

The Auxiliary Post

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Thoughts from the President

Karla Knapp. Iowa



It's hard to imagine that the fall season is here amongst us. Seems like just yesterday that we were in Madison, Wisconsin congratulating all of our winners both in and out of the show ring at the National Junior Angus Show. While you were there, did you happen to get in on the fun

Scavenger Hunt that the Auxiliary put on?? We started the week off by asking participants to find 15 different items and send in a picture to us of what they found. You might have had to find a showmanship participant, a past Silver Pitcher winner, or Miss American Angus, Lauren Wolter. It was meant to be a fun way to bring some knowledge of what our Auxiliary accomplishes throughout the year. Congratulations to Marnie Ward, FL as she was the Grand Prize winner of our Blackstone Grill. Also congratulations to Shally Rogen, SD for winning our Wrangler Bag and Madelyn Sampson, MO our \$50 gift certificate to our Angus Gift Barn. We hope that everyone had fun and made some great memories!

We honored our State Angus Royalty at a wonderful breakfast sponsored by the Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary. Awarded some very talented cooks at the All American Certified Angus Beef Cook off Contest. We had a great mid-year meeting with our annual brown bag drawing and enjoyed being together with friends from across the country. We then celebrated the 4th of July with Family Fun Night and served up Strawberry Shortcake and Hawaiian Leis to all of the families. It was definitely a fun night!!

We want to congratulate the top 5 showmanship winners this year, our extemporaneous public speaking winners, and our top 5 male and female scholarship winners. We also want to congratulate our next 5 Miss American Angus contestants: Cora Sullivan, OK; Ella Coulter, MO; Erin Driscoll, IA; Kaylan Kiser, TX; and Rosalind Kidwell, IN. These young ladies will be competing in Fort Worth, Texas this year during the Angus Convention.

If you haven't already registered for the Angus Convention, be sure to do so and join us November 1-3 in Fort Worth, Texas. Our Annual Auxiliary meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at 2:00 pm at the Convention Center. Sunday morning we would love to have you join us for breakfast in the Omni Hotel at 7:30 am and follow us to the Miss American Speeches at 9:00 that same morning, finishing the day off with the crowning of Miss American Angus that night at the Awards dinner. We hope to see you all there!

Our Full Circle Online Auction is looking to be a great one this year. Please check out all of the amazing items being offered on AngusLive.com on Thursday, November 7. All the proceeds support the Auxiliary in our mission to promote, educate and support our great Angus breed.

As we look forward to all of our upcoming events, we would like to take this time to thank Veni Soto for managing our Angus Gift Barn for us this past year. On August 1st our Executive Board voted to close the Angus Gift Barn and have a complete dispersion of its remaining items in inventory at the Angus Convention. We have marked items to sell, so if you would like to purchase an item online or take advantage of a bulk discount before the convention, contact Veni and she will assist you with your purchase before it is gone. The last opportunity to purchase items from the Gift Barn will be at the close of the trade show at the 2024 Angus Convention. Thank you to all that have supported our Gift Barn over the years, and thank you to all of our previous Gift Barn managers for making it a successful venture for us. It is time that we look forward to some new and exciting adventures for our Auxiliary.

We will also be offering the gift barn 2014- 16 foot cargo trailer up for bids. Those interested in placing a bid on the trailer or have any questions about it, please contact Karla Knapp at 641-777-9887 or knappangus@gmail.com. We will be entertaining bids until October 15th .

It has been an honor to serve as your 72nd Auxiliary President and I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement over this past year. I hope that you will reach out to me or any of our fantastic ladies that serve with me in the American Angus Auxiliary if you have any questions or would like to join us.



Enclosed Trailer: Contact Karla by
October 15 to place a bid for the trailer!
*More information on both the AGB and
trailer above.*

From your Regional Directors



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

As we're in the thick of the hottest part of the year, I hope this edition of the post finds you keeping cool and relaxed. While many of our members are up to their collars in back to school or state fair activities, I'm enjoying this time to reflect back on what an incredible summer it's been. Here in my part of the Lone Star State, we were blessed (though sometimes it really didn't feel like a blessing) with record breaking rainfall each month March through July! While we're incredibly grateful, we're also now scrambling

to get hay cut and put up for the winter. Despite the crunch time and ever approaching deadlines, we can't help but marvel at the grace and bounty we've been grateful to receive. Now as we battle triple digits daily, we (and our herd) are definitely looking forward to the cooler autumn and a mild winter.

Now that I've completed graduate school, my summer has been filled with travel and spending time with loved ones. The National Junior Angus show in Madison was a blast as expected. Getting to meet so many members at the tailgate by handing out strawberry shortcakes was so much fun, and very sticky!

As we look towards the end of the year I'm eager to attend the Angus Convention in Fort Worth. Our state takes so much pride in hospitality and we look forward to hosting all of those who can make the trip! If you make the trip to Cowtown please don't hesitate to reach out for help or recommendations, it's a great city to visit on top of all the incredible Angus content we can expect from the convention. I look forward to meeting some new faces and reconnecting with familiar ones, see y'all there!



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

Sending the warmest hello from North Carolina! Like much of the country, we have had a hot Summer!! We are now quickly approaching cooler weather and a busy Fall season as we close out 2024! As we move into the end of the year, I have been reflecting on my four years as your Region 4 Director. I have been reflecting on the goals we have accomplished as an Executive team, the fun we have had at Spring Meeting journeys, friends made, and experiences had at the Women Connected Conferences,

and the Juniors we have served and supported in the process. But those reflections are not the only benefits and successes that serving the American Angus Auxiliary allow.

Being a volunteer, especially in a role that supports the Angus breed that we love, has so many benefits, both to the volunteer and the organization itself. Serving and volunteering gives you a sense of purpose and achievement. Volunteering can help you feel like you belong and strengthen your sense of community. And what better community is there than our Angus family and community?! Volunteering can be a wonderful way to meet new people and make friends. Volunteering can help you improve your social skills. Volunteering can boost your self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself. Volunteering can teach you new skills and help you develop or keep existing ones. Volunteering can help advance your career and improve your work life. Volunteering can bring fun and fulfillment to your life. Volunteering can help you stay physically and mentally active, which can lower stress, reduce the risk of disease, and improve your sleep, immune system, and heart health.

With all these wonderful benefits to volunteering...who wouldn't want to join us as a committee chair, a committee member, a Regional Director, or even an Officer on our Executive Team?!?! If you have ever thought, "I want to be more involved in the Auxiliary, but I don't know how," please take this as your nudge to get involved!! There really is something for everyone and every person involved is an important part of what makes us who we are! Please contact any officer or Regional Director if you feel the call to be more involved!! Happy Fall to you all! I hope to see you in Fort Worth!



Hello from the Northeast! | Region 6 | Tammy Weaver, Pennsylvania

The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12 Harvest season is upon us. Many are anticipating a bountiful crop while some are hoping to harvest enough to just feed their livestock. We pray that everyone receives what they need. The Lord will indeed provide. May we always be thankful for our many blessings. I am incredibly thankful to have Angus cattle and be part of our country's best breed association. I'm thankful to fulfill a role with the Angus Auxiliary, an

organization dedicated to our youth. It's been said that a man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. The National Junior Angus Show is a great example of our auxiliary "sowing" or investing in our youth through contests, the Certified Angus Beef Cookoff and scholarships. The NJAS had 1,625 entries by 675 exhibitors from 38 states. Expressive numbers! While the NJAS 2024 is complete, we can certainly reflect that our Angus youth make us proud!

Here in the Northeast, Angus breeders are busy at several shows and exhibitions including the West Virginia State Fair, the New York State Fair, Big East Livestock Expo, The Virginia State Fair and the Keystone International Livestock Expo. Many of these events host ROV Angus Shows. It's also sale time for many of are breeders. The Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions host many live auctions and online auctions with quality cattle for phenotype and genotype breeders. Contact our Angus Regional Manager, Reese Tuckwiller for more information.

Mark your calendars for the National Angus Convention happening November 1-4 in Fort Worth, Texas. Join us as we crown our next Miss American Angus from among 5 of our top scholarship winners. We will also host our auxiliary social and Annual Meeting, as well as the Auxiliary Breakfast. If you have never attended, please join us! I never realized the positive impact that the comradery of Angus breeders can have until I attended myself. Acquaintances quickly became friends and industry resources. This is a time to "sow some seeds" or invest in yourself.

I wish everyone a safe and productive harvest season! Good luck to all with your fall shows and sales! See you in Fort Worth!



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Attention Members in Regions 1, 2 & 3:

If you are a paid American Angus Auxiliary member living in Region 1, 2 or 3, 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, Julie Conover, on or by October 5, 2024. A photocopy or scanned pdf file of this ballot is acceptable.

*** OFFICIAL BALLOT ***

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 1 – Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Hawaii and Alaska

_____ Katlenia Vejraska, Washington Write in: ______

Region 2 – Colorado, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma

_____ Megan Ahearn, Texas Write in: _____

Region 3 – Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska

____ Stacy Erdmann, North Dakota Write in: _____

BALLOT CHECKLIST:

__ Current, (dues paid) Angus Auxiliary member

___ Voted for only ONE candidate representing your state

____ Ballot is signed w/state noted

Member Signature ____ Printed Name ____ State ____

Please sign and return ballot Julie Conover, Nominating Committee Chairman, POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY OCTOBER 5, 2024 to the following addresses:

Meet the Candidates for Regional Director Positions

634 SW 1201st Road, Holden, MO 64040 or thelenju@gmail.com.

Region 1: Katlenia Vejraska, Washington

Born and raised in the sunny Okanagan Valley, Katlenia fully immersed herself in the Angus business over 25 years ago. Together, her and her husband Todd, continued to operate the ranch while raising the 4th generation of Angus breeders, their daughters, Kelsey, Kacie and Kady. Traveling across the country for regional and national shows, as well as watching her daughters learn new skills and grow over their years involved in the NJAA, comes with the fondest memories. For her, the time spent with cattle is not just about work but about crafting a deep connection to the land, the livestock, and most importantly, to her family. Alongside her husband, they have created a legacy of passion and dedication that she hopes will continue for generations to come.

Region 2: Megan Ahearn, Texas

Megan is the daughter of Cindy and Mark Ahearn at Turner Meadow Ranch in Wills Point. TX. She's been raising Angus cattle since she was 6 years old, and counts herself very fortunate to have "grown up in Angus". Megan has been involved in agriculture and breed organizations at the state, regional, and national level holding leadership positions in each. She's actively involved in her state Auxiliary, using this route to give back to junior members. Megan graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's 2014 and her Master's in Business Administration in 2024. She works as a project manager for the nation's largest nonprofit healthcare system. She is passionate about creating opportunities for the next generation of Angus leaders in addition to fostering fellowship amongst Angus cattlewomen.

Region 3: Stacy Erdmann, North Dakota

Stacy Erdmann is a 1st generation Registered Angus Seedstock producer along with her husband and two daughters, Rylee and Kaylee. Stacy carries the passion of Faith, Family and Angus Cattle on their operation in Southeastern North Dakota. It started with her Great Grandfather Alex Rotenberger who transitioned from Hereford cattle to Angus cattle early on, then her grandfather Charles Rotenberger started into the registered seed-stock business, followed by her dad who continued to raise purebred Angus cattle as a commercial cow-calf operation along with a 200 head feedlot. Growing up she saw the passion her dad had for raising and feeding quality Angus steers. Her favorite part of the year besides calving season would be when her dad would sit down and go through the carcass data after they had sold their steers on the Grid. Now she is proud to be raising her daughters alongside her husband Jeremy on their own registered Angus operation and showing them the ropes of being an Angus cattlewomen.

Meet the Candidate for Secretary Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer: Christy Perdue, North Carolina

Christy's love for Angus cattle came at a later age as her sister began showing Angus cattle. After many years behind the scenes, Christy became involved in the North Carolina Angus Auxiliary. Christy served 4 years on the NC Angus Auxiliary Executive Committee, focused largely on fundraising for the NC Angus Auxiliary through its Ways and Means Committee and with written publications and social media presence as the Publicity Chair. State involvement expanded to the American Angus Auxiliary. After a trip to Missouri for the first Women Connected Conference, she became interested in and was elected as the Angus Gift Barn Manager for the American Angus Auxiliary. She traveled many miles across the country with her family as Gift Barn Manager over the 5 plus years of her term. Christy remained active in the American Angus Auxiliary transitioning to a new role serving on the Nominating Committee and later as Region 4 Director and AGB Buying Committee Co-Chair. She has enjoyed continued travels throughout the country to attend Mid-Year and Annual Meetings at the NJAS and the National Angus Conventions and has served four years as the Region 4 Director and hopes to continue serving the Auxiliary. Please note, the election of Secretary/Treasurer will take place at the annual meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary on Saturday, November 2. Members in attendance in Texas and on Zoom will be able to vote for this position.

2024 Miss American Angus - Lauren Wolter

Fall is here! While this season is traditionally full of new beginnings, whether it be fresh baby calves or a new school year, I find myself in a state of reflection. With my reign as Miss American Angus quickly ending, this fall is a bit more bittersweet. Hopefully, you have been closely following the missamericanangus2024 Instagram page and know what sorts of adventures I have been on this year! Rather than giving you a summary of my travels, I thought it would be fun to join me in reflection. So, I give to you: **Five Memorable Moments Beyond the Backdrop!**

Radiant in Red: One of the sweetest interactions I had all year occurred in the restroom of the Atlantic National. I was headed to change into more comfortable attire than a dress and heels before my flight home. As I walked in, two spunky little girls declared that they wanted to come with me and watch! Searching for a solution to both fulfill my role as a mentor, but also make it to the airport on time, I offered up my infamous red coat to the girls. The ginormous grins on their faces were priceless and their squeals of excitement as they left were quite adorable. I would like to think we might just see those girls wearing the jacket again someday!

The Battle of Certified Angus Beef: Following some flight delays, my mom and I trekked out to Gettysburg, PA to get a taste of history. After driving up to a lookout tower, a gentleman wearing a St. Louis Cardinals hat and holding a dog was sitting in front of our car. Seeing an opportunity for some common ground, we struck up a conversation where I learned that he was a retired teacher who "Did not want to know where his food came from, just wanted to know it was safe and tasted good." We ended up having a brief conversation about my role as Miss American Angus and Certified Angus Beef. It was great insight into the consumer perspective, but reassuring to know that CAB is still highly regarded by the average consumer.

Quiz Bowl and Crowns: I consider myself quite fortunate to attend a university so supportive of my endeavors as Miss American Angus. As part of a recruitment campaign, I was asked to take an official photo with all the other junior livestock board members attending Kansas State University. But when practice for our meat science quiz bowl team, which competed at Reciprocal Meat Conference in June, happened to be at the same time as the photoshoot, I had to no choice but to go straight to practice in my full Miss American Angus attire. I thought I received quite the looks every time I buzzed at practice, but the looks I received walking back into my dorm – well those were even stranger.

Terminology with Tang: If there was one situation I could have never dreamt of in a million years, it would be watching a steer necropsy at Hy-Plains Feedyard standing next to none other than K-State Basketball's, Coach Jerome Tang. Every time Dr. AJ Tarpoff used an acronym or Coach Tang had a question, he would look over at me and I would offer a small explanation. All I can say is, Every Man A Wildcat!

Banners for Brenna: It is one thing to hand a first-place ribbon or a banner to a friend, but it is even more bittersweet to hand one to your family. Showing Angus cattle is something my entire family on my mother's side is involved in. This year my cousin Brenna was fortunate enough to take home champions honors at both the NWSS and ERJAS. Giving her both a banner and a hug was an unmatched feeling.





Perfect Pairing: Junion Angus Breedens and Certified Angus Beef®

Juniors get creative, persuade judges to eat Certified at the 2024 National Junior Angus Show.

Junior Angus breeders translated their knowledge in the barn to the plate during the 2024 All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. The competition has a four-decade history at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and is an event favorite. The cook-off, put on by the American Angus Auxiliary, encourages young beef enthusiasts to learn more about the end product they are producing for consumers.

"It's about your beef education; how these kids are going to prepare themselves for when their classmates ask questions about the industry or meat alternatives," explained Karla Knapp, president of the American Angus Auxiliary.

Twenty-seven teams competed from 12 states on July 3 in Madison, Wisconsin and earned scores for recipe, showmanship and overall presentation. The teams pick from one of three categories of meat to come up with their own unique recipes and table settings. This year, Certified Angus Beef® cuts were Baseball Steaks (Sirloin), a Chuck Flap Roast or Frankfurters.

Claire Kuipers of Illinois is a seven-year participant in the program. She and her teammates learned how a seemingly small difference in cuts can make a big difference in the outcome of a recipe.

"When we first did a test cook of our recipe, we couldn't find a chuck flap roast, so we tried it with a chuck roast," Kuipers said. "It did not go over very well; it was very tough. When we tried it again with a chuck flap roast the recipe came out super tender and juicy."

The cook-off also encourages participants to become better public speakers. Each team is tasked with writing and performing a creative skit which communicates the value and specifications used to qualify a carcass as Certified Angus Beef® and how those specifications elevate the beef eating experience.

State groups let their imagination take off with themes ranging from the Berenstain Bears and The Addams Family to the Kansas City Chiefs and Golden Girls.

"It helps you grow your confidence," Kuipers said. "It is a way to practice public speaking without actually public speaking."

While the long-standing competition has many real-world applications, Knapp says the part she and her fellow Auxiliary members appreciate most is the comradery they see among the junior members.

"They are having fun. There is lots of laughter and bonding," Knapp said, as she looked around the exhibit hall. "They are making life-long friends; life-long connections."

The teamwork paid off for many of the teams. Winners were announced Friday night of NJAS during an awards ceremony. Champion in the steak division went to the Illinois senior team. Members include Ella Brooks of Prophetstown, Brenna Bartlow of Monticello, and Max Dameron of Lexington. Champion in the roast division went to the Oklahoma junior team. Members include Denton Cook of Foss, Joseph Davis of Council Hill, Gracie Stonebarger of Council Hill, Bentley Lott of Carmen, Sadie Plagg of Guthrie and Saylor Norvell of Tuttle. Champion in the frankfurter division went to the Louisiana intermediate team. Members include Eleanor Straney of Thibodaux, Amelia Straney of Thibodaux, Christian Corsentino of Denham Springs, Emma Lejune of Elton and Charli Boudreaux of Bel Rose.

Special awards include the Black Kettle Award, Ardyce's Apron and Grote LEAD Award. The Black Kettle Award was established in memory of Paul St. Blanc, a supporter and long-time friend of the Cook-Off, and is given to the overall team. The 2024 Black Kettle Award went to the Illinois steak team.

Ardyce's Apron was created in memory of Ardyce O'Neill, a past American Angus Auxiliary president who served as the contest's first chairwoman. The award goes to the junior Cook-Off team with the highest point total. This year, the honor went to the Kansas junior frankfurter team who was first in recipe, showmanship and overall, in the age division; members include Aubree McCurry of Hutchinson, Avery Mullen of Ulysses and Haillie Mullen of Ulysses.

The Pat Grote LEAD Award is given to the winning intermediate team in the steak division. Team members receive a scholarship to the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, which will be held in late July in Louisiana. The 2024 recipients were members of the Illinois team: Charlee Jones of Gridley, Ella Bane of Towanda, Blake Wolters of Aviston, Danielle Alberts of Atlanta, Macie Carroll of Mt. Carroll and Macie Bartlow of Macomb.

View results of the 2024 NJAS, including shows, contests, awards and scholarships at www.njas.info. Additional coverage is also available on the NJAA Facebook page and in the September issue of the Angus Journal.

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American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Recipients



Fila Coulter



Rosalind Kidwell



Kaylan Kiser



Anne Geddes



Audrey Curtin



Lyle Perrier



Jacob Wickard



Drew Mickey



Gavin Rhode



Adam McCauley

Miss American Angus Contestants



Ella Coulter



Rosalind Kidwell



Kaylan Kiser



Cora Sullivan



Erin Driscoll

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Membership Options

- Annual Member Dues \$20
- Last year as a NJAA member Dues \$75
 - Must submit no later than December 31st of your last year as a NJAA member
- Lifetime Member One-Time Fee \$100

Please make checks payable to American Angus Auxiliary.

Mail your membership form with your dues to the following address:

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MISSION. ONE ONE GOAL.

To offer Angus breeders, families and allied industry the opportunity to both sell and buy, while making a substantial contribution to help ensure the sustainability of the Auxiliary's ongoing support of the Angus breed and its youth.



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Bates and Events to Note

November 1-3

National Angus Convention - Fort Worth, Texas

- November 1 at 5:00-7:00 pm | Trade Show Opens
- November 2 at 2:00 pm | Auxiliary Annual Meeting
- November 3 at 7:30 am | Auxiliary Breakfast
- November 3 at 9:00 am | Miss American Angus Speeches
- November 3 at 6:00 | American Angus Association Awards
 Dinner and Reception with Crowing of Miss American Angus

November 7

• Full Circle Online Auction at 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 2024 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 following the 2024 Angus Convention.

Please email submissions to: chope714@gmail.com Mail to: Catie Hope | 908 Triple J Rd, Berryville VA 22611