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News From The American Angus Association

Jerry Cassidy Named Director of Member Services



Illinois-native Jerry Cassidy brings more than 20 years experience promoting the Angus breed and marketing seed stock cattle to his new role as the American Angus Association's director of member services. Beginning March 1, Cassidy will lead the team of member service representatives in Saint Joseph, Mo., and continue to grow relevance for the organization's programs and services.

Cassidy isn't a new face to the American Angus Association. He served as a regional manager in the Midwest for many years, where he developed a

keen knowledge of the organization and administered rules and policies.

"Jerry is a perfect fit for his new role, with his experience as a regional manager and vast understanding of the Angus breed and member needs," says Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO. "He has a genuine appreciation for Association members and a drive to continue to provide breeders with the high-quality service they deserve from their organization."

Cassidy first joined the Association in 1992, representing the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin. Most recently, Cassidy ran his own sales consulting company, JC Marketing, out of Bloomington, Ill. Previously in his career, he also served as an instructor at Joliet Junior College, where he taught animal science and coached the livestock and meats judging teams.

"Our members are the heartbeat

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April

April 2

WBIA Bull Test Sale, UW Platteville

April 9

Woodhill 28th Annual Bull Sale, Viroqua

April 15 - 17

Black River Spring Thaw Show – Black River Falls

April 16

WAA Breeders Futurity Sale, Black River Falls
St. Croix Valley Bull Test Sale, UW River Falls

April 23

UW-Platteville Pioneer Showdown, Lancaster

April 30

Hallstrand Angus Sale, Pentice, WI

April 30 - May 1

UW-River Falls Prospect Weekend, Ellsworth

May

May 6 and 7

Central Wisconsin Spring Fling Beef Show, Wautoma, WI

May 8

NER Angus Farms Dispersal, Bloomington, WI

May 14

S&R and Country Lane Production Sale, Weston

May 15

Ownership/Entry Deadline NJAS
NJAS Contest Entry Deadline.
www.angus.org/njaa

May 21

Rock County Beef Producers Show, Janesville,

May 29

NJAS Late Entry Deadline

May 29

Southwest Angus Classic, Lancaster

June

June 4

WLBA Spring Preview Show
WJAA Angus Show, Jefferson
Valley Beef Show, Seymour

June 5

WAA Supreme Angus Preview Show, Jefferson

June 11-12

WLBA Wisconsin Livestock Show Camp, West Allis

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Ruppert To Lead Regional Angus Team

A sixth-generation cattle rancher and Nebraska native will serve as the American Angus Association® Director of Regional Managers. Ryan Ruppert joins the team Feb. 1 at Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., to oversee the organization's 12 regional managers (RMs) and associated territories for the nation's largest beef breed establishment.

In his new role Ruppert will work with the regional team and manage daily activities to meet the operational and marketing needs of the approximate 25,000 Association members.

"Mr. Ruppert brings valuable leadership capabilities, breed experience and a keen sensibility for the larger beef cattle business to our team," says Allen Moczygemba, Association chief executive officer. "His business acumen, genomics knowledge and proficiency in

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Kelli Retallick Joins Angus Genetics Inc

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) welcomes Kelli Retallick to its team as the director of genetic service. AGI is a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Angus Association and provides a conduit for developing and implementing new technologies in the beef cattle business.

Retallick was raised on her family's registered-Angus seedstock operation where she remains actively involved in decision making and marketing. Growing



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Message From Your President

Hello Fellow Angus Breeders,



Well I am sure this note finds you all well into your calving season and I hope everyone has had good luck so far this spring. The mild winter has brought the challenge of lots of mud and we all have strained our supply of bedding for

the calving season!

Let me introduce myself, my name is Jeff Berget and I am your newly elected president of the Wisconsin Angus Association. I would like to thank Justin Diefenbach for his leadership as president this past year, and to Cody Quam for his years of service on the board.

It has already been a busy spring as several of our members have hosted very successful bull sales, with several more scheduled to come yet this spring. Check out the calendar in this issue and take advantage of the superior genetics available in the state.

Many more have spring online and production sales yet to come, support your fellow Angus breeders.

As your new president I plan to work hard to help grow our organization and try to involve all the Angus breeders in our state, by finding new ways to make the association of value to all; and look for programs and provide tools useful to a wider range of the membership!

Mark your calendars for upcoming spring and summer Angus events such as, the Southwest Angus Association



Wisconsin Angus Association newly elected president, Jeff Berget, presents a plaque of appreciation to Justin Diefenbach for his leadership as president for the past two years.

show, WJAA State Junior and WAA Open shows, Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Preview and Summer Spectacular and the Wisconsin State Fair Junior and Open shows.

If there is anything I or any of your board members can do to help you in any way please contact us. Ya'all have a safe spring and god bless,

Jeff Berget, President

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Angus Action 2016

July 3-9

National Junior Angus Show, Grand Island, NE

July 15

LEAD Conference Applications due

July 19-21

Farm Technology Days – Walworth County

August 4-14

Wisconsin State Fair, West Allis

August 15

World Beef Expo Early Entry Deadline

August 20

WLBA Summer Spectacular Show

September 4

Blackstone Cattle Company Sale, Mineral Point

September 10

Riley Bros. Production Sale, Darlington

September 11

Gaffney Family Cattle Production Sale, Barneveld

September 23-25

World Beef Expo, West Allis

September 24

Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting, West Allis

October 1

Mindemann Farms-World Class Angus Sale, Sullivan

October 30

Marda Angus and Spring Creek Production Sale, Lodi

November 5 - 7

American Angus Association Annual Convention, Indianapolis

WI Angus Breeders Heifer Nomination Form

WI Angus Heifer Futurity Class

• A Wisconsin Angus Association (WAA) or Wisconsin Junior Angus Association (WJAA) member in good standing, must be the breeder or first owner of the heifer. Females must be born after September 1 of two years previous (Senior yearlings, yearlings and calves are eligible), and will be shown by age.

• The WAA or WJAA member may sell an Angus female to any member excluding members of their immediate family (son, daughter, sibling). The exhibitor must be a paid WJAA or WAA member in good standing.

• Nomination fee is \$50 and will be paid by the breeder. All nomination fees will be paid to the Exhibitors. There will be no entry fee to be paid by the Exhibitor.

• Heifers sold through auctions, as well as by private treaty, are eligible.

• Nominations must be received by June 1 of the current show year.

• **This class will be held on Sunday, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Supreme Angus Preview Show.**

Name Of Breeder: _____

Name of Exhibitor: _____

Female Registration Number: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mail To: Ardel Quam, N706 Hwy 113, Lodi, WI 53555

WI Angus Association State Fair Jackpot Steer Class

Wisconsin Angus Association is introducing a new Angus Jackpot Steer Class that will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Angus Steer Show.

All exhibitors that are eligible for WI State Fair Junior Show and are exhibiting a registered Angus Steer may compete.

The Class will following the regular Angus Steer Classes in the State Fair Junior Show.

Prize money will be awarded to the exhibitors of the steers that place second through tenth in the regular Angus steer show held during the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show.

Prize money will be provided through donations from breeders and agri-business leaders.

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2016 Wisconsin Angus Breeders Futurity

April 16, 2016

6 p.m. CDT • Saturday

Held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds
Black River Falls, Wisconsin



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2016 WAA Annual Meeting Highlights

Breeder of The Year and Heifer of The Year

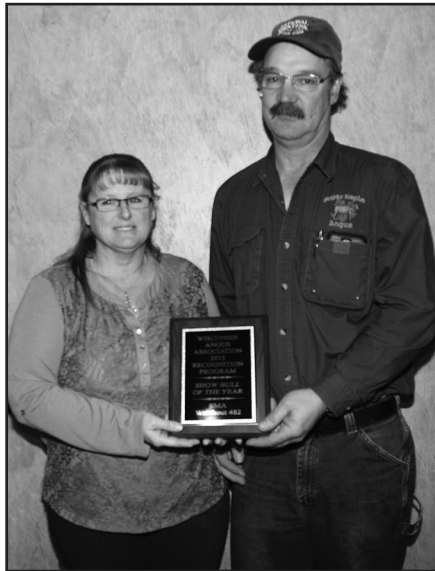


Jessica Radcliff, S&R Angus, Weston, WI received the awards for the firm being named Breeder of The Year and exhibitor of the Heifer of The Year, 4WA Emma 411.

Cow/Calf of the Year

Crystal Schuster, Marshall, exhibited the Cow/Calf of the Year, CMS Total Lady 243 and her heifer calf.

Bull of The Year



Mark and Ellie Schmidt, Sugar Maple Angus, Bloomington, WI, breeders and exhibitors of the Bull of the Year, SMA Watchout 482.

Exhibitor of The Year



Henning Farms, Janesville, WI, received the Exhibitor of the Year Award. Pictured left to right, Evan, Lora, Suzanne and Mike Henning.

Meet The Newest Board Member

Board of Director elections were held at the February Annual meeting of the Wisconsin Angus Association and while there were four open seats Sue Finley, Brian Nodof, and Paul Nuttleman were reelected, with Mark Tremaine, Oconomowoc filling the remaining seat.

Mark and his wife Karen are the sixth generation living on the family farm which was transferred by land grant in 1850. As a kid, Mark grew up on the farm with Angus cattle and 4-H. In 2002 Mark and Karen took over the 100 acre farm of hay and pasture raising Angus cattle and kids. As their children, Luke, Heidi, and Hanna grew, their 4-H projects expanded to include sheep and pigs as well.

Operating a childcare business from home offered Mark the opportunity to keep an eye on kids, cows and livestock projects until after school chores were completed. All the family is hands on with their 20 head cow herd from sire selection to calving and sales.

Karen's position as Phy Ed teacher in the Slinger District offers an extensive client base for their freezer beef portion of business.

All three of their children were raised deep in Angus with WJAA, 4-H, FFA and NJAA exhibiting cattle on county, state, and national levels. While they are off pursuing their careers, Luke a graduate of UW Madison in Actuarial Science and Heidi attending Indiana Inst of Technology working toward a Phy Ed teaching degree, they return home to help. Hanna, a sophomore at Oconomowoc HS and on the WJAA Board of Directors, keeps a daily eye on the projects for upcoming spring and summer shows.

With Mark's extensive background in Angus and hands on involvement with junior programs he will be a great asset to the members of the Wisconsin Angus Association.

**WAA State Show,
Sunday, June 5,
Jefferson, WI**

Thank You

To all who made donations and/or purchased in the Embryo, Semen and Silent Auctions during the Wisconsin Angus Association Annual Meeting. The sales totaled \$4,840.

Embryo and Semen Auction

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Kevin Ruland, Hollow Point Angus, Mauston

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Donors:

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Semex Beef
American Breeders Service Global
Riley Bros.

Buyers:

Steven Schank, Holean
Jeff Berget, Berget Show Cattle, Gratiot
Riley Bros., Darlington
Kevin Ruland, Hollow Point Angus, Mauston

Silent Auction

Item

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4 Great Lots From Kuhle Family Farm


Selling In The Wisconsin Angus Futurity
April 16, 2016, Black River Falls, WI
Saturday, 6 pm, Jackson County Fairgrounds



CW	+68
Marb	+55
RE	+1.25
Fat	-0.30
SW	+99.61
SF	+129.03
SG	+40.57
SB	+193.64

CED	BW	WW	YW	RADG	SC	Doc	HP	CEM	Milk	SEN
+8	+4	+89	+153	+30	+1.98	+20	+12.6	+12	+35	-35.33

Kuhle Miss Rampage 2103 C105 +18233604
Sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36 Dam: RB Lady 7125-890-2103
Birth Date: 8/31/2015.
As of February 1, she is the #1 YW and #1 WW female in the bred. Her flush brother sells as well an embryo package out of her dam.



CW	+38
Marb	+56
RE	+88
Fat	-0.36
SW	+106.57
SF	+102.58
SG	+42.09
SB	+145.55

CED	BW	WW	YW	RADG	SC	Doc	HP	CEM	Milk	SEN
+10	-1.0	+77	+130	+29	+1.29	+30	+8.9	+12	+43	49.91

RB Lady 7125-890-2103 +17285432
Sire: G A R Objective 7125 Dam: R B Lady Standard 305-890
Offering six embryos by either VAR Discovery or Quaker Hill Rampage. (Stored at Thousand Hills Embryos, Plain, WI). Or will offer six embryos from a flush to a bull of the buyers choice. She is the dam of C105, the #1 YW and #1 WW female in the bred.



CW	+53
Marb	+94
RE	+74
Fat	-0.15
SW	+56.36
SF	+81.01
SG	+46.86
SB	+171.36

CED	BW	WW	YW	RADG	SC	Doc	HP	CEM	Milk	SEN
+11	+6	+59	+115	+28	+7.6	+11	+8.4	+9	+25	20.68

Kuhle Miss Ten X 7863 C91 +18233381
Sire: A A R Ten X 7008 S A Dam: EXAR Blackcap 7863
Birth Date: 9/24/2015.
A nice heifer by the popular Ten X sire.



CW	+60
Marb	+59
RE	+1.27
Fat	-0.36
SW	+106.83
SF	+125.43
SG	+43.65
SB	+190.40

CED	BW	WW	YW	RADG	SC	Doc	HP	CEM	Milk	SEN
+12	-1.6	+86	+146	+33	+1.30	+18	+17.4	+14	+39	56.37

Kuhle Rampage 2103 C130 +18233602
Sire: Quaker Hill Rampage 0A36 Dam: RB Lady 7125-890-2103
Birth Date: 8/31/2015.
A flush brother to Kuhle Miss Rampage 2103 C105

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Industry Highlights

Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association



Andy Mindemann, Sullivan, representing the Rick and Leslie Mindemann family and Agnes and Leonardo Bayer family, Schonfield, were honored during the WLBA Annual Meeting

The 2016 Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Annual meeting took place Saturday, March 19 at the University Research farm in Arlington. The annual event brings the whole leadership board together for a business meeting and a chance to honor some of the association's greatest members and friends of the association. Each year the association honors three individuals or families that represent the Beef, Swine and Lamb production industries.

This year's the Rick and Leslie Mindemann family of Sullivan was the Beef industry honoree. Their son Andy, who serves as the president of the WLBA, had the pleasure of honoring his parents. The Mindemann farm has an interesting beginning as Rick and Leslie owned and operated a commercial trucking company but decided they wanted something more for their boys, purchasing a small farm

and just 12 registered Angus cattle. The family has grown the operation into a herd of over 100 registered Angus cattle. Rick and Leslie have been instrumental on countless livestock leadership boards.

Another Angus family was also honored. Lenoard and Agnes Bayer, Schonfield received the Friends of Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Award

World Beef Expo

At the 2016 World Beef Expo Annual Meeting held in Sun Prairie, WI, Kevin Doherty, Watertown, WI, Bruce Thorson, Rudolph, WI, and Shane Miller, Brodhead, WI were elected to three-year terms on the executive board.

Cody Quam, Lodi, WI, was re-elected as the 2016 board president. The all-volunteer board plans and coordinates World Beef Expo, a top-notch beef cattle exposition held yearly in Wisconsin.

In 2015 World Beef Expo hosted 26 breed shows, and exhibitors from 18 states displayed, exhibited, or sold cattle during the three-day event.

This year's World Beef Expo, which will take place September 23-25, at Wisconsin State Fair Park, will be the twenty-fourth edition. It will be hosting an Angus Roll of Victory Show.

In addition to the open and junior shows, there will be a youth sweepstakes, youth showmanship, silent auction, educational opportunities, trade show, and an elite cattle sale featuring a variety of high quality beef cattle offered for auction on Saturday afternoon.

Wisconsin Cattlemen Association

Wisconsin Cattlemen Association held their annual meeting during the February Cattle Industry Convention.

The Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association (WCA) Board of Directors announced the decision to begin contracting with the Wisconsin Beef Council for administrative services.

Jana Swanson, Belleville, is the new president of the statewide organization. Shorthorn breeder, Eric Johnson, Dane, is president elect.

JoDee George Nifong, Janesville, and Dave DeLong, Janesville, will continue as secretary and treasurer.

Angus Breeder, J. Scott Hoffman, Soliders Grove, was named Cattlemen of The Year.

Keith York, a Dairy Producer from Lake Geneva was named Friend Of Cattlemen.

Awards In Appreciation for Service was presented to former employees, Martha Olson, Lodi, and Wayne Galarowicz, both who did administrative work for the Wisconsin Cattlemen Association.

Ruppert To Lead Regional Angus Team

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coordinating teams at various industry levels will allow our organization to more effectively provide the face-to-face relationships and professionalism for which Angus is known."

Ruppert most recently served as national sales director for Neogen GeneSeek in Lincoln, Neb., leading its sales force in strategic marketing and development of the company's genomics products. He also previously served the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) for eight years as the executive director of producer education, where he led the development and implementation of the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program and managed the National Beef Quality Audit.

Ruppert's career has also included leadership experience with Cargill and Red Angus Association of America.

"I'm humbled to serve such a historic, member-focused organization and am looking forward to leading a team of fine individuals, all dedicated to working with breeders on a daily basis," Ruppert says. "Our efforts as an RM team will further the Association's strategic marketing, sales and educational objectives, as well as the development of benchmarks to ensure they're met."

Ruppert received his master's degrees in both business administration and beef cattle breeding and genetics from Colorado State University, after earning a bachelor's degree in animal science from the University of Nebraska in 1998. His family owns and operates a commercial Angus ranch in southwest Nebraska.

**Selling In The
Wisconsin Angus Futurity
April 16, Black River Falls, WI
Two Outstanding Individuals**

BSC Badger Product 5731

Birth Date: 01-05-2015 BULL
Sire: MCatI By-Product 269 -13 AAA # 16482081
Dam: HBL Dream 7310 - AAA # 16029539
BW: 78 lbs. WW: 855 lbs. YW: 1295 lbs.

BSC Hi Girl 5644

Birth Date: 02-11-2015 HEIFER
Sire: Vin-Mar O'Reilly Factor AAA 16400429
Dam: BAF Hi Girl 6441 AAA#15533575
BW: 66 lbs. WW: 615 lbs. YW: 990 lbs.

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Wisconsin Beef Improvement Bull Test

Breeders from Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois have tested 105 Angus, Red Angus and Simmental bulls through the Wisconsin Beef Improvement Test at the Pioneer Farm Platteville. The top two thirds of the bulls will sell April 2 in Platteville. The 72 Angus bulls had a 3.82 average daily gain, highest of any bred on test and a 3.38 weight per day of age.

Biddick Farms, Inc., Livingston, WI, consigned the top indexing Angus, Bull 33, a February 2015 son of KG Solution 0018. He posted a 5.06 average daily gain (ADG) and a 3.94 weight per day of age (WDA) and has a 126.4 index.

Another February KG Solution 0018 son from the Biddick consignment has a 121.6 index, third highest of the Angus bulls. He, Bull 31 has a 4.91 ADG and 3.79 WDA.

Biddick Farms had the Top Indexing Breeder Group.

J. Scott Hoffman, J&S Angus, Soldiers Grove, WI has the second high indexing bull, Bull 49, a March 5, 2015 son of AAR Tex X7008 SA. He has a 4.91 ADG, 3.73 WDA for a 122.1 index. Another son of AAR Tex X7008 SA, Bull 50, ranked fourth with a 4.87 ADG; 3.58 WDA; and 119. ratio.

Bull 15, a VAR Discovery 2240 son consigned by Wolters Farms, Inc., Cuba City, ranked fifth with an ADG of 4.40; WDA, 4.01 and index, 122.9.

Cassady Named Director Of Member Services

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behind every program and service at the American Angus Association, and I am honored to be returning to a team that does so much for breeders, day-in and day-out," Cassady says. "The Association's member service staff is second to none in the cattle business, and I look forward to playing a role in continuing that level of quality for years to come."

Cassady earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Illinois State University in 1983. Three years later, he completed his master's degree in animal science from Southern Illinois University, where his research focused on economically important traits in performance-tested bulls.

A native of central Illinois, Cassady was raised on his family's grain and livestock farm. He was active in 4-H and FFA, showing cattle on the state and national levels. Cassady has two children, Kody and Keegan, who've been active in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). His family also includes wife, Ellen, and stepsons Elliott, Chet and Evan.

St. Croix Valley Bull Test

Beef breeders from Wisconsin and Minnesota have 69 bulls on test in the St. Croix Valley Bull Test, River Falls, The top indexing bulls will sell Saturday, April 16 at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls facilities. The test includes 56 Angus yearlings

At 84 days on test, the bulls have an average daily gain of 2.32 and a 2.83 weight per day of age.

A bull from the Emerald Lane Angus, Melvin and Sharon Niemann, is leading

the test with an ADG of 4.28 and WDA of 3.49, achieving ratios of 143.39 and 115.97. He is Bull 8-2, a February 17, 2015 son of V A R Discovery 2240.

Andy and Amy Strasburg, Strasburg Angus, consigned Bull 17-1, a February 2015 son of Koupals B&B Identity that is making a 4.14 ADG and 3.96 WDA for ratios of 138.95 and 102.24.

Bull 18-1, an Angus March 2015 son of MCC Daybreak consigned by Owen and Chris Wade has a 3.43 WDA.

Selling April 16

WI Angus Futurity, Black River Falls, WI



*ELA Crossover
Fern B959
with bull calf
sired by
Jindra Double Vision*



*ELA Kem of
Woodlawn B917
with bull calf
sired by Jindra
Double Vision*



*ELA Countess B935
daughter from
our FULL SISTER
to Mytty In Focus!
Sells with bull calf
sired by Quaker Hill
Rampage 0436*

St. Croix Valley Bull Test Sale, River Falls, WI

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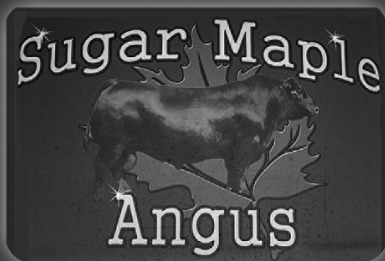


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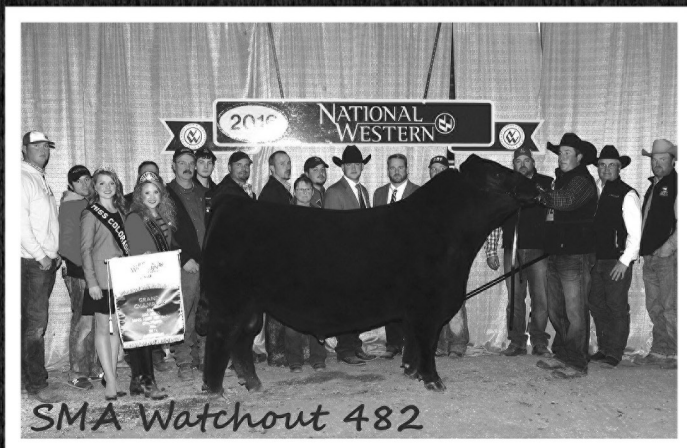


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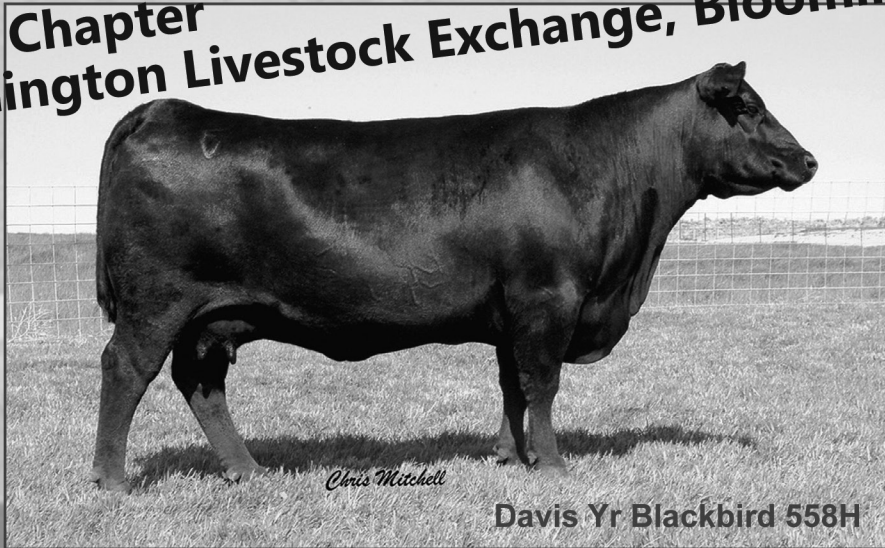
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Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary

Greeting from the Auxiliary



Selection of the 2016 Wisconsin Angus Queen and the WI Angus Auxiliary Scholarship winners were announced during the Wisconsin Angus Association Annual Meeting held in February in Wisconsin Dells.

Congratulations to Bree Gaffney, daughter of Scott and Val Gaffney Barneveld, who will reign as our Angus Queen in 2016.

Mikayla Kind, Jefferson, and Suzanne Henning, Janesville, placed first and second for our Continuing Education Scholarship. Austin Kind, son of Jeff and Deb Kind Jefferson, received first place in the High School Scholarship competition. Austin will have an opportunity to compete for more than \$15,000 in scholarship funds offered by the American Angus Auxiliary.

Coming up at the Wisconsin Breeders' Angus Auxiliary Officers



Officers of the Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary are, left to right, Becky Henderson, East Troy, vice president; Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, President; and Val Gaffney, Barneveld, secretary-treasurer.

Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarships

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation has increased its 2016 Scholarship Awards by 100% over 2015. Thirty thousand dollars will be offered in the form of 26 different scholarship awards. The Foundation is sponsoring five \$2000 scholarships, six \$1500 scholarships, seven \$1000 scholarships and eight \$500 scholarships.

The Foundation has awarded the scholarships on an annual basis recognizing the achievements of Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock exhibitors and assisting them with their educational expenses. Individuals must be between the ages of 17-19 as of January 1 of the current year in order to be eligible to apply. They must also be a current or past junior livestock exhibitor who has exhibited beef, sheep, and/or swine at the Wisconsin State Fair. Applicants must pursue a post high school

Futurity Sale, April 16th will be the famous Auxiliary desert auction, our annual fundraising event. Ladies, get your flour thumbs ready and bring on the goodies! All tasty contributions are welcome. Last year the generous crowd set a sale record. Let's see if we can do it again!

During the sale the Auxiliary will host a complimentary food stand offering hot sandwiches, potatoes/chips, desert and beverages. Contact Kathy Miller to donate lunch items, or help serve. kjmiller7@frontier.com or 262-914-4974.

Also on sale day we will host a Photo Contest open to all WJAA members. Get your entry ready for NJAS early and win a prize. Entries must meet NJAS contest rules and guidelines found at www.angus.org/njaa/contests. For more information, contact Val Gaffney.

Best Regards,
Leslie Mindemann, President



Best Of ANGUS Photo Contest

The Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary is sponsoring a photo contest for Junior this spring.

The contest will be held April 16 in Black River Falls in conjunction with the Black River Falls Spring Thaw. Entries are due by 2 pm to WI Angus Sale Headquarters. Prizes will be awarded for Angus Cattle, Landscapes, People and Around the Farm or Ranch plus People's Choice Awards. These photos can be entered in the 2016 NJAS photo contest. Call Val Gaffney at 608 574-6125 with questions.

education and previous winners may not apply. Application deadline is April 15.

The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation is transitioning to an on-line application and that is the preferred method to apply. The scholarship application is available by accessing the Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation website, www.gbrra.com by clicking on the 2016 Scholarship Tab. The application is also available by accessing the Wisconsin State Fair website, <http://www.wistatefair.com> by clicking on Wisconsin State Fair, Contests/Competitive Exhibits and then Jr. Livestock Entry Information. For more information, contact Leah Mindemann, Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Chair, via email at leah.mindemann@bock-assoc.com or (952) 270-8778. Visit their website, www.gbrra.com, for updated stay connected to them on Facebook.

Scholarships



Suzanne Henning, Janesville, received one of the two post secondary scholarships. Mikayla Kind, Jefferson, received the second post secondary scholarship. Austin Kind, Jefferson, received the scholarship for graduating high school seniors. Becky Henderson, East Troy, scholarship chairman, presented the scholarship to Suzanne.

Queens



Retiring Wisconsin Angus Queen, Kori Beisbier, Reedsburg and 2016 Wisconsin Angus Queen, Bree Gaffney, Barneveld.

Angus Ambassadors



The 2016 Ambassadors include, left to right, Paige Gaffney, Barneveld; Grace Link, Deerfield; 2016 WI Angus Queen, Bree Gaffney, Barneveld; Kori Beisbier, Reedsburg, retiring WI Angus Queen; and Claire Hawthorne, Westby.

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Sunday, June 5, Jefferson, WI
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On The National Scene



SMA Watchout 482, National Western Stock Show Junior and Grand Champion Bull bred by Mark and Ellie Schmidt Sugar Maple Angus, Bloomington, WI.



S&R Roundtable, Ft. Worth Stock Show Senior and Grand Champion Bull. Bred by S&R Angus and owned by S&R Angus, Weigel's Steer Pit and Express Ranches. He was also Senior Champion at the Dixie National and National Western.



Jared and Jessica Radcliffe, S&R Angus receive awards at the National Western Stock Show for the achievements of S&R Roundtable.



Marda Upward 405 won Reserve Junior Champion Bull at the National Western Stock Show's Angus Bull Sale Show. Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis., consigned the winning bull.



Marda Earnan 4122 won Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull at the National Western Stock Show's Angus Bull Sale Show. Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, Wis., consigned the winning bull.



Marda Unanimous 579 won Reserve Early Winter Bull Calf Champion at the National Western Stock Show's Angus Bull Sale Show. Marda Angus Farm, Lodi, WI, consigned the winning bull.

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Wisconsin Junior Angus Association

Junior Advisors of The Year



Val and Scott Gaffney, Barneveld and Becky Henderson, East Troy, were named Junior Advisors of The Year. Jared Radcliffe, Weston, was selected Outstanding Junior of The Year by his fellow Junior Angus members.

Scholarships Are Available For WLBA Show Camp

Wisconsin Junior Livestock Show Camp is scheduled for June 11-12th, at the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis. This two-day camp is organized and held each year for youth interested in learning or perfecting showing and fitting techniques, livestock management and evaluation, and meeting new friends involved in the livestock industry.

American Wood Fibers, Schofield, WI will offer ten scholarships for youth, age 7- 21, to attend and participate in the camp free of charge. Scholarship applications can be found on the WLBA website at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com. Scholarship forms must be post-marked and mailed to the WLBA office by Friday, April 8.

This year's beef clinicians are Ky Stierwalt and Cal DeWitt. Stierwalt is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, KY. He grew up showing cattle and has enjoyed a successful career with major wins at the National Western, American Royal and NAILE. Cal DeWitt, Clinton, WI, grew up showing competitive show cattle across the country. He is a Black Hawk East graduate and is pursuing an Ag-Science degree at Western Illinois University.

A unique aspect of this camp is the ability for parents to participate in the camp with their child for a more effective learning experience. The Wisconsin Livestock Breeder's Association, Purina Animal Nutrition, and the Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation host this youth livestock event. Registration applications can be found on the WLBA website and the deadline is May 16, 2016.

Greetings everyone,

I am excited to be serving as your 2016 WJAA President and look forward to an exciting year for the members of the WI Junior Angus Association. This year is going to be exciting with all of the upcoming events and the enthusiasm of a great group of board members.

The 2016 annual meeting was held in Wisconsin Dells, I would like to take the time to recognize our Advisors of the Year, Becky Henderson, and Scott and Val Gaffney, on behalf of the Junior Association, I would like to thank Becky, Scott, and Val for all of their help and commitment to the junior association.

I would also like to recognize Paige Gaffney as the Junior Show Chairman and Jim Hawthorne as the Adult Show Chairman of the 2018 National Junior Angus Show that will be co-hosted with the Illinois Junior Angus Association. The show will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

I am also glad to introduce our new 2016 Junior Board of Directors: VP/Treasurer: Jack Henderson, Secretary: Grace Link, Show Chair: Sam Henderson, Vice Show Chair: Kole Lorentz, Fundraising: Bree Gaffney, Membership: Allison Hawthorne, Publicity: Kori Beisbier, Historian/Vice Fundraising: Paige Gaffney, Directors at Large: Evan Henning and Kolin Huth. We have a great group of directors for the 2016 year and we are excited to start



planning for this year's many events.

This year we are happy to have many new members; I encourage you to get involved and have fun, whether it is meeting new people at our meetings or in the show ring. There are many different opportunities available through our Wisconsin Junior Angus Association, whether it is the WJAA LEAD Conference, the Ambassador Program, or the Showmanship clinic; these experiences and the people you meet will be remembered throughout your adult life.

We do have a Facebook page; look on there for updates and meeting dates and times! We also have a group E-mail, wisconsinjuniorangus@gmail.com.

Our Wisconsin State Junior Show will be held June 4 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. It will be held in conjunction with the WLBA Spring Preview Show. I encourage everyone attend the junior meeting on Friday night; we will begin looking at signing up for contests and the theme ideas for the National Junior Angus Show which will be held July 3-9, in Grand Island, NB.

I look forward to a great year in the WJAA, and I encourage all the juniors to get involved and have fun! If you have any questions feel free to contact myself or any of the other junior board members. If you would like to join our association, contact our membership director Allison Hawthorne, she can be contacted at (608)-214-9608.

I anticipate a great year in the WJAA and look forward to seeing you at one of this year's events.

Sincerely,
Claire Hawthorne

Join the NJAA Media Crew

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) offers members the opportunity to experience communications, journalism, marketing and photography each year through Media Crew. Applications, due April 1, are now available online for NJAA members who have completed ninth grade and have an interest in learning about media reporting.

Attention Junior Steer Exhibitors

There will be a special Angus Steer Jackpot Class at State Fair.

For Details Contact

Paul Nuttelman

920.960.5856

pnuttelman@hotmail.com

Junior Angus Association Officers and Board Members



Bree Gaffney, Barneveld; Jack Henderson, East Troy, Vice President and Treasurer; Claire Hawthorne, Westby, President; Grace Link, Deerfield, Secretary. Back Row: Kori Beisbier, Reedsburg; Kolin Huth, Richland Center; Evan Henning, Janesville; Kole Lorentz, Woodville; and Allison Hawthorne, Westby. Not pictured, Derek Horstmeyer and Sam Henderson.

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From The American Angus Association

Changes In Bylaws

American Angus Association® members will now notice a change in voting eligibility following bylaw amendments passed at the American Angus Association 2015 Annual Convention of Delegates last November.

During that meeting, Association voting delegates passed three amendments to the bylaws that affect who can serve as an “eligible voting member” and the timing of the nomination period.

Eligible voting members are those who are able to nominate, be nominated, vote or be elected in the annual election of delegates. To be considered an eligible voting member and participate in the election process, individuals must meet all of the following requirements within the preceding 12 months from when the nomination period begins:

- Active regular or life membership
- 18 years of age or older
- Registered at least one animal or completed a minimum level of business

Kelli Retallick Joins Angus Genetics Inc

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up, she was involved in 4-H, FFA and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), which fueled her passion to remain within the livestock industry. Retallick served on the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) for two years.

“I’m excited to have Kelli join the Angus team,” says Dan Moser, AGI president. “She’s highly qualified, with graduate training in animal breeding, experience as a breed association staff member, and a lifelong connection to the Angus business. She’ll be an integral part of AGI’s efforts in education, service and innovation.”

Retallick joined the Angus team March 21, and her primary duties include assisting in coordinating genetic education and outreach programs tailored to Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers. In addition, Retallick will work closely with American Angus Association entities to enhance strategic development of predictable supply chains using the available technologies and networks.

Most recently, Retallick served as director of member programs for the American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) in Westminster, Colo. During her time with the AGA, she worked closely with AGA breed improvement staff to enhance member services and programs provided by the organization, and to provide information and outreach to members on Gelbvieh and Balancer® cattle.

Retallick earned her bachelor’s degree in animal science from the University

with the Association or Angus Genetics Inc. (the dollar amount specified by the Board of Directors is \$250, exclusive of membership fees, merchandise or other exclusions)

The nomination period for 2016 begins April 11; therefore, above criteria must be met by the end of the previous business day, Friday, April 8, to participate in the 2016 delegate process, according to Chris Stallo, vice president of operations.

To learn more, see “Association Bylaw Changes” on page 18 of the February issue of the Angus Journal, or contact Diane Strahm at the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or dstrahm@angus.org. To access the complete bylaws of the American Angus Association go to the Member Center at www.angus.org, including applicable sections 2.9 and 3.5 to 3.8.

The Annual Convention of Delegates will take place Monday, Nov. 7, during the National Angus Convention, Nov. 5-7, in Indianapolis, Ind.

of Wisconsin—Madison where she was involved in the college’s Saddle & Siroin Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau chapter.

Retallick went on to complete a master’s degree in animal breeding and genetics at Kansas State University. Her graduate research focused on monitoring feed efficiency of growing beef cattle, specifically the optimum test periods to capture gain and intake data.

“The Angus breed continues to be the breed to aspire to, and in the ever-changing beef industry, it has endless opportunities as a business organization,” Retallick says. “It’s something I’m excited to be a part of.”

About Angus Genetics Inc.

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), a subsidiary of the American Angus Association®, was established in 2007 to provide services to the beef industry that would assist in the genetic evaluation of traits of economic importance.

AGI develops and promotes technology for use by the beef industry, including DNA technology. AGI has developed genomic-enhanced EPDs for the Angus breed that are updated on a weekly basis. AGI also conducts research and develops and utilizes new science and technology to benefit all beef producers. AGI provides client specific genetic evaluation services to various breed organizations in the U.S. and Canada.

Learn more about AGI online at www.angus.org.

A Word From The Regional Manager

Dear Angus Breeder,

March Madness is upon us! This sports metaphor is also applicable for the Angus business. The craziness of March includes spring sale season, calving cows, breeding season, weaning fall calves and everything else that goes on the farm when preparing for spring.

The Angus breed continues growing stronger, and the latest figures from the American Angus Association are the proof. Registrations have continued to increase with February posting a staggering increase of more than 18% with 4,507 more animals registered versus February 2015. This is a clear sign that folks are increasing the cattle inventory to meet the needs of commercial cattlemen who continue to grow the cow herd. Year-to-date registrations are up nearly 5% versus the same time period last year.

If you’re a college-age junior member or the parent of one, the Angus Foundation is currently accepting applications for all of the Angus Foundation scholarships. There are many scholarships available, including some that are designated for specific states in our region. Applications for all Angus Foundation scholarships are available online at www.angusfoundation.org, and must be postmarked by May 1 and mailed to Milford Jenkins at the Angus Foundation.

I would like to also remind everyone again about the voting eligibility changes. See above article.

I would also like to welcome Jerry Cassidy to his new role as director of member services for the American Angus Association. Jerry began work on March 1 leading the team of member service representatives at the office in Saint Joseph, Mo., to continue growing the relevance for the organization’s programs and services. Read more about Jerry’s role in this newsletter

Does your farm or ranch have a web presence? Is your website responsive to mobile devices? Now is the perfect time to freshen up your digital presence by contacting the Angus Media team. Give Doneta Brown or Karri Mildenberger a call (816.383.5200) for more information on updating your website or creating one from scratch. Learn more about Angus Media’s web capabilities.

If there’s anything I can do for you in coming weeks, please let me know, and I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming Angus sales and events.

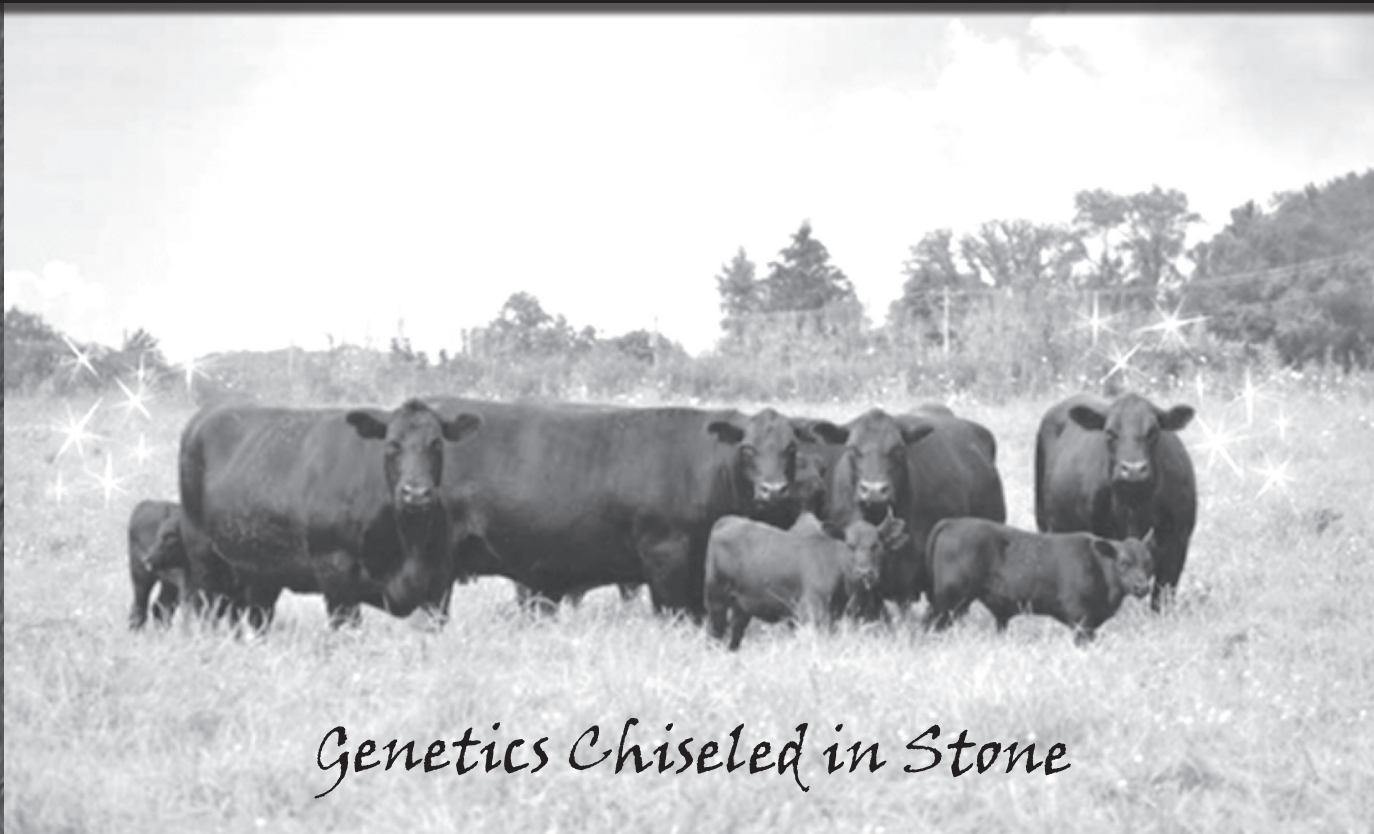
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Early Entry Deadline May 15. Entries accepted at the time of the show.

Contact: Keri Retallick, (608) 794-2256 or twokcattlekr@aol.com

WJAA Spring Preview Show

Saturday, June 4 - Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI
Heifers, Steers, Bred and Owned Bulls and Heifers, Cow/Calf Pairs
Entry Deadline: May 1

Information and Entry Forms: www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com

WAA State Show Show *

Sunday, June 5 - Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson
Bulls, Heifers, Cow/Calf Pairs, WI Angus Association Heifer Futurity Class

Information and Entries: www.wisconsinangus.org

National Junior Angus Show

July 3 - 9 - Grand Island, NB
Shows, Contests, Family Fun
Ownership/Entry Deadline NJAS: May 15, NJAS Contest Entry Deadline: May 15

Information and Entries: www.njas.info or call (816) 383.5100

Wisconsin State Fair *

August 4 - 14,
Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis, WI
Junior Show: August 9 - 11
Open Show: Saturday, August 13

Information and Entries: www.wistatefair.com/event_calendar/aug.html

World Beef Expo *

September 23 - 25
Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis, WI
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