



Cow Chips
May/June 2014

Make plans to attend an Angus weekend for entire family

The GAA will be hosting the 2014 Southern National Angus Show set for June 5-7 in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Angus enthusiasts are invited to take part in this year's event - "The Biggest Little Show in the South."

Check-in will take place on June 5, followed by a watermelon cutting at 5:00 p.m. All junior Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the GJAA Meeting and junior activities that evening.

The Southern National Junior Angus Show will be kicked-off on Friday, June 6 at 9:00 a.m. Juniors 9-21 years-old can compete in showmanship, bred-and-owned heifer, bred-and-owned bull, owned heifer, cow/calf pair and steer classes. A special Novice Showmanship contest will also be held. In addition, Georgia's two delegates to the 2014 National Junior Showmanship competition will be selected. The junior show will be judged by Jason Rowntree of East Lansing, Michigan.

Also on Friday, the GAA Board of Directors will hold a Board Meeting following the junior show.

The Auxiliary will be holding several contests for juniors and adults including photography, poster, and quiz bowl. Visit the GAA website for more information at www.georgiaangus.org. Winners will be announced

"THE BIGGEST LITTLE SHOW IN THE SOUTH"
 Georgia National Fairgrounds - Perry, GA
 Junior Judge: Jason Rowntree of East Lansing, MI
 Open Judge: Chris Cassidy of Tuscola, IL

Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 5, 2014

- 8 a.m. Begin Receiving Cattle
- 3 - 5 p.m. Cattle Check-in
- 5 p.m. Watermelon Cutting
- 6 p.m. GJAA Meeting & Activities
- 6 p.m. Auxiliary Contest Deadline

Friday, June 6, 2014

- 9 a.m. Junior Show & Silent Auction
 Cow/Calf Pairs, Bred-and-Owned Bulls,
 Steers, Bred-and-Owned Heifers, Owned
 Heifers, Showmanship

Saturday, June 7, 2014

- 9 a.m. Open Show & Silent Auction
 Cow/Calf Pairs, Heifers, Bulls, Supreme
 Champion, Get-of-Sire, Junior Get-of-Sire,
 Breeder Six Head
- 11 a.m. Silent Auction Closes

before showmanship on Friday, June 6. The Auxiliary will also be providing refreshments during the junior show on Friday.



On Saturday, June 7, open entries will compete in the Southern National Angus Open Show beginning at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors will exhibit entries in the female show, bull show, cow/calf classes and group classes. In addition, a supreme champion will be named. The open show will be judged by Chris Cassidy of Tuscola, Illinois.

A silent auction will be held during the 2-day event to help raise funds that will offset show expenses. Please plan to bring an item for the auction and to bid on the many wonderful items that will be available.

The Southern National Angus Show Committee, led by Holly Alford, Larry Bramblett, Carolyn Gazda, Smitty Lamb, Harvey Lemmon, John Lovin, Andrew McPeake and Christy Page, are expecting more than 100 head of Angus cattle from across the southeast to exhibit at this year's event. Show and sponsor information is available online at www.georgiaangus.org. Entry and sponsorship deadline is May 20. The committee is seeking award sponsors. Please contact Christy Page at 770-307-7178 or info@georgiaangus.org if you would like to sponsor an award or have questions about the show.





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Letter from your President

Dear Friends and Fellow Angus Breeders -



Greetings to each of you! This is a busy time of year for many of us. Most folks are done weaning fall calves and trying to wrap up breeding on those spring calves. With ample soil moisture across the state and warmer temperatures, I hope everyone has grass, or at least some on the way.

Thank you and congratulations to all committee members, volunteers, consignors and buyers from our spring Southeastern Angus Showcase Sale that was held in Perry. I want to say a special thank you to our Beef Expo committee chairs Mike McCravy and Phil Page for all of their work on the sale.

As our spring sale season winds down, I think it is safe to say that demand for Angus genetics has never been greater. Sales across our great state have been extremely strong this spring, and that speaks volumes about the quality of cattle produced by our membership.

Let me encourage each of you to attend the Southern National Angus Show held June 5-7 in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter. The committee is working hard to put on a quality event. Each of you can help support the show by either financial sponsorship or volunteering your time at the show. We are also seeking items for the silent auction that has grown to be a major source of money to offset costs involved with sponsoring a show of this magnitude. The Southern National also gives us a chance to socialize with one another, so I hope you all will come out and support the show.

I want to wish our Georgia juniors good luck and safe travels as they hit the road this summer. Many of them will compete at Southern Nationals, Eastern Regionals and the National Junior Angus Show. They always do us proud!

I would be remiss not to mention that the American Angus Association has undergone some personnel changes in Saint Joseph and in many other areas of the country. I ask that we all remember those affected by these changes in our thoughts and prayers as they transition into the next phase of their careers. Their service and dedication to our breed and to us will not be forgotten.

I hope to see you all in Perry!

Best regards,

Smitty Lamb

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Advertising Deadline: June 20, 2014
Submit all ads to info@georgiaangus.org

Angus makes new appointments

The American Angus Association® has named Chris Stallo its vice president of operations; Jaclyn Upperman as the breed organization's new director of events and education; and Ashley Mitchell as the breed organization's new assistant director of events and education.. They will all assist the organization's 90-plus employees with daily operations at the Association's headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., and work to provide opportunities and service to the Association's more than 25,000 members across the United States and Canada.

"Every day in our business, it's a member-first mentality," Stallo says. "I look forward to working with our employees to carry on our long-held tradition of superior member service, and helping the Association become more efficient and valuable to those who rely on Angus cattle."

A 14-year veteran of the Association's information systems department, Stallo has well served the breed through creative programming solutions through AAA Login, the Association website and the Angus Mobile smartphone app. His talents have helped lead the way for the technical infrastructure necessary for the weekly release of the National Cattle Evaluation (NCE), among many other critical projects.

"Because of his extensive experience with the Association's systems and programs, Chris is a tremendous asset to our team and our membership," says Bryce Schumann, Association chief executive officer. "He is a positive leader for our Association and always has a friendly smile and a keen eye for efficiency."

"For a kid who grew up in the Angus community, my role with the Association is the definition of the perfect career," Upperman says. "I am beyond thrilled to serve our members by bringing them top-notch events, valuable educational programs and so much more."

A Pennsylvania native, Upperman was an active member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and was a representative on the NJAA Board of Directors from 2009 to 2011. She joined the American Angus Association in July 2013 as the director of junior activities.

"During her past year of service to the junior program, Jaclyn has shown great dedication and commitment to our breed and its entire membership," says Bryce Schumann, Association chief executive officer. "She is well equipped to bring fresh ideas and energy to both the youth and adult programs."

"I'm grateful for the chance to be part of the Angus breed and its tremendous impact on the beef industry," Mitchell says. "I've really enjoyed working with members during my time here, and look forward to expanding that role and helping others gain insights through our events."

A 2007 graduate of the University of Missouri, Mitchell holds a bachelor's degree in agribusiness management and a minor in international agriculture. She began her career with the American Angus Association's activities and events department in

October 2013. The new role is a promotion for Mitchell, who has been involved in many aspects of Association-related programs during her time with the organization.

"Ashley has taken great initiative in organizing and planning event details for the Association's membership," says Bryce Schumann, Association chief executive officer. "We look forward to seeing her grow in her abilities and helping to advance the breed in the future."

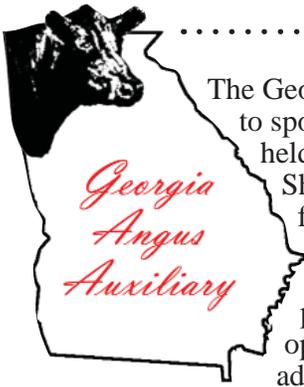
Obituary

- Cheryl Lynn Barnes Moseley , 55, passed away Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at her residence in Blakely. Cheryl was born in Tifton, Ga. September 29, 1958 to Harold Henry Barnes and Lucille Stones Barnes of Tifton. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was employed as a Loan Administrator for Southwest Georgia Farm Credit in Bainbridge, Ga. Other than her parents listed above, she is survived by her husband John Fulton Moseley Jr. of Blakely; 2 daughters: Amanda Dobbins and Fiance' Clay Willis of Blakely and Mahannah Patterson and husband Mitchell of Perry, Ga. 3 sons: John F. Moseley III and wife Haley, William Matthew Moseley and wife Laura, Joseph Dalton Moseley and wife Korie all of Blakely. Sister: Debora Barnes Hall and husband Carl of Tifton, Ga. and by a brother Harold Rickey Barnes and wife Mary Shann of Gainesville, Ga. and 6 Grandchildren: J. B. and Anna Lee Patterson, Dallas, Ryleigh Hayes, Bryce and Dalton Moseley.

Porter named GCA President



Congratulations to GAA member Melvin Porter, Jefferson, for recently being elected as President of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association! Melvin is pictured with his family during the GCA Convention & Trade Show. Pictured from left includes Hutch and Allison Porter; Melvin and Donna Porter; and Allison and Justin Seibert.



The Georgia Angus Auxiliary is pleased to sponsor several contests that will be held at the Southern National Angus Show June 5-7. There is something for everyone! You can try your hand at photography, write an essay, or design an awesome poster board! All contests are open to junior members and the adults can even participate in the photography contest! Make sure

that you get your **entry forms turned into me by the May 20th deadline.** Forms and more information can be found at www.georgiaangus.org. All items need to be turned into to me onsite at the show by 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 5. Please contact me if you have any questions at spanter27@yahoo.com or 678-776-8651. The winners will be announced prior to the showmanship

competition on Friday, June 6.

The Auxiliary will also be hosting a reception during the junior show on Friday, June 6 for everyone in attendance.

I can't wait to see everyone at the Southern National in June!

See you soon,

Shelley Panter, Vice President



Shelley Panter



GAA Board Minutes

The GAA board of directors held a board meeting on April 3, 2014 in Perry, Ga., during the Georgia Cattlemen's Convention & Trade Show.

The GAA Board of Directors reported on various committees. First, the Beef Expo Committee reported there were 45 lots for the sale that would take place the following day. They addressed the committee's concern on obtaining enough head each year to assist in keeping cost down for the consignors.

The Junior Activities committee reported the juniors would be busy this summer attending the Eastern Regional, National Junior Angus Show. LEAD Conference and much more!

The Resource Committee was still searching to sell ads for the GAA Membership Directory. This serves as the primary fundraising for the organization. Ad deadline is April 15.

The Southern National Committee reported that this year's show was set for June 5-7 in Perry. The junior judge is Jason Rowntree of East Lansing, Michigan, and the open show judge is Chris Cassidy of Tuscola, Illinois. The committee is looking to secure sponsorships for awards and donations for the silent auction including semen, equipment, gifts, etc.

The board voted to provide a hole sponsorship for the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

The next meeting was set for June 6, 2014 during the Southern National.

Sale Report

- Ogeechee Farms/CAM Ranches - 85 Lots Grossed \$521,150 and Average \$6,131
- Rocking W Angus/Hillside Angus Farm - 59 Lots Grossed \$297,800 and Averaged \$5,047
- Bridges Angus - 49 Lots Grossed \$297,800 and Averaged \$5,047
- Briction Farm - 79 Lots Grossed \$553,850 and Averaged \$7,912
- Friendship Farms - 56 Lots Grossed \$421,550.00 and Averaged \$7,527
- Southeastern Angus Showcase Sale - 45 Lots Grossed \$126,150 and Averaged \$2,803
- Partners in Progress - 43 Lots Grossed \$227,550 and Averaged \$5,291

*Watch for the new
GAA Membership Directory
coming this summer!*

*First copies will be available at the
Southern National Angus Show
and then mailed to GAA members in June.*

Marbling, maternal cows work

By Miranda Reiman

It may be easier to explain away why you don't have marbling in the herd than it is to get it. Some say that's the origin of the popular "urban legend" in the Angus breed: high marbling potential is for "terminal" cattle, because they don't make good mamas. You can't have both in the same herd.

"People have created this theory mainly because they haven't ever selected for carcass traits, so they try to characterize their herd as 'maternal,'" says Bill Bowman, former operations and genetics executive at the American Angus Association.

A new research paper, "Selection for Marbling and the Impact on Maternal Traits," by Virginia Tech Extension animal scientist Scott Greiner and graduate student Jason Smith, explores the topic.

"Marbling has a very small, if not insignificant relationship, with most of the traits that we associate with cowherd productivity," Greiner says. "You can have terminal traits and maternal traits, and they can coexist."

The first step to building a productive cow is to get her bred and bred early. Scrotal circumference is considered an indicator of fertility, both in bulls and their daughters.

"Early on, there were a couple of fairly high marbling bulls that also happened to be low scrotal circumference bulls, and automatically there was this association that marbling and scrotal circumference had this big negative relationship," Bowman says, "but that is not the case."

Both small-scale studies and actual analysis of the expected progeny differences (EPDs) for marbling and scrotal circumference found no association between the two traits.

"In the Angus breed we don't have a 'females reaching puberty' problem at all," Bowman says, but the paper also confirms that a marbling focus will not impact age of puberty.

"Age at first calving" is often used to determine if a female will get pregnant during a normal breeding season and studies show differing results. One indicated no relationship and another said an increase in a full unit of marbling would extend age at first calving by 10 days. The practical application of the latter leaves little need for concern.

"A breeder that makes a 0.25 unit improvement in marbling EPD would be expected to increase age at first calving by less than three days," the authors state. There is no correlation between marbling and heifer pregnancy in the Angus database.

"Angus sires are highly sought after amongst commercial producers due to their ability to excel at calving ease while they maintain or improve carcass traits when compared to a number of other breeds and their composites," the paper says.

The research is limited, but what there is highlights possible positive impacts, such as increased marbling in tandem with calf survival, lower birth weight and better

calving ease.

The Association's data shows there is a positive correlation between marbling and maternal milk EPDs at .22.

"This is always important, whether you're selecting for marbling or not: keep milk production at a level that's appropriate for your environment and your management," Greiner says.

The paper notes, "Opportunity currently exists within the Angus sire population to select for marbling while divergently selecting for maternal milk." The scientists found no evidence of increased calving interval or reduced stayability among high-marbling populations.

Seedstock producer Lee Leachman, Wellington, Colo., says, "We calculate a calving interval EPD and it is not correlated to marbling in our database." He also wondered about the impact of popularity in AI sire selection, since that is bound to be "influenced by the trends and fads of the day. The use of outlier, high dollar-beef (\$B) bulls has become less popular because of the perception that those cattle might be less functional."

Indeed, Bowman says the average marbling EPD of the 25 top-use AI sires had dropped. But the recent white paper showed all of the trait correlations maintained the same trends when high-use and high-accuracy bulls were compared to the Table 1 data for all Angus sires.

Research on mature cow size and efficiency is less clear. High-marbling cows may tend to be larger and slightly less efficient. The cow energy dollar-value index (\$EN) has a minor negative correlation with marbling at -.23, but the marbling EPD is positively correlated with residual average daily gain (RADG) and the weaned calf (\$W) index, "suggesting a favorable relationship between marbling potential and both pre-weaning value and post-weaning gain efficiency," the paper says.

Using EPDs and indexes to match cattle to environment is key. "The tools are there; you just have to use them," Bowman says. "The mature size-type components are totally underused."

Greiner says it's important to note that environment is at work, too. Breeding for maternal traits takes much longer to see marked improvements since they're lowly heritable, he says.

"Take a trait like fertility...we do know there is a genetic component, unquestionably," Greiner says. "It's just that the environmental factors override it so much that genetic selection becomes more difficult for the simple fact that identifying differences becomes more difficult."



Scott Greiner

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NOTE: Please list name and/or farm name as you would like it to appear in the show program.

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Thank you for your support of the Southern National Angus Show!

The Junior Corner - News from the Georgia Junior Angus Association

Dear Junior Angus Members:

As the school year winds down and we approach summer, think about the ways you can become involved in the Georgia Junior Angus Association. A GJAA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5 at 6 p.m. during the Southern National Angus Shows in Perry. Officer elections will be conducted, as well as sign up for the NJAS contests. There will also be a scavenger hunt with prizes to be awarded. Join us for an evening of fun!

It is not too late to pay your dues or to get other juniors involved in the GJAA! Visit the website www.georgiaangus.org/juniors for a membership form and details.

You can also visit the website to find information on the new awards: Outstanding Member and GJAA Herdsman. Award applications are accepted at the end of the year with the awards being presented at the GAA Annual Banquet in January.

Junior Angus members that are graduating seniors are eligible for the GJAA scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships are traditionally awarded one to a girl and one to a boy. Interested applicants should obtain a form at www.georgiaangus.org/juniors and return to GJAA leader Jan Scott by May 20th. Scholarship recipients must be current GJAA members and are for this year's graduating high school seniors.

Whether you attend the National Junior Angus Show or not, there are so many contests that juniors can participate in. Please note there are many deadlines. All info can be found at www.njas.info

Thursday, May 15:

- Ownership and entry deadline for the 2014 NJAS. Requirements and rules can be found online.
- NJAA writing, photography, creative writing and graphic design entries due.
- Entry and recipe deadline for the American Angus Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off.

Sunday, May 25:

- Deadline to submit NJAA career development contest resumes and public speaking contest speech outlines. Complete contest information is also available online.

NJAA Bronze and Silver award information and applications are available at www.angus.org/NJAA/Awards.aspx. The National Junior Recognition Program provides an opportunity for young Angus breeders to become nationally recognized for continued achievement. This program is based on activities over a Junior member's entire career. There are three levels of recognition; Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Bronze and Silver Awards can be earned at any age. The Gold Award, however, will be given only during the last year of eligibility as a junior member. Winners of the various levels receive a specially designed pin, cast in the metal of the respective award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold). Do not wait until the last minute to fill these out; these take time to do, plan ahead. When filling out those college and scholarship applications and there is a section that indicates what awards you have received, here is your chance to earn awards.

Please contact me if you have any questions at 706-302-2546 or throneja@hotmail.com. I hope to see you next month in Perry!

Sincerely,

Julie Throne
GJAA Advisor



GJAA Members to Get Involved!

Ways to Get Involved:

- GJAA Meeting & Scavenger Hunt
- Serve as a GJAA Officer or Director
- Participate at the Southern National and with the Auxiliary Contests
 - Attend Eastern Regional
- Attend National Junior Angus Show and Participate in Contests
 - Attend LEAD Conference
- Get other juniors involved in GJAA and sign them up as a new member

*Congratulations to all of our
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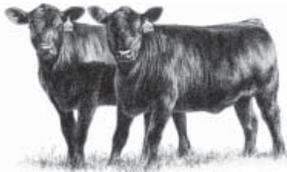
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Calendar of Events

May 2014

20 Southern Nat'l Angus Show & Contests
Entry Deadline

June 2014

5-7 Southern Nat'l Angus Show - Perry, GA
13-15 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show – Raleigh,
NC
20-22 All-American Breeder's Futurity Jr & Open
Shows – Louisville, KY

July 2014

7-12 National Jr. Angus Show – Indianapolis, IN
10-12 Georgia Jr. Beef Futurity - Perry, GA
31-8/3 LEAD Conference – Philadelphia, PA



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