



The Auxiliary Post

Spring 2023

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Thoughts from the President Julie Conover, Missouri



What an exciting time to be in the beef industry. In an ever-changing world, we are able to still be in awe of the first calf of the season, the onset of green grass and the sight of equipment leaving the barn to begin our efforts to care for and grow the land.

Sometimes we just need a reminder of what we are capable of. Especially in the agricultural sector, it is easy to get bogged down in the challenges. With green grass growing and temperatures climbing, what a great time to set a refresh button on not only the ground but in the mental approach taken to overcome obstacles.

This past April, the American Angus Auxiliary Executive Board gathered in Hermann, Missouri for our annual spring meeting. With ten ladies in one rental home, it was a bonding and teambuilding experience from day one. What a wonderful opportunity to embrace each other and truly learn more about our wonderful members. In addition to the Executive Board meeting, we were able to hold our spring Auxiliary Council meeting via zoom adding in a great cross-section of our membership.

With numerous committees operational at this time of the year, I am excited and optimistic about another great year with the Auxiliary. Several events are on the horizon with preparations well-underway for another great National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). In addition to celebrating the 40th year of the Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off Contest, the Auxiliary is hosting the Royalty Reception, a booth at the Tailgate and will be awarding scholarships and numerous awards including our coveted scholarships. We invite you to join us in Grand Island for our Mid-Year Meeting on Wednesday, July 5 which will feature a brown bag fundraiser. Ahead of the meeting, we will have an engaging social activity and scholarship workshop.

As like many of the state auxiliaries, fundraising is one of our major challenges. In looking closely at our opportunities and obstacles, the Executive Board has made some changes to the ways in which we operate the Angus Gift Barn. With our Angus Gift Barn Manager stepping down, we have an opportunity to rebrand this fundraiser and look forward to introducing a more educational and hospitality driven area with a condensed item offering to better control our inventory expenses. In an effort to make room for this transition, at the 2023 NJAS, you will see three categories of items: New, Sale and Clearance. We hope you will join us for the chance to get some really impressive items including the limited availability custom CJ Brown 70th Anniversary print.

In addition to the Angus Gift Barn, our other fundraising efforts include the Full Circle Online Auction, Gifts that Sizzle, and Rattey Sculptures. Links to purchasing items offered through these fundraisers can be found on our website at www.angusauxiliary.com and click on the shopping tab.

In our 71st year, the American Angus Auxiliary is well positioned to continue to positively impact the lives of our diverse members as well as young men and women across the country. 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.



Join us in Grand Island at the National Junior Angus Show

National Junior Angus Show, Grand Island, NE | July 2-8

Monday, July 3

8:00-9:30 am | Royalty Reception sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary

Tuesday, July 4

1:00 pm | Cook-Off Contest | Pinnacle Bank Expo Center

Wednesday, July 5

2:30 pm | Scholarship Workshop | Pinnacle Bank Expo Center - Quilt Room

3:15 pm | Auxiliary Social | Quilt Room

4:15 pm | American Angus Auxiliary Mid-Year Meeting | Quilt Room

For the complete schedule at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show, visit www.njas.info.



From your Regional Directors



2023
Officers

Greetings and Happy Spring! | Region 1 | Cindy Worthington, California



To say we are living through some monumental times is an understatement! On the heels of unprecedented years of drought, it has been a record wet spring here in the west! Over 700" of snow in the Sierra Mountains and literally rainfall measuring in feet instead of inches in the foothills and valleys. Flooding has abated but the rivers and creeks are still flowing, reservoirs and lakes are full and releasing heavy flows, ranchers are hopeful this will bring good spring and summer feed as well as good crops and much needed lower hay prices.

BIG SHOUT OUT to the Western States Auxiliary Association and members from multiple state auxiliaries who had a strong presence at the WNAF in Reno over Easter weekend. Many of the members participated in the successful new "Junior Row", where state junior associations showcased their states with a display table and silent auction fundraisers. Participation was also greatly appreciated for the dessert auctions and the auxiliary fundraising table as well.

It was a quick turn around after the WNAF for me to head to Hermann, Missouri for our National spring meeting sessions. On top of being very productive it was a fantastic time to strengthen friendships with this amazing group of ladies. Special Thank you to Julie Conover, our Auxiliary President for planning this year's spring meetings and activities.

I am excited to be working on the Royalty Reception for this year's NJAS. If you were not aware this year's Junior Nationals is being hosted by the American Angus Association and the Auxiliary is hosting the reception on Monday July 3rd, 2023, in Grand Island. This event is being made possible through the sponsorships of the American Angus Auxiliary and the California, Oregon and Washington State Angus Associations!

I along with your other Regional Directors and Board members hope to see you in person or on zoom at the NJAS Summer meeting in Grand Island. The Auxiliary is always looking for ladies to share their ideas and participate at all levels within the association. There is no better time than now to reach out within your state or region to get involved with the Auxiliary!

Greetings from Region 3! | Region 3 | Stacy Erdmann, North Dakota



Well, year 1 is down for me as your Region 3 Director! What a year to kick off with, being it was the 75th Anniversary of the Auxiliary. There are just a few of the Anniversary prints left for you to purchase if you haven't already purchased one. I am excited to finally get mine framed and set up in my office. In this first year I have learned many things, from the heritage and history of Angus Women in the Auxiliary to much of the inner workings of the Auxiliary, and I have to say what an honor it is to be a part of this group. By the time you receive this I am sure we will be drawing very near to the deadline of the Auxiliary Scholarship Applications, May 1. I highly encourage all to continue to visit with your Angus youth about this opportunity and the qualifications. Coming from North Dakota we have so many great young people but unfortunately if they have not thought about starting to complete their bronze, silver and gold awards it is really hard to get caught up in time. We all know that it takes a little conversation or nudge to point someone in the right direction.

Summer cannot come fast enough around here, winter has been long in our neck of the woods so of course I am excited for the National Junior Angus Show, there will be warmer weather for that I am sure! I will wrap up my column with a huge shout out to our Region 1 Director, Cindy Worthington, she has gotten me excited for the Queen's Brunch this year and has come up with a few fabulous ideas to make it a treat for all the ladies that get to attend. With that I hope this edition of the Auxiliary Post finds you all well, and I hope to get to visit with you soon.

Greetings from Region 5! | Region 5 | Lori Pillars, Michigan



"I'm walking on Sunshine, woah...And don't it feel good!" are lyrics written by Kimberly Rew that are playing in my head as I sit down to share all the wonderful things that are happening in Region 5 on this beautiful sunny day.

Hello Everyone! My name is Lori Pillars, and I am the newly appointed director for Region 5 and I am honored to be in this position. My family owns and operates Clay Knoll Angus which is made up of about 30 head of registered Angus cattle. My husband Rodney works for the County Road Commission, our oldest son Austin is a farm equipment mechanic, and our youngest son Blake is a senior in high school. I am fortunate enough to share that both boys have been members of the National Junior Angus Association and have partaken in many youth activities sponsored by the NJAA. Through their involvement I have become involved with the Auxiliary. My involvement has brought me here to where I have many things to learn and am excited to meet so many wonderful people. Please feel free to introduce yourself wherever you may see me.

With that, our region is beginning to see greener pastures, breeding season underway and spring Angus banquets have been held. I would like to congratulate all the Angus royalty that have been crowned to represent their states in 2023. What an honor and without a doubt you all will do an amazing job.

As spring turns to summer, it means that the NJAS is nearing. I encourage juniors to take advantage of all the contests that are available to participate in to build self-confidence, leadership skills, and make lasting friendships. The Auxiliary is honored each year to award ten scholarships to deserving young people who have participated in contests and taken part in so many opportunities presented by the Angus Association.

Finally, I would like to encourage women to get involved with their state auxiliary. It is refreshing to meet and interact with likeminded people. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Take care!

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Opportunity Awaits. Nominations Open!

This is your opportunity to join a group of fun-loving, kid-loving, beef-loving, dedicated women who know how to 'get it done'!! Nominations for the **2024 Secretary-Treasurer** is open. Also open are the Directors of **Regions 4,5,6**.

Regional Director positions now open for nominations are:

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, D.C.

It is possible for the Secretary-Treasurer position to be a four-year term if the person moves up the officer chain ending as the advisor. The position will be elected by the paid members at the Annual Auxiliary Meeting in November 2023.

Nominations will close on August 1, 2023. Ballots for the Regional Directors will be sent digitally in the Fall Auxiliary Post. Those members who have requested a hard copy of the Post by regular mail may return their hard copy ballot. All other ballots will be received through digital email. Update your email and/or demographics to avoid not receiving a ballot. Please send updates well in advance to Jamie Rutledge, Membership Chair at jrutledge@textron.com or 716 N. St. Andrews, Wichita, KS 67230.

You can review the responsibilities of the Officers or Regional Directors by going to our website, 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 great opportunity to be involved and experience a special camaraderie and make memories! Please fill out the nomination form below and return it via email or regular mail to Nomination Committee Chair, Deanna Hofing. Self-nomination is accepted and encouraged.

American Angus Auxiliary Officer Application & Regional Director Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____

Complete Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Position:

____ Secretary/Treasurer

____ Region 4 Director

____ Region 5 Director

____ Region 6 Director

Please mail or email to:

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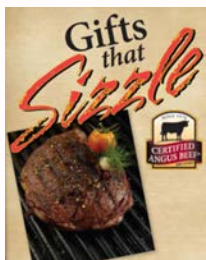
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Due by August 1

This form may be duplicated.

Nominated by:

_____ (current Auxiliary member) _____ (state)



CAB gifts that Sizzle

Certified Angus Beef® has teamed up with the American Angus Auxiliary to help further the Auxiliary mission - beef education, Angus breed promotion and youth development. When you purchase CAB gift packages, a portion of the profit goes to the Auxiliary. These funds help support our many awards that are presented to junior Angus members each year. The Auxiliary's partnership with CAB on this fundraiser offers a unique opportunity for both our organizations and Angus breeders. Gift package recipients receive a delicious and nutritious gift while our juniors receive recognition for their hard work. Select the Shopping page online at angusauxiliary.com to order your Gifts that Sizzle!

2023 Miss American Angus - Kelsey Theis, Kansas

Greetings from Kansas! I'm still in awe that just six months ago one of my biggest dreams became a reality. As a young girl I aspired to be everything that the prestigious red jacket embodies, being crowned in Salt Lake City, UT at the National Angus Convention gave me the opportunity to be in the role that I continuously looked up to while growing up. I felt incredibly honored to get to embark on this journey!

With new responsibilities and a lot of excitement, I headed out to Louisville, KY for the North American International Livestock Exposition to begin my reign. Wearing the red jacket at my first official duty on the green shavings was a feeling I will never forget! Louisville was a great learning experience and I am so thankful for the help and encouragement I received from both the National Junior Angus Board and Association Staff! Shortly after NAILE I was at Dameron Angus Farms for their annual production sale. Having attended their sale numerous times it felt surreal to attend as Miss American Angus! The Dameron Family's hospitality was great, per usual!

To start off my winter break I flew out to Wooster, OH for the Youth Beef Leaders Seminar at the Certified Angus Beef Culinary Center. I was able to tour the facilities and see more of the day-to-day work that goes into maintaining an exceptional product and brand. Learning more about the beef industry and CAB program helped me become better equipped to educate consumers. In addition, I enjoyed networking with young people from many different segments of the industry! Getting to enjoy all the delicious meals only made the experience more amazing!

Not long after getting home I headed south to Oklahoma City for the Cattleman's Congress. I knew this would be a long 10 days since I was also exhibiting a heifer. All four days of showing heifers, bulls, pens, and carloads was so much fun! I was also able to attend the Angus Foundation Event! People's willingness to support Angus youth never ceases to amaze me and watching it first hand only made me even more grateful for all of the incredible donors! Only two days after returning my parents and I left for the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Co. I'm not sure anything will ever be able to replicate the nostalgia of those facilities! I would like to give a huge shoutout to Claire Murnin and Kylie Kraft for assisting me in the showing! The pen and carload show brought an opportunity to advocate for the Angus Breed and educate people on who Miss American Angus is after being mistaken for The Miss America multiple times in the yards!

My last weekend in January was very busy! I spent two days in Fort Worth where I was able to attend a few sales and speak at their annual banquet! My mom and I left Fort Worth and headed to Hutchinson, KS for the Kansas Angus Futurity where I crowned the new Miss Kansas Angus and Kansas Angus Ambassador!

March brought many more adventures as my mom and I went to MAJAC. Before driving to the show we went on a short tour of Washington D.C.! Despite the cold weather I had a great time! I was able to work with an incredible group of Queens and Princesses from the East Coast! When I returned home I was able to aid in the final preparations for my family's production where I was able to represent as Miss American Angus! I have recently returned from the Western National Angus Futurity in Reno, NV. This was my first time attending and I could not have asked for a more welcoming group! I am beyond excited for the months to come and look forward to meeting more Angus enthusiasts and experiencing new opportunities!



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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Website: [American Angus Auxiliary](#)



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Wanted: Angus Gift Barn Manager

Looking for a passionate individual to help run the Angus Gift Barn fundraiser which includes purchasing product, online sales, and in-person sales at the National Junior Angus Show and Angus Convention. Contact Julie Conover or reach out to any of our Executive Committee for more information.

Limited number of prints still available of the C.J. Brown 70th Anniversary Auxiliary Print!



Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off Contest entries due May 25

American Angus Auxiliary contest displays junior members' kitchen skills.

Entries are open for the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored 40th All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off Contest. All interested contestants must enter by May 25. The contest will be held July 4 at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Nebraska.

The Cook-Off Contest provides an opportunity for National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members to display their knowledge of the beef industry and skills in the kitchen while enjoying friendly competition with fellow participants. All contestants must be members of the NJAA and each team must consist of two to six members of a state junior Angus association.

"We are excited to host and celebrate the 40th All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off Contest, which serves as the oldest NJAS educational contest," said Anne Lampe, American Angus Auxiliary beef education committee co-chair. "I am always amazed at the creative ways NJAA members put recipes, presentations and skits together to educate consumers about Certified Angus Beef®."

This annual contest encourages NJAA members from each state to gather their best recipes, prepare a Certified Angus Beef® beef dish and perform a skit to entertain and educate the audience. The cuts selected for this year's contest are as follows: the steak division is teres major; the roast division is top sirloin cap, and the other category is ground beef and will be a throwback to the very first cook-off, "The Great Ground Round Cook-Off."

The contest consists of three age categories: 8-13; 14-17; and 18-21. All ages will be determined as of January 1. Mixed teams may be entered but will be classified by the oldest member of the team. The contest will be judged by a panel of three judges. Winners in categories of showmanship, recipe and overall excellence will be awarded special prizes.

Entries for the contest must be submitted online at <https://forms.gle/dXeivmVJJ1gfoRxi6>. For more information about the contest, contact Anne Lampe at 670-874-4273 or amlampe.al@gmail.com or Anne Patton Schubert at 502-477-2663.

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Through the Barn Door

Lauren Patteson, AGB Manager/Ways & Means, Chairman

The Angus Gift Barn is the online boutique store for the American Angus Auxiliary. The American Angus Auxiliary offers individuals interested in the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities. The store features exclusive items such as children's toys, women's jewelry and accessory collection, and kitchen and housewares collection.

Hello auxiliary members and Happy Spring! I am Lauren Patteson, current manager of the Angus Gift Barn. Recently, my husband and I struck out on our own and bought our first farm. We have a lot of work ahead of us but are blessed with the opportunity to own a piece of God's handiwork. This year the AGB is hoping to focus our inventory on things YOU want and need. We are a non-profit operation that helps fund Auxiliary scholarships as well as youth contests and Auxiliary endeavors that enrich the Angus breed and Association.

AGB is looking to stock new children's apparel as well as home items and décor. We look forward to seeing our wonderful customers and serving you at NJAS this year in Nebraska. In the meantime, please feel free to shop our website or our Facebook page and check in for all those special Angus occasions for new items as well as our classic best sellers. As always, feel free to reach out to me via Facebook, email, or phone with any questions or suggestions you would like to see.

www.angusgiftbarn.com



American Angus Auxiliary Membership Form

Please print and complete this form or join online at <http://angusgiftbarn.com/>

Today's Date: _____

Membership Dues run from October 1 - September 30

Auxiliary Committees

Please circle the committee(s) of interest to you:

Audit | Awards | Beef Education | Distinguished Women | Finance | Historian | Legislative & By-Laws | Liason
Membership | Miss American Angus | Nominating Program & Hospitality | Public Relations | Scholarship
Ways & Means

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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I would like to receive the **Auxiliary Post** electronically to my email: **Yes** **No**

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:

American Angus Auxiliary
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THE AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY PRESENTS THE EIGHTH ANNUAL

Full Circle Online Auction

“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 making a substantial contribution to help ensure the sustainability of the Auxiliary’s ongoing support of the Angus breed and its youth. The online auction will be held NOVEMBER 9th, 2023 hosted by www.AngusLive.com. Proceeds will support the Auxiliary’s mission, including breed promotion, beef education, and youth development through programs, awards and scholarships. The Auxiliary is currently seeking a wide variety of items with a fair market value in excess of \$100. Auction categories include Angus memorabilia/collectibles, games/toys, vacation packages, home décor, cattle services and other useful items.

Consignments received by August 1, 2023
will receive 90 days of advertising including an ad in the Angus Journal.

Consignors can donate 100% to the Auxiliary or can choose to receive 50% of the gross revenue their lots generate, as well as recognition in sale promotion to be launched on the online site throughout August through November. The Auxiliary invites you to be a part of this exciting event! If there are any questions, please contact one of the following:



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Dates and Events to Note

July 2-8

National Junior Angus Show - Grand Island, Nebraska

- **July 5:** Mid-Year Social and Meeting - Quilt Room
 - 3:15 - Social
 - 4:15 - Meeting



August 1

Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer and Director Nominations Due

October 15

Fall Auxiliary Council Meeting via Zoom | 5:00 pm CST

November 4-6

National Angus Convention - Orlando, Florida

- **Nov. 4:** Auxiliary Social and Annual Meeting
- **Nov. 5:** American Angus Auxiliary Breakfast
- **Nov. 5:** Miss American Angus Candidate Speeches
- **Nov. 4:** Crowning of Miss American Angus

November 9

- 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 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 completed at the conclusion of the 2023 National Angus Convention.

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