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## Thoughts from the President

Shally Rogen, South Dakota

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." --Henry Ford. What a great quote and so fitting when I think about the Angus Auxiliary! Life is so much easier when you have a great team to work with and I feel very fortunate to have an awesome Auxiliary team!

We held our spring meeting in conjunction with the Women Connected Conference at the Certified Angus Beef headquarters in Wooster, OH. What a great event! We were ecstatic to have 38 women from 17 states that attended the conference!

Some of the spring meeting highlights include the development of an Auxiliary mentor program, mid-year social activity, "Color Me Angus" and an exciting consignment event, "Full Circle Online Auction".

Our mid-year meeting will take place during the Nation Junior Angus Show, July 3-9 in Grand Island, NE. We invite everyone to our activities during this year's NJAS and we encourage you to volunteer to help with the Cook-Off. I guarantee that you will be entertained for the afternoon! Join the Auxiliary social when we host "Color Me Angus"! Following our social, we will have a brief mid-year meeting and will introduce the mentor program to our membership. Bring your daughters or older junior member so they can benefit from this program too!

I remember feeling amazed seeing all of the contests that the Auxiliary sponsors and coordinates. From the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off and Chef's Challenge to the announcement of our American Angus Auxiliary national scholarship winners, the NJAS is a time to showcase what we as an Auxiliary work throughout the year to support and promote. If you are able to attend, bring a friend to the social, you never know what an impact that invitation can make!

The Angus Gift Barn will be on site all week at the NJAS. Manager, Christy Perdue has done an outstanding job in providing a great selection of unique items for the Angus enthusiasts and also brings awareness to the Auxiliary and our programs in the process. As always, if you are not able to attend, you can check out all the items or pay your annual dues at [www.angusgiftbarn.com](http://www.angusgiftbarn.com)

The Auxiliary is excited to present, "Full Circle Online Auction," a national Angus consignment sale hosted by AngusLive.com on Sept. 28-29. The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair market value in excess of \$100. Auction categories include live animals, embryo and semen packages, Angus memorabilia and collectibles, home décor, cattle equipment and other useful items. Consignments received by June 1, will receive 90 days of advertising including an ad in the Angus Journal. Consignors will receive 50% of the gross revenue their lots generate (or they can donate 100% to the Auxiliary), as well as recognition in sale promotion to be launched at National Junior Angus Show and on the online site throughout July, August and September. If you are inter-

ested in being a consignor, contact Cortney Hill Dukehart Cates, [cortneyhd@gmail.com](mailto:cortneyhd@gmail.com) Julie McMahon French, [juliefrench@nethawk.com](mailto:juliefrench@nethawk.com) or myself at [drogen3061@aol.com](mailto:drogen3061@aol.com). Check out the great lots at: [Angusauxiliary.com/FullCircleOnlineAuction.html](http://Angusauxiliary.com/FullCircleOnlineAuction.html) and support the Auxiliary!



See you in Grand Island!

## Auxiliary Elects Leadership for 2016

The organization gathered for annual events during National Angus Convention & Trade Show

For more than 60 years, the American Angus Auxiliary has fostered valuable connections throughout the Angus business.

By connecting likeminded women with one another, awarding Angus youth with scholarships or visiting with consumers about the *Certified Angus Beef®* (CAB®) brand, the Auxiliary invests much time and effort into the Angus breed's future. The group of volunteer leaders gathered for annual activities, always held during the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show Nov. 3-5, 2015 in Overland Park, Kan. The Auxiliary hosted the organization's Annual Meeting, Annual Breakfast, the Miss American Angus competition, and many other social events. During the Auxiliary's Annual Meeting on Nov. 3, the group elected the 2016 officers and regional directors. Members of the newly-elected officer team are: President Shally Rogen, Brandon, S.D.; President-elect Julie Murnin, Huntley, Mont.; Secretary/Treasurer, Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wis., and Advisor Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan. The new president, Shally Rogen, Brandon, S.D., has been involved in the American Angus Auxiliary for nearly 20 years. Together with her husband, Dick, and two sons, Andrew and Alex, they raise registered Angus cattle in southeastern South Dakota. She has served as an Auxiliary regional director for more than three years, and has been an advisor to the South Dakota Junior Angus Association for 16 years. "The American Angus Auxiliary is really a blessing of friendship," Rogen said. "It's amazing how many friends you can make across the country who can get together and have that bond of Angus cattle and our children. It's just the love of wanting to do more for our youth and the Angus breed." Members are also proud to welcome President-elect Julie Murnin of Huntley, Mont. She is a past regional director for the Auxiliary and a member of the Montana Angus Auxiliary, serving as the vice president. She and her husband, Jared, are advisors for the Montana Junior Angus Association, and they have two children, Claire and Cooper. Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wis., was elected secretary/treasurer. Leslie has been a junior advisor, Region 5 director, a leader in both the Wisconsin Angus Association and the Wisconsin Auxiliary Association and chair for the 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Milwaukee. Leslie and her husband, Rick, have three sons. The Auxiliary's 2016 Regional Directors are: Region 1, Kathy Dubs, Montana; Region 2, Cindy Ahearn, Texas; Region 3, Karla Knapp, Iowa; Region 4, Melanie Kiani, Mississippi; Region 5, Deanna Hofing, Indiana; and Region 6, Gina Hope, Virginia. Regional Directors are a source of information for interested members throughout the country.



## *From Your Regional Directors*

### **Greetings from Region 1**

*Kathy Dubs, Montana*

Hello from Big Sky Country!

Congratulations to our American Angus Auxiliary officer team and THANK YOU Shally, Julie, Leslie and Lynne for stepping up! President-Elect, Julie Murnin is from Montana and in addition to helping with the Auxiliary, she and her husband are advisors for the Montana Junior Angus Association. THANK YOU for all your efforts along with all our Junior Angus Advisors from states across the country. That is a tough job and you are very much appreciated even though at times, I'm sure that doesn't seem like the case.



Region 1 includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the 64th Western National Angus Futurity will be in the record books. It was April 1-3, 2016 in Reno, Nevada. This is where the Western States Angus Auxiliary holds their annual meeting, presents awards and crowns new royalty.

The Montana Angus Auxiliary again held their silent auction in conjunction with the Montana Angus Annual Banquet and Tour in September in Billings. The 2015 Northern International Livestock Exposition held in October also in Billings was the site of the Montana Angus Auxiliary annual meeting. Gladys Walling continues to serve as the Montana Chairman of the American Angus Auxiliary Achievement Awards and Debbie Bodner continues to run a very successful "Country Store" with profits going to the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund.

The Washington Angus Auxiliary also holds a silent auction and presents awards and scholarships. Our goals continue for Region 1 of supporting our Angus youth and promoting Angus. Call or e-mail me anytime. Thank you.

### **Region 3 Update**

*Karla Knapp, Iowa*

Happy spring from Region 3! As a newly appointed director to this Region that covers Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota & Nebraska, I'd like to share a little about myself. My name is Karla Knapp. My husband Brian & I reside on a farm in Bloomfield, Iowa. (About 7 miles north of the Missouri border in Southeast Iowa.) We have a spring & a fall commercial calving herd, plus a registered Angus herd. We have enjoyed helping many kids over the past 25 + years with their Angus heifers, or NJAS contests. I am a past president of our Iowa Angus Auxiliary and their current executive treasurer. Our son Baxter, is 17 and a junior in high school. He possesses a strong passion for everything the NJAA has to offer. From showing, to fitting, to judging, to being a delegate, he's loves it all. Our daughter Morgan is 15 and a freshman in high school. She also loves all the networking & opportunities that the junior Angus program has given her. She is going to be one of our Iowa Angus princesses this year, and is really excited for the



opportunities that this new role will bring. Our youngest daughter is Lexi. She is 13, going on 25. She is our competitor. She is convinced that she has to be in the barn 24/7 or working on her NJAS contests!

I have just returned from a fabulous weekend at the Women's Connected Conference in Wooster, OH. What a great time I had getting to know some wonderful Angus women! The chefs at CAB really know how to make you feel welcome, and well fed too! We had great sessions on how CAB gets selected, and how to best prepare it. We were even able to have a CAB chopped competition, complete with mystery baskets!! I don't know how they chose a winner, because they were all fantastic!

I'm really looking forward to getting to seeing everyone in Grand Island, Nebraska this summer. I'm hoping to get through the barns to introduce myself, or to just catch up with everyone. It sounds like there will be some great fun to be had at our Auxiliary meeting, so be sure to put that on your plans for the week so you don't miss out! Also be sure to stop by the Angus Gift Barn, Christy Perdue does an amazing job at bringing us all kinds of fun Angus things to take home, so pack an empty suitcase!!

I encourage you to keep a close eye on the Auxiliary website [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com) for our upcoming Full Circle Online Auction hosted through Angus Live. The auction will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to contact me if you have any questions about the auction or anything you may have on Region 3.

### **News from Region 5**

*Deanna Hofing, Indiana*

Spring has finally sprung here in the great state of Indiana with green grass, flowers and warmer days. My name is Deanna Hofing and I am very excited to be your new Region 5 director. I am looking forward to working with each of the states in Region 5: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. Each of these states have been working hard to not only increase their auxiliary memberships but also to raise scholarship funds for their Angus youth. Numerous juniors will have a positive impact due to your tireless efforts. Keep up the great work ladies!!



In April, the American Angus Auxiliary launched their new fundraising campaign. It is called the "Full Circle Online Auction." I am looking forward to working with the officer team on this project and would be happy to visit with potential consigners from region 5 and get you in touch with the project chairmen. For more information, please visit, [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com).

The gift barn has once again out done themselves with new and unique items now available. Have you seen the wooden angus canes, boot cuffs or the pajama pants? If not, please check out the Angus gift barn website, [www.angusgiftbarn.com](http://www.angusgiftbarn.com). We hope your state would consider including the angus gift barn link on their website.

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## Ladies of Leadership

Lynne Hinrichsen, Kansas, 2016 Advisor

Executive board and executive committee structure explained

Many people have asked about the internal leadership of the American Angus Auxiliary. It can be confusing when you hear the terms of Executive Committee, Executive Board, Committee Chairperson, etc. The officer team would like to explain how our leadership team is structured and give you a better understanding of the role each position has within the organizational structure.

Like most organizations, there is an officer team consisting of the Advisor, President, President-Elect and the Secretary/Treasurer. However, the American Angus Auxiliary has an expanded leadership team. The Executive Committee includes the elected Officers, Regional Directors and the immediate Past President and it is their role to transact business requiring immediate attention between meetings.

This group is followed by the Executive Board which is comprised of the Executive Committee members, the President of each state/regional auxiliary or an appointed representative from that state/region if the President is unable to serve. The representative is appointed by the President of state/region. Also, each unorganized state shall have a representative appointed by the American Angus Auxiliary President. This person will have the title of a Director at Large. In addition, the Chairmen of all national committees or in her absence a member and all past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary will be members of the Executive Board. Only members of the Executive Board shall have the right to introduce a motion or vote at Executive Board meetings. Any member attending shall have the right of discussion.

There are also opportunities to serve as a Chairperson or member on one of the committees. The Standing Committees are as follows:

Awards  
Program  
Finance  
By-Laws  
Membership  
Education  
Scholarship  
Public Relations  
Ways and Means  
Nominating  
Liaison  
Historian



2016 executive committee— officers and regional directors

Additional committees as deemed necessary will be set up by the President to carry on the work of the Auxiliary. The committees will report their activities and any recommended actions related to their committee to the Executive Board.



Past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary pictured at the 2015 annual breakfast. Past presidents are members of the executive board.

## Opportunity Awaits!

Nominations for 2017 secretary/treasurer & directors due August 1

This is your chance to join a fabulous team of fun, amazing and dedicated women. We are opening nominations for a Secretary/Treasurer and three Regional Director positions to join the American Angus Auxiliary Executive Committee. Regional Director positions up for nominations are:

**Region 1** (Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii, and Alaska);

**Region 2** (Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma);

**Region 3** (Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska).

Typically the Secretary/Treasurer position will be a four year role as the person moves up the officer chain ending as the advisor.

Nominations will close on August 1, 2016. You can review the responsibilities of the Officers or Regional Directors by going to our website, [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com) and reviewing the Guidelines link. After the closing of nominations, candidates will be contacted by the nomination committee to verify and receive acceptance of the nomination, discuss the election process and answer questions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience new ideas, enjoy a special camaraderie and make great memories! Please fill out the nomination form below and return it via e-mail or regular mail to nomination committee chairman Lynne Hinrichsen. Self-nomination is accepted and encouraged.

### American Angus Auxiliary Officer & Regional Director Nomination Form

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Position

☐ Secretary/Treasurer  
☐ Region 1 Director  
☐ Region 2 Director  
☐ Region 3 Director

#### Nominated by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Current Auxiliary member) State \_\_\_\_\_

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**By August 1, 2016. This form may be duplicated.**

## Miss American Angus

Jera Pipkin, Republic, Missouri  
2016 Miss American Angus

Walt Disney once said, "If you can dream it, you can do it." Just under six months ago, my dream became reality. I had dreamed of wearing the red jacket since I was five years old and I had no idea that one day I would be the girl inside that red jacket, but here and now I am so thankful for this opportunity. Throughout this journey, I have acquired irreplaceable friendships, traveled to exquisite places, and experienced one of a kind moments. This year is something I will treasure for years and years to come.

My life as Miss American Angus has been extremely busy, but I have loved every single minute of it. After being crowned at in November at the Angus convention, I made my first trip to the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky four short days later. This was truly an eye-opening experience for me. I learned to adjust to life from other side of the ribbon and recognized the many rewards that come with this as well. It was so great to see the smiles on all the faces of the juniors as they exited the ring. In addition, I was extremely glad to have the help of state queens and princesses to help me learn the ropes.



After a short winter break, I fully prepared myself for a busy January. I kicked off the month by spending a couple of days in Wooster, Ohio at the Certified Angus Beef headquarters. My trip was almost held up after I thought I had booked the destination and in addition my crown set off the baggage scanner in the airport, but I made it to my flight as they closed the door and I was off to Wooster. I was really intrigued by the culinary center and learned a ton on the trip. I brought back a lot of knowledge about CAB that I have been able to share with consumers across the country.

Shortly after, I made my trip to Denver for the National Western. This week was an absolute marathon, but was an awesome experience to see so many different facets of the Angus industry. The sales each featured a unique atmosphere that worked to showcase the breed, while the pomp and circumstance of the show was at an all time high as some of the best in the breed made their way across the ring. This was my first time to show and be Miss American Angus. I was proud when I was able to get my change time down to 42 seconds. There was really great weather throughout the week and I really enjoyed my time viewing the mountains, spending time in the Yards, and looking at all the great cattle. After Denver, I filled the other two weekends in January at the Fort Worth Stock Show. I was extremely overwhelmed by the hospitality and enjoyed getting to work with the new Miss Texas Angus. I also enjoyed getting to spend time in the historic Stockyards downtown.



In February, I spent some time in my home state of Missouri attending our state futurity and other sales. It was great being able to come home and talk to everyone about my exciting adventures as Miss American Angus and they were extremely proud of me. Throughout the rest of the spring, I went to sales and attended the Western National Angus Futurity in Reno. This was a super neat show and my first time attending. It was extremely laid back and I even got to go out to Lake Tahoe one evening. In addition, I got to serve as a judge for the Western States Angus Queen contest and crown the new queen. Congratulations Sara DeYoung!

I am excited for my future endeavors and continuing to live out my dream as Miss American Angus. Thank you to the American Angus Auxiliary for this once in a lifetime opportunity to represent the Angus breed that is so near and dear to my heart. Have a great summer!

## Beyond the Barn

Cortney Holshouser, Public Relations Chairman

The grass is finally green here in the South and our cattle are enjoying every minute of it. We hear it all the time but there is truly NOTHING better than black cattle on green grass. Recently while turning a group of young heifers onto pasture from a muddy winter lot, I noticed one very reluctant heifer. This heifer is one that we always watch when working...you know the kind. A little high headed, quick to run in the opposite direction, untrusting. This heifer WOULD NOT come out of the mud lot. She would get 10 ft. from the gate, panic, and run back to her safety zone. She could clearly see the other heifers chomping away on clover...but she just couldn't bring herself to take the leap of faith. It took us half a day and an old show heifer's help to convince her to get out of that mud lot. And what do you know? She loved it. Her head never left the ground as she grazed all day long!



This heifer reminds me a lot of myself. Maybe some of you can relate...change terrifies me! Before I became involved with the American Angus Auxiliary, I thought there was no way I could be a part of such a large group. I didn't know many people and I had a very short Angus history. The more I watched the Auxiliary in action, however, the more I knew this was the place for me. I truly believe in the mission and goals of the Auxiliary. I now have amazing friends across the country and a confidence to accomplish goals. So take that leap of faith and get involved in something you are passionate about...whether it's the Auxiliary, a new career path, a hobby you want to pursue. A life change is sometimes just what we need to renew our souls and find our "place." The reward will outweigh the risk and sometimes the grass really is greener on the other side!



## Women Connected Hosted at CAB Headquarters

The American Angus Auxiliary's biennial conference traveled to Wooster, Ohio, April 2-4.

Thirty eight women from 17 states gathered at the Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) brand's Education and Culinary Center April 2-4 in Wooster, Ohio, to network, learn and celebrate their love for the Angus breed during the American Angus Auxiliary's third biennial Women Connected conference. "The main goal of Women Connected is to provide an opportunity for participants to network with other Angus women with a common bond," said Women Connected Chair Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan. "In bringing these women together, we hope to educate them, help them engage with one another and empower them to meet their goals."



To kick off the conference, Lampe welcomed attendees to Wooster, Ohio, and they heard comments from American Angus Auxiliary President Shally Rogen, Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Marketing Director Deanna Walenciak, American Angus Association CEO Allen Moczygemba and Angus Foundation President

Milford Jenkins. The evening closed with singing, dancing and entertainment provided by entertainer, cattlegirl and Auxiliary member Cara Ayers of Rogue River, Ore.

The "Brand Champion Chopped Competition" was the main event on April 3, where participants were assigned teams and given a mystery basket of ingredients — including CAB® as the main course. Six teams of women guided by CAB chefs took on the Education and Culinary Center's state of the art kitchen, and participants voted for their favorite meal.

Attendees also had the opportunity to explore and shop at the Pine Tree Barn and visit Troutman Vineyards, located just outside Wooster.



On the final day of the conference, CAB President John Stika and Vice President of Marketing Tracey Erickson spoke about the CAB brand and the many moving parts associated with the industry's largest branded beef program. The women also toured CAB headquarters, led by CAB Meeting Planner Danielle Foster, and took part in sessions with Amanda

Barstow, director of legal affairs, and Margaret Coleman, director of digital marketing.

The conference's youngest attendee, 24-year-old Bailey Bannister of Kent, N.Y., said she was excited to attend the conference to become more involved in the Angus breed.

"I think this opportunity thrust me into meeting more people," she said. "As a woman, it's easier to connect with women first, and then work my way into more industry activities. I love any conference that will help further myself and my knowledge of the industry, and this has been a great place to start."

The Women Connected conference is funded by the Angus Foundation,

and attendees are responsible only for their travel to and from the conference location. Women interested in attending must fill out an application to participate. The conference was first hosted in 2012 at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The next Women Connected conference will be in 2018 in a location to be determined.

\_\_\_\_ News release provided by Angus Media.



### Participants

Cindy Ahearn, Wills Point, TX  
Linda Alexander, Berryville, VA  
Cara Ayres, Rogue River, OR  
Bailey Bannister, Kent, NY  
Heather Bear, Aurora, IN  
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Judy Brown, Greenfield, IN  
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Rachel Frost, Tallulah, IL  
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Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, WI  
Allen Moczygemba, St. Joseph, MO  
Julie Murnin, Huntley, MT  
Shally Rogen, Brandon, SD  
Cassie Royer, Westpoint, IN  
Lindsay, Sankey, Economy, IN

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Anne Patton, Schubert, Taylorsville, KY  
Deborah St. Clair, Berryville, VA  
Tonya Theis, Leavenworth, KS  
Nancy Thelen, Saline, MI  
Julie Thelen, Mason, MI  
Pam Velisek, Gaithersburg, MD



Participants took part in a variety of educational activities, listened to speakers, toured and enjoyed meeting new friends and fellowship.

## Ask Our Members

Compiled by Lynne Hinrichsen, Advisor/Past President

This column is dedicated to hearing from our members as to what they think about various topics or questions. It is always a fun way to learn about our members and see what we have in common or where we might be a little different.

Three of our members were asked two questions: 1) Who is your hero? 2) What would you do with a million dollars?

### Heather Smith – Nebraska

**My heroes** are the men and women of our military. When Garrett (my son) joined the Air Force, I was SO proud of him!!! I was almost embarrassed, in that I wanted to go through basic training! If he could do it, I SHOULD TOO!!! So, my heroes are the men and women of our military. The selfless sacrifice that they make to keep our country safe, so that I may have the ABILITY to raise Angus cattle. My freedom, because of their bravery.

**A million dollars...** well, who hasn't thought that one over, a million times?? If I were to win a million, I would first help some friends of mine who are dealing with several medical crises. Then, I would pay off some bills. Then.... build a much needed new barn, working, calving facility, repair some fence, put in new waterers. Making sure, that we invested properly to ensure a little better financial stability. Take the kids to DISNEY!!!!

### Stacy Erdmann – North Dakota

**Who is your hero?** This is a tough question, I have a lot of people I look up to and many I consider a hero! They are usually someone who helps motivate me to be a better person. But to pick just one is hard. I would have to say my parents are my heroes. They motivate me to work hard, find my goals, and reach for them, and they are always there for me. Even being a parent now myself they are always the first ones I go back to when I have questions or get stuck on a problem and need help figuring things out!

**I could do so many things with a million dollars!** I would want to cover some of our family expenses, set up our daughter's college savings accounts, then I would give back to our therapeutic horseback riding program Riding For Dreams and to our Junior Associations or where the financial need is most for our Juniors being they are our future!

### Lori Pillars – Michigan

**My hero** - the first one would be my mom, Carlene. She has worked very hard her entire life as a daughter of a dairy farmer, an in-home health care nurse and mom. Over the years, she has taught me to be strong and to climb that mountain instead of going around it, because the reward would be much sweeter in the end. She has taught me how to be kind, caring and loving towards others and even to those who have not always be so kind. She has provided guidance and answered at least ten million questions over the years. I am lucky because I can call my mom my best friend. My second Hero is my husband Rodney. It seems like we are like a team of draft horses working in the field together. He has carried the load more by himself when I needed time to heal. I have done the same for him. I am amazed at how well he manages as I work away from the farm, volunteer as team mom for sports, general leader of a 64 member 4-H club, and serve as an advisor for the MI Jr. Angus Assn. He is my rock, my inspiration, my love.

**As for the million dollars** I would become debt free, put enough money away for the boy's college education, and buy two kick butt Angus heifers

for the boys to show at NJAS. Then I would pay a few bills for others in need anonymously.



## Auxiliary Sponsors Cooking Competitions

The All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off ranks among the most popular contests each year at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The competition challenges juniors to prepare a beef-inspired dish and creatively present their meal to a panel of judges.

While there are plenty of laughs and fun during the daylong event, participants learn the importance of communicating about beef nutrition and the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand. "We are absolutely looking forward to another impressive year for the CAB Cook-Off at the National Junior Angus Show," says Anne Lampe, American Angus Auxiliary Cook-Off co-chair. "Every year there's something different, and we are impressed by the enthusiasm and talent our juniors bring to the competition."

This year is the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual contest sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary and will be July 5 in conjunction with the 2016 NJAS at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park near Grand Island, Neb. National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members compete in state groups to develop a recipe and prepare it in one of three meat categories: steaks, roasts and other beef items. Each group may consist of two to six individuals, and the age divisions are 8-13; 14-17; and 18-21. The second portion of the Cook-Off involves a creative skit showcasing CAB. More than 40 teams participated in the competition last year, and the cast of characters spotted included Santa and Mrs. Claus, Scooby Doo, the Three Amigos and a pirate crew.

"When developing a skit and recipe, the main goal is to promote *Certified Angus Beef* to the consumer," Lampe said. "Be creative and have fun, but remember to incorporate the quality characteristics of our branded beef program."

Participating teams should do their homework and be equipped to answer a variety of questions. The CAB website hosts several different information sources and ideas to prepare for the Cook-Off, including the carcass specifications, various cuts and cooking methods and degrees of doneness. Adults attending the NJAS also participate in their own type of cooking competition. The Chef's Challenge is an event open to both older NJAA members (18-21) and adults, and participants showcase their skills using CAB and secret ingredients provided by the contest.

If you are attending NJAS this summer don't miss stopping by the cook-off contest and watch the junior members, we can promise you will learn at CAB and be entertained. Auxiliary members Anne Patton Schubert, Kentucky and Anne Lampe, Kansas serve as co-chairs of the contest.

—Adapted from news release by Angus Media



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Christie Perdue, AGB Manager/Ways & Means, chairman  
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## Region 5 (continued from page 2)

Finally, the NJAS in Grand Island is just around the corner. Juniors and families from all over the country to attend this fantastic event. If you are planning on attending, please come to our Auxiliary meeting and social. This is the perfect time to become more involved with the American Angus Auxiliary the NJAS is a great place to start your journey. We have many committees that would benefit from your participation

## Auxiliary Hosts 'Full Circle Online Auction'

The American Angus Auxiliary is accepting consignments for new fund-raising initiative.

The American Angus Auxiliary is proud to present the first edition of the "Full Circle Online Auction," a national Angus consignment sale. The "Full Circle Online Auction" is an innovative web-based consignment market that offers Angus breeders, families and allied industry the opportunity to both sell and buy, while also making a substantial contribution to ensure the Auxiliary's on-going support of Angus youth.



The online auction will take place Sept. 28-29, hosted by [www.AngusLive.com](http://www.AngusLive.com). Proceeds will support the Auxiliary scholarship fund and Angus youth programs.

The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair market value in excess of \$100. Auction categories include live animals, embryo and semen packages, Angus memorabilia and collectibles, home décor, cattle equipment and other useful items. Consignments received by June 1 will receive 90 days of advertising including an ad in the *Angus Journal*® and social media.

Consignors will receive 50% of the gross revenue their lots generate, as well as recognition in sale promotion to be launched at the 2016 National Junior Angus Show and online throughout July, August and September. For a consignment contract and more information visit: <http://www.angusauxiliary.com/FullCircleOnlineAuction.html>

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## ***Dates & Events to Note***

### **July 3-9**

National Junior Angus Show & American Angus Auxiliary activities  
Grand Island, NE

### **July 5**

All American Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off, NJAS  
Grand Island, NE

### **July 6**

Mid Year Meeting, Social & Activity, NJAS  
Grand Island, NE

### **Aug. 1**

Auxiliary Sec/Treas and Director Nominations due

### **Sept. 28-29**

"Full Circle Online Auction" AngusLive.com

### **Nov. 5-7**

National Angus Means Business Convention & Trade Show  
Indianapolis, IN

### **Nov. 5**

American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting  
Indianapolis, IN

### **Nov. 6**

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