

AUXILIARY NOTES

by Emma Powell, president

Pioneer Woman

"I'm five generations of blazin' a trail. Through barb-wired valleys and overgrown dells. I'm barefoot and bareback and born tough as nails."

— Lainey Wilson

A “pioneer woman” is often characterized by their courage, resilience and strength, taking on various responsibilities such as child-rearing, farming and building communities. Pioneer women often broke societal barriers, contributing significantly to their families and communities while facing numerous challenges.

Establishing connections and building relationships was the theme for the first Angus Women Connected conference in 2012, hosted by the American Angus Auxiliary and generously supported by the Angus Foundation. The conference was designed to bring together a group of women from different regions of the country and backgrounds who share a common bond of Angus cattle.

Keynote speaker Suzy Graven, Cave Creek, Ariz., engaged participants by sharing stories of women who blazed trails in the American West and laid the foundation for today's farm and ranch women, as well as women in all sectors of the business world. Suzy spoke of tales of pioneer women setting out for the West with wagons full of family heirlooms and household items, ready to call their new territory home; only to encounter unforeseen hardships, challenges and opportunities.

Even though we are more

advanced and the covered wagons are gone, the pioneer woman still stands tall and shows strength in today's modern times.

Just like in years past, the main goal of the biennial conference is to bring together a group of Angus female breeders, Auxiliary members and those involved in the industry. Applicants will engage in conversation and friendship, empower leadership and educate themselves in a variety of relevant topics. □

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information on the Angus Women Connected conference and where to apply, visit www.angusauxiliary.com. The conference will be hosted April 8-10, 2026.

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Save the Dates

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Women Connected

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: APRIL 8-10

Elms, Excelsior Springs, MO

Twenty women (ages 21 and over) will be selected by application to participate in the biennial conference designed to **Engage, Empower and Educate** women from diverse backgrounds and demographics that share the common bond of Angus Cattle. WC is coordinated by the American Angus Auxiliary and funded by the Angus Foundation.



For more info scan or visit: www.angusauxiliary.com/about/women-connected.html

