

# The Auxiliary Post

Fall 2023

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## Thoughts from the President

Julie Conover, Missouri



With students back in school and the state fair season coming to a wrap in the majority of the country, what a great time to reflect on the past few months and make plans for continuing forward momentum.

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) was once again a great success for both the juniors and the Auxiliary. We began the week by hosting the Royalty Reception on Monday, July 3 honoring the exceptional young women across the country that are helping promote and engage others in Angus. Thank you to the California Angus Association, Colorado Angus Association, Oregon Angus Association, and the Washington Angus Auxiliary and Association for their generous financial contributions to the event. The event was chaired by Cindy Worthington and we appreciate the countless Auxiliary members and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

To continue to recap the Auxiliary events, on Monday evening, the Executive Board again participated in the NJAS Tailgate passing out cupcakes to youth and adults. Tuesday was an extra special day being the 4th of July and celebrating the 40th Auxiliary-sponsored All American Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off Contest. Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe again did a fantastic job organizing the event. Wednesday included the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest followed by the Auxiliary Scholarship Workshop, Auxiliary Social and Auxiliary Mid-Year Meeting. An action-packed day with great participation. Thursday offered the Showmanship Preliminaries and a true sight with all of the talents of our junior members clearly on display. The awards ceremony of Friday included contest results and the announcement of the top 5 male and female scholarship recipients as well as the contestants that would be competing for Miss American Angus in November. Saturday rounded out the week with the selection of the top 5 showmanship winners. Throughout the week, the trade show area was also open and we thank Lauren Patteson for her service as Angus Gift Barn Manager.

Seeing the success of the junior members and the activity of the Auxiliary throughout the week was truly remarkable. The state fair season has been one for the books with countless state auxiliaries having meetings or involvement in the success of the events.

As we look to the fall, sale season is among us and a great opportunity to network with breeders across the country. Angus Convention will be here before we know it with activities outlined in the calendar as well as a special presentation at the Auxiliary Breakfast. If you have not registered already, please do so as we look forward to seeing many of our members at our annual meeting.

To round out the year, 2023 marks the 8 th Annual Full Circle Online Auction (FCOA). The online auction will be held November 9 and is graciously hosted by AngusLive. Proceeds will support the Auxiliary mission to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities. The consignments are now posted on our website and we look forward to another great fundraiser event.

In our 71st year, the American Angus Auxiliary continues to make a positive impact on youth and strengthen its activities to make meaningful impressions. We thank you for your membership and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of our members and state auxiliaries. If you have any questions or would like to get more involved, please reach out to myself or any of our Auxiliary officers or regional directors.



## Find the American Angus Auxiliary Online!

We strive to share current information with you all through our online presence! Below is where you can find us to see information and what we are up to as an Auxiliary across the nation. By clicking on the text underlined and in red, it will take you directly to our page.



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# From your Regional Directors



2023  
Officers



## Howdy Y'all from Region 2! | **Region 2** | Megan Ahearn, Texas

I hope this Auxiliary Post finds you well. My name is Megan Ahearn and I am fortunate to be representing New Mexico, Colorado Oklahoma, and my home state of Texas as the Region 2 Auxiliary Director. My family operates Turner Meadow Ranch in the east Texas area that borders the Piney Woods. We've been involved with Angus cattle for over 25 years and have actively participated in the adult and junior Associations along with the Auxiliary.

As we transition from summer, I reflect back on an amazing Junior Nationals in Grand Island, NE. While I always enjoy watching the cattle show I've always had a special place in my heart for contests that help get our Angus youth out of the show ring for a bit. This year I was so proud of the 11 juniors and two teams from Region 2 who placed in non-cattle contests in addition to all those who participated! It was so special to enjoy junior nationals and watch our amazing young people grow, learn, and have fun. One highlight from NJAS was the Queen's Brunch which the Auxiliary stepped in to host for the first time this year. It was such a fun learning experience and I'm excited we could offer some fellowship for the young ladies representing their states as a queen.

I know I'm not the only one looking forward to cooler weather as we move into fall, and ask for your joined prayers for some much-needed rain during the current drought. I'm excited to have stepped into this new leadership role as Region 2 Director during our annual meeting at Angus Convention last November. I will begin my second year as a Director this coming November and am eager to learn even more. Speaking of the Angus Convention, I'm looking forward to the upcoming 2023 event in Orlando and hope to see many of you there!

Lastly, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. I look forward to visiting with you and helping you get involved with the Auxiliary!



## Greetings from the Tar Heel State! | **Region 4** | Christy Perdue, North Carolina

Like most of the country, this Summer has been a hot one in the South! We are looking forward to cooler temperatures and some much needed rain! Along with cooler temperatures, the Fall brings fair season, pumpkins, and mums...all of my favorites! For the American Angus Auxiliary, Fall also brings the National Angus Convention, the crowning of the 2024 Miss American Angus Queen, and the 8th Annual Full Circle Online Auction. We hope you will join us during this busy and exciting season!

The preparation for these upcoming events began in the Spring, when the Executive Team spent an extended weekend in Hermann, Missouri for our Executive Board Spring Meeting. This quiet and unique town made for a fun but relaxing backdrop for the important work of the Auxiliary. Plans continued as we gathered for our Mid Year Meeting at the 2023 NJAS in Grand Island, Nebraska.

In addition to serving as the Region 4 Director, I have spent the year serving on the Full Circle Online Auction Committee as well as the Angus Gift Barn Buying Committee. Both committees focus on fundraising and allow us to support our mission to provide educational, promotional, and social programs and activities for the welfare of the Angus breed. While we look forward to upcoming improvements to the Angus Gift Barn, we also look forward to the unique and highly sought-after consignments that the Full Circle Online Auction has to offer. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and our website for updates and a full list of items. Our online auction will take place on November 9 on Angus Live. A huge thank you goes out to our consigners and our future bidders.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my three years as your Region 4 Director. While many of our States within Region 4 do not currently have a State Auxiliary, I encourage you to reach out to me for any questions, concerns or for assistance with starting up a State Auxiliary. North Carolina and Missouri remain active and busy throughout the year with events and fundraisers and serve as great blueprints if you are looking to make your state more active. I hope that this Fall finds you all doing well and provides us with an opportunity to meet again or for the first time!



## Greetings from the Northeast! | **Region 6** | Valerie Trowbridge, Pennsylvania

This is my last Post article as Region 6 Director. I have served for 5 years. As I look back over the last five years, I have many fond memories. I attended Spring meetings in Missouri and Ohio. The team building like the Escape Room and Axe throwing were so much fun. I got to visit the American Angus Association offices and The Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center. One of my favorite memories was getting to cook with other Angus women in the kitchen of the Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center during a Women's Connected Conference weekend. While my team did not win the competition, it sure was fun tasting all the food we all prepared.

Another favorite was attending this year's Spring Meeting in Herman, Missouri and staying together with the Executive Board in an Airbnb. The 70th Anniversary kickoff at the Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth Texas was a special experience too.

I attended 4 of the last 5 NJAA shows across the country. I always enjoy spending the week with the Angus family and supporting them. I also got to help with the Certified Angus Beef Cook-off. That was a lot of fun.

I have enjoyed serving my region for the last 5 years. I have gotten to know many new people. Our region is strong and well represented. We've had Miss American Angus, Junior board members, Cook-Off winners, Showmanship winners, many scholarship winners come from Region 6. We've hosted Eastern Regionals and NJAA shows.

Our Mission: The American Angus Auxiliary offers individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus Breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities. I will continue to spread the word whenever I can to continue their mission.

As you can see the Auxiliary has a lot to offer. I encourage you to get involved. Look at the American Angus Auxiliary website to learn more in detail about the workings of the organization.

I will be traveling to Orlando Florida for the Angus Convention and Auxiliary meetings in November. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

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**Attention Members in Regions 4, 5 & 6:**

If you are a paid American Angus Auxiliary member living in Region 4, 5 or 6, please take a moment to vote for a Regional Director.

**(NOTE: You vote only for the director representing your state.)**

Sign your name and include your state next to your signature. Unsigned ballots will not be valid. Ballots must be post-marked or emailed to the Nomination Committee Chairman, Deanna Hofing, **on or by October 14, 2023**. A photocopy or scanned pdf file of this ballot is acceptable.

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**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 – only vote for the region which represents your state.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Christy Perdue, North Carolina      Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Region 5** – Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky

\_\_\_\_\_ Lori Pillars, Michigan      Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Region 6** – Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tammy Weaver, Pennsylvania      Write in: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Meet the Candidates for Regional Director Positions*

**Region 4: Christy Perdue, North Carolina**

Although active in 4-H as a child, I did not participate in raising or showing livestock. My love for Angus cattle came at a later age as my sister began showing Angus cattle. After many years behind the scenes, my sister encouraged me to become involved in the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary. This grew to an involvement in the American Angus Auxiliary. After a trip to Missouri for the first Women Connected Conference, I became interested in and was elected as the Angus Gift Barn Manager for the American Angus Auxiliary. I was able to travel many miles across the country with my family as Gift Barn Manager over 5 plus years. I remained active in the American Angus Auxiliary after my time as Gift Barn Manager ended, serving on the Nominations Committee and later as Region 4 Director and AGB Buying Committee Co-Chair. I have enjoyed the continued travels throughout the country to attend Mid-Year and Annual Meetings at the NJAS and the National Angus Conventions. I have enjoyed my last three years as Region 4 Director and hope to continue serving the Auxiliary in this capacity. After serving 4 years on the NC Angus Auxiliary Executive Committee, I have focused largely on fundraising for the NC Angus Auxiliary through our Ways and Means Committee and with written publications and social media presence as the Publicity Chair.

**Region 5: Lori Pillars, Michigan**

During my 4-H days, I showed Angus cattle at the fair and at a few local shows each year. My first heifer was purchased from Mr. Fred Good of Charlotte, Michigan. Over time my bred and owned herd grew to 13 head before selling them to an individual who approached me during my last year of 4-H. The money helped me pay for college where I earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education/ Special Education/ Early Childhood. Fast forward 26 years to the year 2013, when my family and I purchased two heifers from Seldom Rest Farm, The Foster Family of Niles, Michigan and a heifer from Mr. Grubbs sale of Indiana to start our current herd of registered Angus. Since 2013 my boys, Austin and Blake, have been heavily involved with the Michigan Junior Angus Association. During our involvement with the Michigan Angus Association, I have been a member of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary where I have served as historian for the past seven years. As for my role at home I am the head of the food and show clothes department, which can be defined as whatever needs to get done before leaving for a show.

**Region 6: Tammy Weaver, Pennsylvania**

My family has a small Angus herd in Eastern Pennsylvania. We have an online sale each fall. My children have been active members of the PA Junior Angus Association. Our daughter, Madison served as the 2019 Miss American Angus. We are also active in the PA Angus Association. Our family has played an active role in hosting a NJAS, and 2 ERJAS, including the upcoming 2024 show.

The American Angus Auxiliary has provided many opportunities to my children and junior Angus members in our state. I would like to continue to see Angus Juniors benefit from the Auxiliary programs. I believe it is important to invest time and resources in the organizations that invest time in us.

## American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients



**1st: Lauren Wolter**  
Illinois



**2nd: Addison Cotton**  
Nebraska



**3rd: Kady Vejraska**  
Washington



**4th: Eliza Patchin**  
Iowa



**5th: Sydney Sanders**  
Ohio



**1st: Tucker Stagemeyer**  
Nebraska



**2nd: James Voight**  
Pennsylvania



**3rd: Blake Pillars**  
Michigan



**4th: Jensen Woodworth**  
Kansas



**5th: Sam Greiman**  
Iowa

## Miss American Angus Contestants



**Lauren Wolter**  
Illinois



**Kady Vejraska**  
Washington



**Eliza Patchin**  
Iowa



**Ava Leibfried**  
Wisconsin



**Alyson Friesan**  
Oklahoma

## Youth cook off at National Angus Show

*Cook-off competition elevates beef at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show.*

Tensions are high, costumes are flying, and smoke fills the air. During a week where most of their time is spent in the barn, participants make time to fire up their skills for a beef cook-off.

Hosted by the American Angus Auxiliary and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), the 2023 Certified Angus Beef® brand (CAB) Cook-Off challenged 28 teams to exhibit creative beef dishes and develop their meat science knowledge during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Nebraska.

When it was founded in 1983 in Iowa, members did not know it would grow to be one of the biggest contests at the NJAS. Today it continues to encourage Angus juniors to practice beef education.

The educational opportunities continue past the cooking. Cook-off judge and producer communications manager for CAB, Morgan Boecker said it is all about creativity.

“The contestants are all given the same information about the Certified Angus Beef® brand specifications and have to figure out how to present it all in a way that is authentic and genuine,” she said. “You have to be creative to do that in five minutes.”

Participants use CAB cuts to create dishes in one of three categories: steak, roast or other beef items. Judges also encourage participants to have a theme for their presentation, complete with a costume, table service and unique recipes.

“If junior Angus members are able to study the specs and understand even a little bit about what Certified Angus Beef does, then they can promote it and supply it later when they own their own cows,” Boecker said.

Teams of two-six youth from the same state form groups by age: ages 8-13 for the junior division, 14-17 for intermediate and 18-21 for senior. The oldest member of the team determines the group division.

The coveted Black Kettle Award established in memory of Paul St. Blanc and known as the overall team award, went to the Nebraska Senior Roast Team for the second year in a row. Team members include Addison Cotton, York; JessaLynn Hudson, Belvidere; Kasey Meyer, Blue Hill; Tucker Stagemeyer, Page; and Tavin Uden, Franklin.

Additionally, the top junior division team from Virginia was awarded the Ardyce’s Apron award in memory of past American Angus Auxiliary president Ardyce O’Neill who served as the contest’s first chairman. Team members consisted of Quincy Clayton, Staunton; Lindsay Davis, Winchester; Ella Jane Michael, Fishersville; Sadie Poole, Staunton; and Sophie Salling, Orange.

“Each year I am amazed by the work and thought put into the recipes, skits and props at the cook-off,” said Anne Lampe, beef education co-chairman for the American Angus Auxiliary. “I love that the participants are having fun while learning about Certified Angus Beef.”

The contest creates some friendly competition for all juniors, even those not showing cattle. Beyond the competition, the CAB Cook-off Contest is a family-friendly event, educating juniors on retail beef as they have fun with their presentations.

View results of the 2023 NJAS, including shows, contests, awards and scholarships at [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info). Additional coverage is also available on the NJAA social media channels and in the September issue of the Angus Journal.

— Written by Julie Isbell, Angus Communications

## 2023 Miss American Angus - Kelsey Theis, Kansas

Memories are special moments that tell our story. Every second I've spent in the red jacket has left me with new memories and experiences that will last a lifetime. While this summer was incredibly busy, I am thankful for all of the opportunities I had!

To start off my parents and I went East for Atlantic Nationals! In addition to the typical show day duties of Miss American Angus, I was invited to speak at the Royalty Luncheon. I talked to the girls about how important our role is as Angus Royalty and gave them some tips on how to best represent the breed! I enjoyed meeting all of the girls and was grateful for all of their help in the ring!

A few weeks later I attended the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Kentucky! This has always been one of my favorite shows so being there as Miss American Angus for the 75th Showing was surreal! I had a great time catching up with Anne Patton Schubert and learning more about the history of the show! I was thankful to have a group of enthusiastic girls willing to help me in the ring!

When we returned home I was able to attend a Certified Angus Beef Field Day held at Hinkle's Prime Cut Angus in Nevada, Missouri. This gave me a unique opportunity to communicate with consumers while they learned about the day to day work that goes into producing a consistent and high quality product! The Hinkle Family did an awesome job as hosts and their hospitality was greatly appreciated!

Next my dad and I went to Lebanon, Tennessee for Eastern Regionals! The weekend was filled with lots of fun activities and we even got to enjoy a concert! I had so much fun participating in all of the activities they plan for the juniors!

As soon as I returned home I started preparing for the busiest week of the year for Miss American Angus! I started off the week in Grand Island at the Queen's Luncheon! I spoke to the girls about the importance of social media and reminded them to only make posts that create a positive reflection on you and the associations you are involved in! The Auxiliary did a great job of hosting the Luncheon and we were all thankful that they allowed us to continue the event! As the week continued I was so happy with the number of girls who came to help me in the ring! The 2023 NJAS would not have been possible without the Association Staff and Junior Board Members who worked hard to put on a fun and smooth running event!

My last event before going back to Oklahoma for school was the LEAD Conference. I traveled to Modesto, California along with another 130 National Junior Angus Associates Members! We spent the weekend learning more about California agriculture and making new connections! It is hard to believe that in a few months I will be crowning the 2024 Miss American Angus! My reign has been everything I dreamed of and more! I cannot thank the American Angus Auxiliary enough for all they have done for me throughout this year! I hope everyone had a great summer and I look forward to seeing most of you in Orlando, Florida!



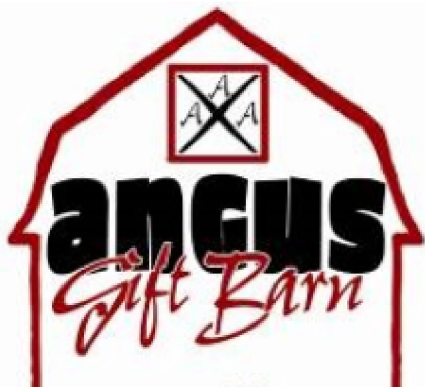
### Through the Barn Door

Veni Soto, AGB Manager/Ways & Means, Chairman

The AGB enjoyed a successful and productive trip to Grand Island in July for the National Junior Angus Show. It was really enjoyable networking with so many old friends and new acquaintances.

We are very excited to see many of our customers at Angus Convention in Orlando this November. Be sure to stop by to visit with the new Angus Gift Barn Manager - Veni Soto! Please do not hesitate to contact us for any product ideas and be sure to get your Christmas gifts ordered early!

As we welcome Veni - we also want to recognize and thank Lauren Patteson for her service as Angus Gift Barn Manager through the 2023 National Junior Angus Show!



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November 9, 2023

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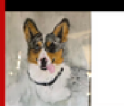
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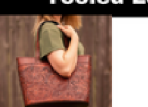
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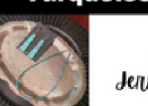
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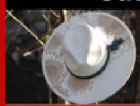
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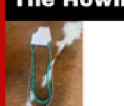
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## Dates and Events to Note

### November 3-6

National Angus Convention - Orlando, Florida

- November 4 at 2:00-3:15 pm | Annual Meeting
- November 5 at 7:30-8:30 am | Auxiliary Breakfast
- November 5 at 9:00-11:30 am | Miss American Angus Candidate Speeches
- November 5 at 6:00-9:00 pm | American Angus Association Awards Dinner and Reception with Crowning of Miss American Angus

### November 9

- Full Circle Online Auction at [AngusLive.com](https://www.anguslive.com)



### Submit Items for Scrapbook

Executive Board members, Committee chairs and members, Regional Directors and state auxiliaries: please send in items to Catie Hope for the 2023 AAAux Scrapbook. These items could be as follows: *auxiliary anniversaries and background, pictures, newspaper articles, meeting minutes, officers elected, special auxiliary events, auxiliary scholarship winners, royalty, fundraisers, etc.* The scrapbook showcases and documents AAAux and state auxiliaries throughout the year. The scrapbook will be presented to the American Angus Auxiliary, at the annual meeting, at the 2023 National Angus Convention.

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