



Auxiliary Notes

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Celebrate all month!

May is National Beef Month, but it's also the month that we celebrate Mother's Day. As Angus breeders, we can combine the two and celebrate all month! Take time to honor the Angus women in your life who support the breed and its junior members; this includes mothers, mothers-in-law and grandmothers.

Get ready

A note to all "barn moms" — It's time to get ready for the summer show season and the educational contests at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Harrisburg, Pa. I know you're already helping with show preparations, photos, speech and sales talk preparations, CAB® Cook-Off trial runs, scholarship applications, and quiz bowl reviews. Although this can be a hectic season, enjoy the time you spend with your

junior member preparing for the NJAS; before you know it, they will turn 21 and "age out" of these competitions, and you'll have time on your hands.

Auxiliary contests, awards at NJAS

Auxiliary committee chairwomen and committee members are looking forward to an exciting week of junior activities in Pennsylvania, as the Auxiliary will sponsor several contests and awards during NJAS. Additionally, many Auxiliary members will be "worker bees," making sure the contests and awards are carried out smoothly.

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members and their parents are encouraged to participate in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off at the NJAS. The American Angus Auxiliary and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) sponsor the Cook-Off. The "Chef's Challenge" will return for its second year; adults and senior division chefs are eligible to compete in this category. Cook-Off information and entry forms are available on the Auxiliary website or from co-chairs, Anne Patton Schubert or Anne Lampe. Entry deadline is June 1.

The American Angus Auxiliary believes in the importance of educational contests at the NJAS. To support and promote these contests, the Auxiliary sponsors the Janet Castle Crystal Award (also known as the Crystal Award). This award is presented in memory of Janet Castle, who served as president of the Auxiliary in 1962 and was one of the founders of the scholarship fund. The Crystal Award is given to the overall high-point male and high-point female contestant based on placing in the following educational contests: CAB Cook-Off, creative writing, extemporaneous speaking, graphic design, photography, public speaking, quiz bowl and team sales.

The Auxiliary also recognizes a male and female at the NJAS who accumulate the highest point earnings in the cattle breed category contests. The Silver Award was first given in 1953 to the highest-point girl. Beginning in 1993, it was awarded to both the highest-point girl and highest-point boy. The Silver Award is now recognized by all junior members as the prestigious Silver Pitcher Award. Each summer, a Silver Pitcher is presented to the top-placing male and female exhibitors at the NJAS from points earned in each of the following categories: steer, cow-calf, owned heifer, bred-and-owned bull, and bred-and-owned heifer.

Auxiliary Scholarships, totaling \$12,000, will be awarded to five male and five female winners at the awards program Friday night during the NJAS. Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., will present scholarships in the

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Say 'Mother,' 'Mom,' 'Momma.'

Today's mother may be a homemaker, an executive, a doctor, a teacher, a factory worker, and an artist.

She may choose a full-time career outside the home, one inside the home, or some combination of each.

She may be a natural mother, or an adoptive mother, a stepmother, or a foster mother.

However she gained the title and however she expresses herself, the woman who becomes a mother takes on the added responsibility of raising children today for a better world tomorrow.

A mother can exert a positive influence not only on her children, but also on her world.

Being a mother calls for a spirit of generosity that enables a woman to give children both "roots and wings." Youngsters rooted in love will have the security they'll need to move into a wider world prepared to face life's challenges.

A mother must strive to balance the needs of her children, family, friends, business associates, and neighbors, with her own personal needs.

A mother is someone "who shows me how to live and love."

— St. Thomas Catholic Church bulletin, May 14, 1995

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amounts of \$1,400 for first place; \$1,300 for second place; \$1,200 for third place; \$1,100 for fourth place; and \$1,000 for fifth place. Since 1956, the Auxiliary has awarded \$310,600 in scholarships to 370 Angus youth from 39 different states.

Additional NJAS awards to be presented by the American Angus Auxiliary include two given at the extemporaneous speaking contest; the Pat Grote Award, given to the two intermediate division winners; and the Richard L. Spader

Award, given to the senior division winner (each receives a Harvey Rattay Pewter Sculpture); the Pat Grote LEAD Award, presented to the winning Intermediate Fresh Meat Cook-Off team [this award pays the registration fee for the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference hosted by the NJAA during one of the next two years]; and the top five contestants in the National Showmanship Contest will be presented with silver Revere bowls in honor of their accomplishment, with the top showman receiving the Dean Hurlbut Award.

Futurity heifer to sell

The American Angus Auxiliary will once again auction a donated heifer at the 2011 All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity.

Through the years, heifers have been featured and sold to benefit the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund; the first heifer sold in 1958, and the last heifer sold in 1996. On June 19, 2011, a historic tradition returns

to the Futurity in Louisville, Ky., with the opportunity to purchase a top-quality heifer. Ardyce and Jim O'Neill, O'Neill Angus Farm, Logan Iowa, have donated O'Neill's Eraline 259 (reg. no. 16717542) in memory of their daughter, Debra Ellen O'Neill. Proceeds from the sale of this heifer will go toward the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund. The American Angus Auxiliary appreciates the O'Neills' contribution and continuous support of Auxiliary activities. (See page 29 of this issue for more details.)

"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely."

— Auguste Rodin

Spring Executive Meeting

The Executive Committee and Board gathered in Saint Joseph, Mo., in late February for a productive three-day meeting. Thank you to the American Angus Association staff for providing us with unlimited access to the facilities and staff. We extend a special thanks to Misty Taylor for coordinating the logistics and meals for those in attendance. Thanks also to the Missouri Auxiliary for the delicious homemade jams.

The weekend provided us with the opportunity for meaningful discussions and conversations about Auxiliary issues and activities. Ideas and plans were developed that will help the Auxiliary continue to move forward with increased communication, educational benefits for our youth, and opportunities to interact with other members.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in our Angus family!

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