jones Daniel McFarland Issac McFarland Joshua Scott

Michigan

Claudia Albrecht Hayley Albrecht Erika Boehmer **Hope Bordner Danielle Foster** Benjamin Goheen Mitchell Goheen **Tabitha**

Grochowalski Kollin Johnson **Dylan Kennedy** Justin Kennedy **Tanner Lindorf Hailey McNees DeeAnne Merriman**

Kendra Merriman Sydney Miller Ryan Powell Sterling Reichenbach

Katie Reid Rachel Reid Chelsea Ruggles **Justin Ruggles Kyle Ruggles** Julie Thelen Patricia Vaassen Rachael Vaassen

Montana

Olivia Barragree Zane Barragree **Beau Bromenshenk** Cortney

Bromenshenk Catherine Callantine Shelby Dalke **Allison Dubs Chance Eaton** Kyle Frye Ryan Green Savannah Green Reece Idland **Emily Kading** Melissa McFadgen Kensey Mikkelsen Tyler Nansel Leisa Stevenson Pam Vanek **Katie Vincent** Jena Wagner **Travis Winters**

New York

Gabrielle Glenister Kyle Glenister Spencer Glenister

North Dakota

Caleen Crider Lynsey Frey Clay Hatlewick Logan Hoffmann Jason Jallo Jessica Jallo **Tayler Myers** Donn Nelson **Madison Sundsbak** Benjamin Tokach Renae Tokach

Ohio

Jordan Bachman **Justin Bachman** Krystin Bachman

Kaitlyn Clarke Kristin Clarke Logan Deitrick Christina Egner **Bethaney Enos** Lauren Grimes **Lindsev Grimes Bailey Harsh** William Harsh Tyler Holcomb Christina

Hutchinson Clarissa Hutchinson Haley James Josey James **Colton Kreager** Shyla Kreager Jordon Mullett **Brandee Painter Evan Snook Christina Winter** Tyler Wise **Emily Wogan** Sarah Wogan

Pennsylvania

Suzanna Coleman Valerie Coleman **Shelby Dean** Katrina Frey Fred Frey II **Kate Livingston Kyle Livingston** Elizabeth Trowbridge

Maria Trowbridge **Lindsay Upperman**

South Dakota

Alex Rogen

Texas

Megan Ahearn Gretchen Ettredge Kevin Gleason Kyle Jones Tyler Bond-Jones Kari Kuykendall Stephanie Lastovia Jennifer Ramthun **Katy Satree** Karly Wicker Wade Wells **Zachary Wells**

Virginia **Shane Clary**

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