



Auxiliary Notes

▶ by **Anne Lampe**, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Cowboys and valentines

*If a cowboy should ask you out
On a Valentine's Day date,
Don't get in a hurry,
'Cause you can bet that he'll be late.*

*Some cow will sure start calvin',
'Bout the time he heads out the door,
On his way to pick you up,
He'd better check her just once more.*

*It may not be wine and roses,
A cowboy can't always afford first rate.
He'll do the best he can for you,
On a cowboy Valentine's Day date.*

— selection from *A Cowboy's Valentine*
Date by Steve Lucas, Cowboy Poet

Ranching and romance

With February's bitter cold, blowing snow, icy rain and calving season, Valentine's Day is most likely not the most planned for or high-priority holiday on farms and ranches. The image of a cowboy riding the range has long conjured up a kind of romance in Western movies; however, few experience the real "romance" of ranch life.

Angus breeders witness that real-life romance every day in their love of Angus cattle and the land we raise them on, the anticipation of each new calf, and the passion for a way of life as families that sometimes span three or four generations work together

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to preserve that way of life while providing high-quality protein to feed the world.

Each day in an Angus breeder's life looks to the future — from taking every precaution in making sure a newborn calf has the best start in life, to planned mating for the next calf crop to the daily care and health practices that ensure each cow is healthy and productive. The American Angus Auxiliary shares in that passion for the Angus way of life and planning for the immediate future as well as the next generation.

Women's conference planned

As part of planning for the future, the Auxiliary is excited to announce that it will host a conference that will bring together Angus cattlemen, Auxiliary members and other women involved in the livestock industry. Twenty women will be selected from applications to join the 10-member Auxiliary Executive Committee April 14-16 in Saint Joseph, Mo. The conference is sponsored by the Angus Foundation. An application and more information is online at www.angusauxiliary.com or can be requested by contacting me at alampe@wbsnet.org; 620-874-4273. Application deadline is March 1.

Scholarship applications

The Auxiliary members are passionate about providing young Angus breeders with encouragement and recognition to grow their interest in and love for the Angus industry. Our oldest and most recognizable program is our scholarship program for graduating high school seniors.

In 2012, 10 scholarships will be awarded to five boys and five girls during the awards ceremony at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in July. Applicants must first submit the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship application and qualify on the state level before becoming eligible for national competition.

The application, rules and list of state scholarship chairpersons are available at www.angusauxiliary.com. The national deadline is May 1. Applicants, please contact

Accepting applications for the first Women's Conference

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Date: April 14-16 in Saint Joseph, Mo. Conference registration fees, meals and lodging are sponsored by the Angus Foundation. Participants will be responsible for transportation to and from the conference. An application and more information is available online at www.angusauxiliary.com or can be requested by contacting Anne Lampe at alampe@wbsnet.org or 620-874-4273.

Application deadline: March 1.

your state chairperson for your state's deadline. The national scholarship chairwoman is Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, cortneyhd@gmail.com; 410-707-0267.

Give roses for Valentine's Day

The Auxiliary has the perfect Valentine's Day gift — a beautiful print by artist C.J. Brown commemorating the 60th anniversary of the American Angus Auxiliary. The print "Proud Past Bright Future" depicts a

delightful scene featuring an everlasting bouquet of red roses and a view of the future — an Angus cow and calf — through a window. The print can be purchased through the Auxiliary's Angus Gift Barn online at www.angusauxiliary.com or by phoning Gift Barn chairwoman Carol Wojciechowski at 540-292-8777. A limited number of

artist proofs are available for \$75 each. Prints are available for \$60.



Happy Valentine's Day,

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