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A Successful Harvest

By Courtney Hill Dukehart Cates, President

Before the 16th century, harvest was the term usually used to refer to the fall season. However, as more people gradually moved from working the land to living in towns, the word harvest lost its reference to the time of year and autumn, as well as fall, began to replace it as a reference to the season.



This is the only reward that we seek - a successful harvest.

I recently attended the Certified Angus Beef® brand Annual Conference and I feel like a stronger leader after just a few short days. Keynote speaker Jim Knight discussed providing a "Culture that Rocks". One of the main points he makes: "Although many things make up an organizational culture, my core definition of a company's culture is that it is simply a collection of individual behaviors. As one person joins the company, the culture changes. As one person leaves the brand, the culture again changes. The culture is in constant flux, as people come and go. Therefore, you would want to make sure that you hire and retain the absolute best brand ambassadors you can find—people who deserve to be in the band—versus the ones that are simply going through the motions. Surrounding yourself with people that are committed to an inspiring collective mission is one of the greatest ways to positively affect company culture".

I realized that the American Angus Auxiliary has a "Culture that Rocks", it is composed of a group of women that are totally committed to the collective success of the organization. They travel many miles, pay their own expenses for transportation, food, and lodging, contribute goods and money to make this organization work for the youth of the National Junior Angus Association. They spend countless hours on committee work, phone calls, recruiting new members, and attending Angus events in their areas. There is very little recognition for their efforts, however, that is not why they work as hard as they do to raise funds for scholarships and awards. They are dedicated to the organization, they are dedicated to the mission, and they are dedicated to the breed. They truly define the definition of Jim Knight's criteria for a successful organization. In preparing for my last month of Presidency with the Auxiliary I can't help but feel excited, motivated, and inspired for what is to come within this amazing group of women. As I thought back to my Angus involvement I could not help but realized how the experiences I have had in the Angus breed have really impacted my life, career, and family.

I do not come from generations of Angus breeders, my mother grew up showing horses while my father never had a pet or any other animal until he married my mother. I was extremely fortunate to have supportive parents that let their 10-year-old daughter begin showing cattle because she asked. Our family had to learn from the ground up what was involved in the cattle show world, my parents and I would take ten to fifteen head to a local county fair without any outside help. Through NJAA and 4-H, I learned everything necessary and was able to produce the 2002 NJAS bred & owned reserve champion heifer, not an easy feat even for the very experienced breeder. Because I had to learn how to do it all, I was allowed to take ownership of my cattle project and the experiences with the Angus breed sparked a passion that would stay with me beyond my junior years. While I love the cattle industry and the Angus breed, it is the people that have provided the experiences which have shaped my life.

When I ended my junior career in the NJAA, I wanted to be able to give back to the AAx by continuing to provide young people the opportunities and experiences I had been offered. I am proud to work with a great group of women from around the country that have the same passion about the breed and its future. I have learned a lot about teamwork, made great and lasting friendships, and relished the opportunities I have experienced. I was so honored to have been offered the opportunity to serve as the American Angus Auxiliary President and to help shape the future of this organization.

The use of the term harvest may not be in common use to describe autumn any longer but to members of the American Angus Auxiliary this is still a time of harvest. It is a time to reap

the rewards of the past years work as we see our new officers being elected, watch our juniors enter college utilizing the scholarships that we have been able to provide and proudly select our new Miss American Angus. This is the only reward that we seek - a successful harvest.



The Tradition Continues

Thanks to the generous donation of the bred heifer, EXAR Rita 5681, by Express Ranches of Yukon, OK, the American Angus Auxiliary auctioned this heifer at the 2013 All-

American Angus Breeders' Futurity. All of the proceeds go to the AAx scholarship and awards endowment fund held within the Angus Foundation. This year Tom McGinnis, Heritage Farms, Shelbyville, KY purchased the heifer for \$5,500. Since the Auxiliary has brought back the auction of the heifer, we have been able to increase our Scholarship amount to \$13,000.00. Again, a big thank you to Express Ranches and Heritage Farm for their support of the American Angus Auxiliary and our Angus youth programs.



Join Us for Breakfast in Louisville

Great fellowship, wonderful entertainment, new and old friends, a delicious meal, gifts for attendees, good times, – the *American Angus Auxiliary Breakfast!* The 62nd annual event will be hosted again this year at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Everyone continues to love the location being so convenient to the cattle show and American Angus Association meetings. The breakfast will be on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 8:00 am. All Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the popular event. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased or reserved in advance or can be purchased in Louisville at the Angus registration desk located in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. With only a limited number of tickets available, it is strongly advised that you purchase or reserve your tickets in advance. Tickets can be purchased in advance by mailing \$25 per ticket to the Auxiliary Program & Hospitality Chairman, Michelle Rieff, 9200 Mason Valley Road, Bentonville, AR 72712. Checks should be made payable to the American Angus Auxiliary. Tickets can be reserved by calling or emailing Michelle at 479.936.1685 or michellerieff@aol.com.

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From Your Regional Directors

News from Region 2

By Cindy Ahearn, Region 2 Director

The summer has flown by. It seems only a month or two since we had our spring meeting in Wooster, Ohio at the Certified Angus Beef headquarters.



What a week in Kansas City at the National Junior Angus Show! During this week I roamed the barns looking for women from New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. Hoping to find someone to discuss starting their state Auxiliary or simply get to know some of my neighbors. I was fortunate to meet Jamae Frey of Kingfisher, OK. Although Oklahoma does not have a state organization, Jamae assists and signs the juniors Angus members who complete an application for national scholarship competition. Thank You Jamae for your contribution to our junior's members. Additional discussions with other Oklahoma women indicated that a lot the women are members of the Oklahoma Angus Association. This allows them to participate and vote in the state meetings and venues. Their activities are carried out through the state organization. Thank You also to Kathi Creamer for sharing her knowledge on Colorado which operates jointly within the state association much like Oklahoma.

Prior to the NJAS in an effort to promote Auxiliary growth in OK, NM, and CO I sent a letter introducing myself and requesting to learn about their respective state auxiliary history and current opinion on starting or renewing an organized group. My response was disappointing. To date I have received ZERO responses!! Colorado received 22 letters sent to the current AAAux members and 7 were returned with insufficient or incorrect addresses. 21 letters were sent to Oklahoma in which 3 were returned. 5 were sent to NM and 0 returned. The returned mail was discussed with membership for an update of our mailing list. This lack of response is taken to indicate that currently there is no interest in these states to organize a state auxiliary. But I'm not giving up yet!!

Regarding Texas, we had several TJAA members place in both cattle and non-cattle contests. Julie Ann Williams (TxTech-Lubbock) will run for Miss American Angus in November. Please give Julie your encouragement as she engages in this life changing event! The Lone Star state continues to "bust our buttons" as this is the third election (term of 2 years) in a row Texas has had a candidate elected to wear the coveted Green Jacket! Megan Ahearn (UT-Austin) Foundation Director retired and Tylee Jo Williams (TxTech-Lubbock) was newly elected!

Congratulations to these three outstanding women! Invitations to join the state and national Auxiliaries have been sent to outgoing junior members in Texas. I would encourage each state to do the same. What a great way to support today's youth and the next generation.

Greeting from Region 6

By Marlene Dukehart, Region 6 director

The Atlantic National Auxiliary had a record attendance for their Royalty Reception that was held on the opening day of the ROV Show.

The event was sponsored by Prairie View Farm and hosted by Indiana. Esther McCabe spoke about her adventures traveling to various shows and events during her year as Miss American Angus. After playing some "Angus" games, everyone enjoyed a light lunch. The girls received travel totes as a token of appreciation for their work representing their states. Theresa Miller and her daughter Amelia of Prairie View Farm were the guests of honor.

The silent auction offered a wide array of items and bidding was fast paced during the final few moments. The live auction, held during the Atlantic National annual banquet featured an Amish quilt,



autographed football, original prints, and various unique items. The funds generated are to be used towards the Atlantic National Scholarship program.

Virginia hosted the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Harrisonburg. The well-attended show featured excellent facilities, entertainment for the participants and exceptional meals. The Saturday evening meal, prepared by Mike Whiteside Family & Friends featured steamed shrimp and barbecue beef. The Virginia Junior Angus Association is to be commended for all of the hard work they did raising funds, planning and executing a successful show.

Traveling to the NJAA in Kansas City was the highlight of the summer show season. The Royalty Luncheon was an extraordinary event when the girls traveled from the complex to the restaurant in converted cable cars. Following lunch, each girl received a generous financial gift to spend shopping in the Country Club Plaza. Each day of the show featured an event that highlighted the accomplishments of the youth that comprise our NJAA membership. The Angus Gift Barn, under the excellent management of Christy Perdue, offered a wide array of new products that had the customers flocking in to make their purchases. Many items sold out in the first few days. This year's NJAA Show was a memorable experience for both exhibitor and spectator.

As we approach our last annual meeting in Louisville we are reminded of the quote, "All changes are more or less tinged with melancholy, for what we are leaving behind is part of ourselves." However, it is with anticipation that we are looking forward to beginning, a new era, next year in Kansas City.



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60 Years of Silver

The oldest national junior award in existence celebrates its 60th anniversary.

By Kasey Brown, Associate Editor Angus Journal

As Sydney Schnoor and Ryan Callahan made their way to the award podium at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to accept the Silver Pitcher Award, they became a part of a legacy now 60 years in the making. A prestigious prize awarded to the boy and girl earning the most points through placings in the cattle show, the Silver Pitcher is the longest-existing national award presented to juniors. Anne Patton Schubert, American Angus Auxiliary past president, explains that it was originally given by the American Angus Auxiliary (first as a silver bowl, which evolved to a silver pitcher) to the girl with the highest-placing steer at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago, Ill., in 1953. The Auxiliary was formed in 1952, says Anne Lampe, past president, so the Auxiliary wasted no time starting the award program.

With the closing of the Stock Show in Chicago, in 1975 and 1976 the award was presented at the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., where it was based more on outstanding heifers than steers, says Patton Schubert. In 1977 the award was presented at the NJAS, where it has been presented ever since. Starting in 1993, an award was also presented to the highest-placing boy. "I don't know why it would be awarded anywhere but the junior show with how popular the National Junior Angus Show is now. It's the biggest junior show of the year," she adds. The award was easy to calculate in the beginning, because fewer cattle were exhibited. The award is based on a points system now to account for larger show strings. It's not just about the numbers, but they do help keep track as shows have gotten bigger, Patton Schubert explains. Exhibitors with smaller show strings still have a chance if the cattle do well enough. There is never a tiebreaker, though, so sometimes there are more than two pitchers awarded. The best is the best, she explains. "This award honors excellence in the showing."

Annie Ruyle-Chaffin, chairwoman of the Auxiliary Silver Pitcher Committee, says the award can't be calculated until the very last slap of the heifer show. It can come down to the difference between being grand champion vs. a division winner. "This award goes along with the history of the Auxiliary and everything it does," she says. "The Auxiliary is always growing, and the fact that this award has been kept this long makes it really prestigious." To celebrate its 60th anniversary, the Angus Journal followed up with a few of its past recipients.

Validation

Coming from a family that always showed cattle and a time when agriculture wasn't an accepted vocation for girls, Sheri (Coulter) Spader won the Silver Pitcher in 1968. She was a third-generation showman, and says her family never celebrated Thanksgiving at home. She laughs and explains that they were always at the Chicago International Live Stock Show until the show moved to the NAILE in Louisville, Ky. They always had Thanksgiving dinner at different restaurants, including the Stockyards Inn. In 1968, she showed several heifers and a steer named Shenandoah. The name's meaning was twofold. As a young girl, it was her job to look up pedigrees in the old books, which sparked her interest in the heritage of her cattle and of her family. Her ancestors are from Shenandoah. Plus, that was during a transition from short and stocky to a longer-bodied animal. Her steer was long-bodied, so she wanted a long name to go with him. Shenandoah had done well at many other shows that year, but she was still pleasantly surprised when she was awarded the Silver Pitcher. Since Spader won, she was required to stay for the banquet, which was the social event of the year. Since her family hadn't planned to attend the banquet, they had already gone home. She had to catch a ride with a family



Photos by Kasey Brown

friend back to Illinois State University, where she was taking classes. She says, "When something wonderful like that happens to you, it just enriches your passion for Angus." She and her sister were enrolled in the boys' 4-H club, of which her dad was the leader, because the girls' club didn't have beef projects. Her dad, who had shown for Timberline Farms and the Central Illinois Angus Association as a youth, also was a big advocate of the public speaking contests. Spader notes that there was a considerably smaller percentage of female showmen — she could count her girlfriends at shows on one hand. When she enrolled in her classes at college, she wanted to take agriculture classes. She had to switch advisors because her original advisor refused to approve her classes because he said there was no future for women in agriculture. She knew from experience and had faith that there was, and she was right.

She says that having the support of her "can do" parents and the success of her experience as a junior with the American Angus Association showed her that just because something hasn't been done before doesn't mean that it can't be done.

Spader says she is pleased to see young people take an active role in leadership in agriculture, and to see all of the youth development and skill-building activities. Her involvement with Angus cattle instilled a passion, and her cattle herd financed her college education. Education was important to her, she says, because she came from a family of educators and continued the legacy. Winning the Silver Pitcher and her involvement in the Association as a junior member were a springboard for her future success.

Turning a hobby into a business

Holly (Gamble) Meier won the Silver Pitcher in 1998. She says it was the first year she exhibited a class winner at NJAS. That year, she had three class winners and a second. Champion Hill Lady 703 put her operation on the map, she says, and launched her career. "Many people get wrapped up in winning, but the best parts of the NJAA (National Junior Angus Association) are the memories of good times and the friendships made," Meier says, adding that her fondest memories are of time spent with her dad and the friends she made. Once she graduated from high school, she says, she and her dad started investing more into their registered cattle. Her husband, Lydell Meier, helped turn the hobby operation of 50 registered cows into a full-time business with 250 head with commercial cattle, too. Almost everything they show now is bred-and-owned (B&O), and they have gained a successful reputation in the showing. Many of the families they sell cattle to become close like family, she says. When she was showing, Bruce and Amie Stertzbach were like second parents to her, and now she enjoys the opportunity to be the mentor. She and Lydell are strong advocates for education and are both involved in Stock Show University workshops. Holly says she often puts on showmanship clinics because showmanship is so important, no matter the quality of your calf. Knowing how to evaluate your calf and accentuate its strengths is a skill that great showmen must have. Meier enjoys seeing her kids grow up and work hard within the cattle industry. Her oldest, Andrew, 8, showed for the first time at The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in peewee showmanship. His younger sisters, Annie, 7, and Alyssa, 6,

will show soon. They each have some cows in their names so they can show in the B&O show when they are old enough. She says there are many things that are easy to take for granted in the show industry, but a thank-you to parents, grandparents, 4-H leaders and extension agents goes a long way. She enjoys the show industry because a lot of small operations can keep the lifestyle around, regardless of size of operation.

Maintaining the prestige

Wesley Womack, winner in 1995-2001, capitalized on the honors to market his herd, naming his operation's spring sale the Silver Pitcher Sale. "At that point in time, winning the Silver Pitcher meant a lot more to my dad than me, but now that I have a son, I understand where my dad was coming from," says Womack. "I would love to see my son win the Silver Pitcher one day. Now, looking back, I view it as a symbol of accomplishment for all the hard work and time my

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Wes Womack.

family and our employees put into breeding, calving, halter-breaking and preparing cattle for the showing. "Today I consider it a great achievement winning the Silver Pitcher," he continues, "because I know how much hard work and time it took to make it to the showing, let alone all the homework and behind-the-scenes work it takes to make it to the NJAS." He says he named the sale the Silver Pitcher Sale because people recognize his or the farm's name even if they've never met because of his reputation with the Silver Pitcher award. A marketing suggestion from Jeremy Haag, using the Silver Pitcher award as

an advertisement for the sale helped sell cattle, because it proved that they raise quality Angus cattle.

Many winners of the Silver Pitcher award are still involved with the Angus industry. Patton Schubert says she enjoys following family and farm lines within the list of honorees. For instance, Janice Hullinger and Miriam Hullinger, winners in 1956 and 1964, respectively, are sisters. Looking at the list in of past winners you notice many siblings, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Even for those winners who have chosen other careers, the skills they learned through showing Angus cattle — hard work, determination, perseverance, critical thinking — make them marketable in other job markets.

The American Angus Auxiliary made a tradition of honoring excellence in the showing for 60 years, and the benefit to the recipients long outlasts the years in the ring as an NJAA member.



Several past Silver Pitcher Winners were at NJAS and delighted in congratulating the 2013 Winners
From Left: Kade Patton, IN; Sheri Spader, MO; Garrett Blanchard, CA; 2013 winner Ryan Callahan, OK; 2013 Winner Sydney Schnoor, CA and Beth Patton, IN.

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Miss American Angus

Happy Days from the great state of Kansas! Summer is in full swing, which means there are cows on green grass, crops to be harvested, hay to be cut, and lots of Angus friends to see! To get you caught up on the early spring events, here is a brief overview of my spring and summer.

This spring I attended various sales such as the Gardiner Angus Sale in Ashland, Kansas, Belle Point Angus in Arkansas, and Briarwood Angus (Dr. Curtis and Ann Long) in Butler, Missouri. I also had the opportunity to tell about my role at a Kansas Livestock Association Meeting to local members and guests. My absolute FAVORITE event during the spring was when I visited a local first grade classroom and we discussed the by-products of cattle. It is amazing how much information kids can retain when ice cream is the prize!

The month of April was full of school events, sales, and going to the National Western Angus Futurity in Reno, Nevada. Even though my flight there was continuously delayed, it was definitely worth the trip! My chaperone for the trip, Anne Lampe, was awesome and had me try sushi for my first time ever (it really isn't that bad!). While I was there, I had the opportunity to help select the new Western States Angus Queen, who is pretty awesome and helped me the rest of the time I was there.

May came, school ended, and the next week I was on a plane with my mom and my sister Hannah going to Maryland for Atlantic Nationals. We traveled to the Inner Harbor, tried the ever-famous "Crab cakes" (if you have never had them, hop on a plane and try them in Maryland...seriously!), and we even went to the aquarium. This is at the top of my list of the best places I have ever traveled. Oh and about the real reason I went... The show was incredible, I felt right at home the entire time I was there! The show ring was the prettiest I have ever seen and I don't think any show will ever be able to top it!

The All American Breeders Futurity came what seemed like just a few short days after eastern regional. My brother Ethan and I packed our bags and made the drive to Louisville, Kentucky. This was another first for me to attend. Ernie and Linda Bingman, Anne Patton Schubert, and the Satree family took me under their wings for the entire show to make sure I was very well taken care of.

The next outing was to eastern regional in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This time the planes all ran smoothly. However getting my dad through security at the airport is another story! (He forgot to leave his pocketknife and lighter at home...oops!) During the Queens Tea, we heard from a lady by the name of Stephanie Copeland. She claimed the title of Miss Wheelchair Virginia in 2012. Stephanie shared her story with us and many words of inspiration to leave us with. We had the opportunity to tour the historic Wehrmann Angus that was absolutely incredible.

The National Junior Angus Show just happened to fall in my backyard this year in Kansas City, Missouri. My mom and Ashley Hoff attend the Queens Brunch with me. The ladies who out it on out did themselves with the entire event on The Plaza! The week flew by but I met so many great girls during time there and made friendships that will last a lifetime. I learned more from the girls that I had the opportunity to meet than I ever thought I could learn in just a few days. Each one of them brought something new to the mix and it was great!

Even though I only have four short months left, they will be full of exciting events such as LEAD, the National Angus Conference and Tour, shows, sales, and of course starting school at K-State! This has truly been a once in a lifetime experience and I love every minute of it! I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who has been there to assist me throughout my journey this year thus far.

I look forward to seeing you at a future Angus event and good luck with this upcoming fall!

Esther McCabe

Elk City, Kansas

2013 Miss American Angus



Coming again in 2014

The American Angus Auxiliary is excited to announce that the 2nd **Women Connected** Conference will be hosted in 2014. Look for announcements, application information and dates in early 2014 on www.angusauxiliary.com, in the Angus Journal and on our Facebook page. Women Connected is funded by the Angus Foundation.

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Award Winners Share Experiences

Compiled by Leslie Mindemann, Region 5 Director

The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors many awards during the National Junior Angus Show. The most visible sponsored contests are Scholarships and the Certified Angus Beef® Cook-off. But the Auxiliary also gives the awards for Showmanship, Speech (Grote/Spader), Black Kettle, Crystal Award for educational contest excellence, Silver Bowls to the top showmen and the Silver Pitchers. Several of these originated as a memorial to Angus breeders.

The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors the Janet Castle Crystal Award to promote and encourage participation in educational events. These contests allow all juniors, even those who might not show cattle, to participate in the NJAS. Points are earned for placing and participation in the following contests: photography, poster, graphic design, extemporaneous and public speaking, team sales, creative writing, and quiz bowl. Two awards are presented, to the high-point boy and girl. This year Brooke Harward, NC and Chris Kahlenbeck, MO were the recipients.

My name is Brooke Harward and I am from Richfield, NC. I grew up on a commercial cow/calf operation and in 2006 I began showing Angus cattle with my sisters. Not only did I immediately know that I loved showing cattle, but I knew that the Angus breed was by far my favorite breed of cattle. Since then I have had the opportunity to serve my state association in different leadership roles and attend various NJAA events. In 2012 I was honored to be chosen as Miss American Angus in which I was able to participate in numerous NJAA and AAA events across the country, supporting and promoting the Angus breed. After I attended my first NJAS in 2009 in Perry, GA I knew that I wanted to participate in as many National Junior Angus Shows as possible. Since that time I have shown cattle and participated in contests but I never thought that I would be able to achieve the Crystal Award. At the beginning of this year I made it my goal to participate in as many contests as I was able to, challenging myself to see if I could accomplish this goal for the first time. Winning the Crystal Award means the most to me because I proved to myself that all of my hard work was worth it and contributed to me

actually achieving my goal. However, winning the award also reminds me how thankful I am to all of the people who supported me and gave me advice as I was preparing for contests this year and years past. Without their support I would not have had this opportunity at all.

How does the American Angus Auxiliary, by hosting these awards, play a role in the NJAS? I have first-hand knowledge of the incredible support that the American Angus Auxiliary offers to Angus youth. I think one of the greatest examples is the awards that the AAAs sponsors at the NJAS. Juniors put a great deal of time and effort into preparing for the NJAS, whether preparing animals for the show ring or preparing themselves to enter contests. While winning is not everything, being recognized for your hard work and knowing that people all over the country support you is a feeling that I know is greatly appreciated by all juniors. Therefore, by hosting these awards the American Angus Auxiliary is contributing to the success of not only the NJAS but the success of Angus juniors who are greatly recognized for their exceptional accomplishments.

The Black Kettle Award is given in memory of Paul B. St. Blanc. Following the death of Mr. St. Blanc his family looked for a way to honor his memory and looked no further than the National Junior Angus Show and the American Angus Auxiliary sponsored Certified Angus Beef® Cook Off Contest. Mr. St. Blanc had a great passion for cooking and combined that passion with his love of family, Angus cattle and youth. He participated in the first Cook Off Contest held at the NJAS and was a frequent contestant in subsequent years. The Black Kettle Award is annually awarded to the highest scoring team among all categories and age divisions in the American Angus Auxiliary sponsored Certified Angus Beef® Cook Off Contest. This year the Kansas team of Cale & Eva Hinrichsen, Kady Figge, Sarah & Clay Pelton, and Alexandria Cozzitorto won this prestigious award.

My name is Alexandria Cozzitorto. I am 12 years old and a third generation Angus breeder. I have been a member of the American Angus Association since 2001. During that year, my Dad bought me my first Angus heifer, and my entire herd goes back to this cow. I have been a member of the Kansas Junior Angus Association since 2009 and have participated in showing cattle, as well as contests at both the state and national level since 2009.



2013 Black Kettle Award Winners

Have you competed in this contest before and what was your experience?

I have competed in the CAB Cook-off contest since I was nine years old. Every time I have participated, it has been one of my favorite contests. It's always fun to meet up with your team at Nationals to practice the skit and pull it all with costumes, preparing the meal, and setting the table.

Are you encouraged to try for this award again or help other juniors achieve this award? Yes. I look forward to participating in the CAB Cook-off contest in the future and plan to help other juniors in my organization achieve this goal, as well. I don't think there is any better feeling than seeing your name or your team's name up on that screen at closing ceremonies during Nationals.



2013 NJAS Showmanship Top 5 receiving Silver Bowls from the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary presented a bowl to the first winner in 1967, began awarding the top 5 in 1969.

The National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the five silver bowls awarded are given by the Auxiliary. The National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest is one of the most prominent and challenging showmanship contests in the cattle industry. Originally organized by Dean Hurlbut to encourage young men and

women to become interested in showing Angus cattle, the top showman award is accordingly named the Dean Hurlbut Award. Paige Wallace was this year's first place winner.



My name is Paige Wallace and I'm originally from Scotts City, Missouri. I grew up on my family's Angus operation where we maintain around 150 cows. Both of my parents have livestock backgrounds so I have been involved in the show cattle industry my entire life. I started showing at age 8 and quickly took on leadership roles within my state. I've served in almost every leadership position in the Missouri Junior Angus Association, served as the 2011 Miss

American Angus, currently hold the title of Leadership Director for the National Junior Angus Board of Directors and have worked for The Angus Report since 2011.

I've been in the Angus realm my entire life. The title of the Champion Showman at the National Junior Angus Show was a tremendous and honorable way for me to end my junior Angus career. A contest like this, one that you can participate in only once, means a lifetime of work and dedication to achieve it. It is the ultimate goal for many juniors and I feel truly honored to have achieved it.

How does the American Angus Auxiliary, by hosting these awards, play a role in the NJAS? My involvement in events like the NJAS Showmanship Contest, All-American Cook-Off, and the Miss American Angus contest have shown me the immense dedication the American Angus Auxiliary has towards developing the character of Angus juniors. Personally, I believe opportunities like this continually influence the lives of juniors like me. I've grown and seen my life change as a result of participation in these activities.

Beyond the Barn

By Kathi Creamer, Public Relations Chairman

"Today, pay attention to the warmth of the sun, the gentle whisper of the wind, the fragrance of flowers, and even the good taste of your food and realize how good it is to be alive."

Author Unknown

The discussions at my kitchen table this past month were quite enlightening. For several days in August my family was honored to host four young Angus breeders from Uruguay. And the discussions during this time were most often centered on the differences in our cultures and countries.

Uruguay is a ranching country, with cattle outnumbering people more than two-to-one. And agricultural differences were many as we learned from our new found friends, Val, Emilio, Felipe and Max. The majority of our cattle were summering on mountain pastures, so our friends climbed aboard 4-wheelers, for the first time in their lives and road across the mountains looking at Lazy JB Angus. A tour of the harvesting and production of one our region's largest industries, mountain sweet corn, was also included during their stay. It included time to visit with the immigrants, the primary employees of this industry, the harvesting of corn by the workers on a "picker" and the sorting and boxing of the corn that arrives within 24 hours to grocery stores across the western US.



Britney, Max, Brandon, Jeff, Felipe, Kathi, Val, Emilio, Josie & Annie pose for a one last photo before saying good-bye.



Emilio helping Kathi with dinner.

Imagine grocery stores shelves nearly bare or 8 ounces of M & M's priced at \$50 (US dollars). And now imagine how overwhelmed our friends were when they went shopping at Wal-Mart and then Target. Uruguay's culture is reminiscent of a bygone era in our country; the people of Uruguay still take time for each other and weekends with family are more valuable than the things overtime pay can buy. It didn't take long for my family to fall into a more casual, slower pace while our friends were with us.

We drank "mate", a social drink that has a bitter taste to the pleasure of friends, who drank it every morning from a drinking gourd and silver "straw". And everyone helped with the preparation of meals, eager to learn how to prepare "new" dishes. Our evening meals began with a toast and were filled with joy and laughter.

It's hard to ignore the concerns many of us have regarding our country, the decreasing demand for beef and the shrinking beef industry, but it's also important to feel the warmth of the sun, taste the goodness of all the foods we have available to us and to realize how blessed we truly are. I haven't replaced my morning coffee with mate, but thanks to four wonderful people, I am taking more time to breathe in the cool crisp September morning air, appreciate the views from my deck and take delight in the beauty of the newly weaned Angus calves. May you enjoy the blessings this fall brings and how good it is to be alive.

Keep Informed of AAAX Projects & Events

The Auxiliary Post is published twice a year; in the spring and fall. To keep informed of Auxiliary projects and events between issues of *The Post* look for *Auxiliary Notes* in the Angus Journal or visit www.angusauxiliary.com. The officers and regional directors welcome your emails and calls, see page 2 for contact information.

Dish: Recipe Serves:

Marinated Beef Brisket

3 - 5 pound brisket
1/3 cup Worcestershire sauce
2 ounces Liquid Smoke
1 tsp Garlic, crushed
1 medium Onion, chopped
1 cup Celery chopped
1 Bottle Chili Sauce

When ready to cook, remove brisket from marinade place on large sheet of heavy duty tin foil in shallow dish and pour Worcestershire sauce and Liquid Smoke over meat; with garlic, onion and celery. Wrap foil tightly around meat and seal edges. Either cook on lowest heat of gas grill or oven at 225 F for 6 hours. Slice and serve with barbecue sauce. (Can also prepare in a roaster or slow cooker)

Marinade

1 1/2 cups salad oil
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup wine vinegar
2 cloves garlic, crushed
3/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons dry mustard
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 tablespoons parsley
1/2 cup lemon juice

Make marinade. Marinate brisket overnight, turning meat several times.

Overall Roast Category Winner

Auxiliary sponsored All American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off Contest, National Jr Angus Show, Kansas City, MO—2013

South Dakota Jr Angus team:

Chase & Christina Mogck, Tyler & Brittany Bush, Alex Rogen.



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Name: _____

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Attention Auxiliary Members from Regions 4, 5 & 6

If you are an American Angus Auxiliary member living in regions 4, 5, or 6 please take a moment to vote for a director from your region only; you also have the option to write in a name. Please sign your name and include your state next to your signature; unsigned ballots will be invalid. *Vote only if you are from region 4, 5, or 6 and vote only for one candidate/write-in from your region.* Ballots must be postmarked by Nov 4, 2013. Photo copy of this ballot is acceptable.

Election results will be announced at the Annual meeting on Nov. 16, 2013.

Region 4 - Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida

Region 5 - Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky

Region 6 - Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and District of Columbia

VOTEOfficial Ballot***VOTE***

American Angus Auxiliary— Regional Director Election

Please vote for one candidate or write in a candidate from a state within your region.

Place an "X" beside the candidate's name for whom you wish to elect.

Region 4

Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida

Melanie St.Blanc Kiani

Region 5

Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky

Sandy Carmichael, Indiana

Rachel Frost, Illinois

Region 6

Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and District of Columbia

Marlene Dukehart, Maryland



_____, 2013
▶ Member's Signature **Member's Printed Name** **State** **Date**

Please sign and return ballot to Anne Lampe, Committee Chairman, postmarked/fax/email by November 4, 2013. Photo copy of this ballot is acceptable.

Mail to: Anne Lampe, Nomination Committee Chairman, 5201 E Rd 110, Scott City, KS 67871

Faxed -620-872-3915 and emailed ballots also accepted (please scan to a PDF or jpg) Alampe@wbsnet.org

Notice: *Vote only if you are from regions 4, 5 or 6 . Vote only for one candidate or write in a candidate from your region. Include your state next to your signature. Late and/or Unsigned ballots will be invalid.*

Ballot Check List– Before submitting please verify

- ☐ Voted for only 1 candidate ☐ Current member and from the region you voted in
☐ Ballot is signed, your state noted and dated. ☐ Postmarked, faxed or emailed by November 4, 2013

Meet the Candidates

Region 4

Melanie Kiani, Morton, MS is a candidate for the region 4 director position. Melanie is a lifelong Angus breeder. She grew up on a small Angus farm in south Louisiana and was an active junior Angus member on the state and national level, Melanie is 4-H agent for Mississippi State University Research and Extension. She met her husband Ivan while they were both junior Angus members and together they own and manage a small Angus herd. Their children Emma and Clint both were active NJAA members and (now adults) remain involved in the farm and Angus activities. She has been a member of the American Angus Auxiliary for over 15 years and is currently the president of the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary. Melanie has served on the AAx beef ed, hospitality and scholarship committees. In 2011, she helped to coordinate and host "A Southern Garden Party" an AAx membership and social activity at the NJAA Eastern Regional Show on West Monroe, LA.

Region 5

Sandy Carmichael, Bloomington, IN is seeking election in region 5. Sandy, a retired teacher has been an active member of the Indiana Auxiliary for 15 years serving in offices including president for 2 years. She and her husband Leslie (an Angus breeder for 60+ years) own a herd of about 40 Angus. Sandy and Les showed cattle as 4-H members and continue to show Angus at the Indiana State Fair annually, they enjoy sharing their enthusiasm for Angus with their 3 grandchildren. In 2012 she participated in the AAx Women Connected Conference and is chairing the food committee for the 2104 NJAS in Indiana.

Rachel Frost, Tallula, IL is a candidate from region 5. Rachel is a school teacher and a lifelong Angus breeder, she grew up on a cattle and grain farm. Her husband, Cimeron is a lifelong cattleman and they raised their 5 children in the industry well as the junior Angus programs. Rachel served as an advisor for the Illinois Jr Angus Association for 25 years and has been a member of the AAx and IL Auxiliary for over 25 years. She has been president of the Illinois Auxiliary

and has served on various committees including scholarship and cookbook. She is an avid supporter of the AAx CAB® cook-off contest and has organized and coached numerous teams as well as participating herself in the Chef's challenge contest. She and Cimeron chaired the NJAS 1976 in IL and has been a committee chair in other years when IL hosted. Rachel is currently a member of the AAx Scholarship committee and attended the 2012 Women Connected conference.

Region 6

Marlene Dukehart, Sykesville, MD is seeking re-election to her second term as region 6 director. Marlene has been an AAx regional director for 3 years and has served on the AAx gift barn, nominating and finance committees. She has served as president of the Atlantic National Auxiliary. Marlene, her husband Bob and daughter Cortney Hill Dukehart Cates began their Angus journey in 1992 when they started their Sunrise Sunset Farm. They are active in Angus activities, conferences and shows on the state and national levels.



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Dates & Events to Note

November 4— Postmark deadline for AAx Regional director ballots—see page 7

Auxiliary schedule in Louisville— Please join us for the Auxiliary activities that are in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exhibition (NAILE) and the 130th Annual Meeting of the American Angus Association. (All events are at the Crowne Plaza unless otherwise noted.)

Saturday, Nov. 16

1-6 p.m. — Holiday Room, Angus Gift Barn and Silent Auction open
 2 p.m. — Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting
 3 p.m. — Annual Meeting (open to Auxiliary membership and guests)

Sunday, Nov. 17

8 a.m. — Auxiliary Breakfast, Kentucky Fair and Expo Center (KFEC); open to everyone, ticket required, \$25, advanced reservations suggested; to purchase or reserve tickets, contact MichelleRieff@aol.com, 479-936- 1685.
 10 a.m.-6 p.m. — Holiday Room, Angus Gift Barn and Silent Auction open
 3:30-4:30 p.m. — AAAx President's reception (all invited)
 4:30 p.m. — Miss American Angus candidate speeches and questions (open to public)

Monday, Nov. 18

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Holiday Room and Angus Gift Barn open
 2014 Miss American Angus Crowning — just prior to selection of Grand Champion Angus Bull, KFEC

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