



*Cow Chips*  
*May/June 2012*

## Make plans to attend Angus weekend for entire family

The GAA will be hosting the 2012 Southern National Angus Show set for June 7-9 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 7, followed by a watermelon cutting at 5:00 p.m. All junior Angus enthusiasts are invited to attend the GJAA Pizza Party beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Southern National Junior Angus Show will be kicked-off on Friday, June 8 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 Pee Wee Showmanship contest will also be held. In addition, Georgia's two delegates to the 2012 National Junior Showmanship competition will be selected. The junior show will be judged by Bruce Stertzbach from Louisville, Ohio.

Also on Friday, the GAA Board of Directors will hold a Board Meeting following the junior show. The Georgia Angus Auxiliary will hold a Reception at 5:00 p.m. open to everyone and then their annual meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Roquemore Building at the fairgrounds. All ladies are invited to attend the annual meeting.

The Auxiliary will be holding several contests for juniors and adults including photography, poster, graphic design, T-shirt design and quiz bowl. Visit the GAA website for more information at [www.georgiaangus.org](http://www.georgiaangus.org).

### "THE BIGGEST LITTLE SHOW IN THE SOUTH"

Georgia National Fairgrounds - Perry, GA  
 Junior Judge: Bruce Stertzbach, Louisville, OH  
 Open Judge: John McCurry, Burton, KS

#### Schedule of Events

##### Thursday, June 7, 2012

8 a.m. Begin Receiving Cattle  
 3 - 5 p.m. Cattle Check-in  
 5 p.m. Watermelon Cutting  
 6:00 p.m. GJAA Meeting & Pizza Party  
 7 p.m. Auxiliary Contest Deadline

##### Friday, June 8, 2012

9 a.m. Junior Show & Silent Auction  
 Cow/Calf Pairs, Bred-and-Owned Bulls, Steers, Bred-and-Owned Heifers, Owned Heifers, Showmanship  
 5 p.m. Georgia Angus Auxiliary Reception  
 6 p.m. Georgia Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting

##### Saturday, June 9, 2012

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



Winners will be announced during the Auxiliary Reception.

On Saturday, June 9, 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 John McCurry of Burton, Kansas.

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 Larry Bramblett, Smitty Lamb, Harvey Lemmon, 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](http://www.georgiaangus.org). Entry and sponsorship deadline is May 18. The committee is seeking award sponsors. Please contact Christy Page at 770-307-7178 or [info@georgiaangus.org](mailto:info@georgiaangus.org) if you would like to sponsor an award or have questions about the show.

## Tifton PT Bull Test High Indexing Angus Bull



Melvin Porter, Meldon Farm, Jefferson, Ga., consigned the high indexing Angus bull to the 2012 Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale, March 7 in Irwinville, Ga. The bull is a January 2011 son of SydGen Mandate 6079. He posted an average daily gain of 4.78 pounds. Pictured from left includes Melvin Porter; Hutch Porter; and Steve Blackburn, Georgia Cattlemen's Association president, presenting the award.



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## Letter from your President

### Greetings!



I write this as we are starting to get some much needed rain in parts of the state. April was extremely dry here as well as over other parts of the state I have been in. Maybe we will start getting some of the showers that we need.

On the brighter side, the spring sales have been extremely good. There is strong demand for the quality cattle that Angus can provide. We should be proud of this and keep working to make our herds better.

Over the next month or two, there are several opportunities to get out and support your association. The first coming up in just a few weeks - the Southern National Angus Shows. This event is always very strong and it is always a fun filled weekend. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship with other producers and view some good Angus cattle. Also don't forget that there are several opportunities to support your association. These events do not just happen, it takes the support of people behind the scenes to make it work. So whether you bring an item for the silent auction or bid on one, you can help the board in this endeavor. Also there are sponsorships of the various classes and champions that you can help with, just give Christy a call if you would like to help in some way. A big thank you to the Southern National Committee for bringing this all together.

Also congratulations to Phil and Christy Page on their recent addition to their family! This newsletter may be a little later than usual as she has been kind of busy the last week or two. Thanks for all that you do for Georgia Angus Christy!

*Mike McCravy*

## Sale Report

- Ogeechee Farms/CAM Ranches - 97 Lots Grossed \$406,850 and Averaged \$4,194
- Maternal Matrons Sale - 54 Lots Grossed \$135,300 and Averaged \$2,505
- Kensington Dispersal Sale - 300 Lots Grossed \$1,302,835 and Averaged \$4,342
- Bricton Farms Female Sale - 70 Lots Grossed \$293,400 and Averaged \$4,191
- Southeastern Angus Showcase Sale - 46 Lots Grossed \$112,675 and Averaged \$2,449
- Smith Angus Farm - 53 Lots Grossed \$187,650 and Averaged \$3,540
- Tifton PT Bull Sale - 51 Bulls Grossed \$163,800 and Averaged \$3,211

### Do you want to advertise in the GAA Cow Chips?

Advertising space is available in the July/August Cow Chips:

#### Advertising Rates:

Full Page - \$100   1/2 Page - \$75   1/4 Page - \$50   Business Card - \$25

**NEW: Classified Ads Free for GAA and GJAA Members. Send 25 words or less and contact information**

**Advertising Deadline: June 20, 2012**  
Submit all ads to info@georgiaangus.org

# GAA Board Minutes

The GAA board of directors met Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Georgia Beef Expo in Perry, Ga.  
The following highlights the information that was discussed.

**Angus Auxiliary** - The Auxiliary is planning to hold a Reception and their Annual Meeting during the Southern National Angus Show on June 8. This year, the events will be held in the Roquemore Building. The Auxiliary will be offering several contests at the Southern National for juniors and adults.

**Beef Expo** - The committee reported there were 51 live lots for this year's sale and they were expecting it to be a great sale.

**Fall Sale** - The GAA Board decided not to hold a Fall Sale in 2012 and to continue focusing efforts on the Beef Expo Southeastern Angus Showcase Sale.

**Junior Activities** - The committee reported that several juniors attended the NJAA Raising the Bar Conference. The GJAA will be gearing up for summer shows and activities. There will be a Pizza Party and Meeting during the Southern National on June 7. Two new families have been appointed as junior advisors - Julie and Chris Throne and Doug and Tammy Williams. Thank you to David and Carolyn Gazda who have served as advisors for numerous years.

**Membership/Angus Promotions** - The GAA Board is working to attend various Angus sales and activities across the state this spring. The committee will soon be looking for an Angus breeder to display cattle at the Sunbelt Ag Expo and we will exhibit an Angus booth there.

**Resources** - The committee is still selling ads for the GAA Membership Directory. The ad deadline is April 16.

**Southern National Angus Shows** - This year's show will be held

June 7-9, 2012. The junior show judge will be Bruce Stertzbach of Louisville, Ohio, and the open show judge will be John McCurry of Burton, Kansas. Kyle Conley was asked to come back and judge the open show but he had a conflict this year. The committee is seeking sponsors for the show along with donations for the silent auction.

**State 4-H/FFA Livestock Shows** - The GAA sponsored the Registered Angus Steer Show and had nearly 10 participants. Additional premiums were paid out to all Registered Angus Champions by the GAA.

**Banquet** - The GAA Board agreed to hold the annual meeting and banquet January 26, 2013 in Athens, Ga.

In New Business, the GAA Board voted to sponsor the GJCA Industry Beef Scholarship Challenge and the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

## *A Message from your Executive Secretary*

Thank you to all of our Angus family for your cards, calls, messages, and well wishes on the recent arrival of our son Carson. We have been blessed with this beautiful child from God! We look forward to you all meeting him soon!



*Christy Page*

To submit information for upcoming issues of *Cow Chips*, please e-mail information to [info@georgiaangus.org](mailto:info@georgiaangus.org)



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.

## GAA Classified Ads

### **WANTED:**

Wally Cloud, Cloud Brothers, is looking for a small no till seeder. Please call Wally at 770-605-5220.

### Guidelines

- Ads are limited to 25 words or less. The word limit includes your name, address, phone numbers and email address if you choose to include them.
- Provide a listing category - For Sale or Wanted
- E-mail to [info@georgiaangus.org](mailto:info@georgiaangus.org)
- If you are selling something, you need to own the actual listing. It must be an actual item or animal and should be agriculturally related.
- Free to Georgia Angus Association, Georgia Junior Angus Association, and Georgia Angus Auxiliary members.
- Ads will only run for one issue. If you wish to repeat an ad, you must contact me prior to each issue.
- Next ad deadline: June 20



It's amazing how fast the year is going by and that it's time to think about the Southern National Angus Show. The Auxiliary will once again host a reception and conduct our annual meeting in conjunction with the show, and I hope everyone is planning to attend.

The reception will be Friday evening, June 8, at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to join us for a time of good food and fellowship. We'll need people to help with set up, food preparation and clean up so please let me or Holly Alford know if you'd like to volunteer.

The Auxiliary will conduct our annual meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the 8th and one topic on the agenda will be the election of officers. Our Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for consideration, and nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Please refer to our By-Laws, which can be found

on the Auxiliary website, for qualifications to hold an office. I'm excited to announce the reception and meeting will be held this year in the Roquemore Building, and I'd like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Georgia Angus Association for covering the cost of the facilities!!

The Auxiliary will host a variety of contests during the weekend and information was included with the Southern National show entry forms. We're bringing back the photo and poster contests and have added an adult age group, along with an enhanced category. Additionally, we're offering a graphic design,

written quiz bowl and T-shirt design contests. Entry forms are due to Melissa Miller by Friday, May 18, 2012. The actual posters, photos and designs must be turned into Melissa in the show ring at Southern Nationals by 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2012. The complete rules and entry forms can be found on the Georgia Angus website. Please note the deadline to turn in items at the show is Thursday, June 7 and not the 8th as indicated on the website. Winners will be announced during the reception on Friday.

I hope to see all of you at Southern Nationals and encourage you to participate in the Auxiliary sponsored events during the weekend!

God Bless,

*Tanya Eidson*



Tanya Eidson, President

You and your family are cordially invited to attend a Georgia Angus Auxiliary reception in the Roquemore Building At 5:00 PM, Friday, June 8, 2012 in conjunction with the Southern National Angus Show Contest award winners will be recognized at the reception.



The Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary will begin at 6:30 PM in the Roquemore Building. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

For questions or to RSVP, please contact Tanya Eidson: teidson@windstream.net

Headquarters Hotel: Ramada Inn (formerly Holiday Inn) 478/987-3313 • Ask for GAA Block Rate \$62.99

*Watch for the Georgia Angus Auxiliary Cookbook coming this summer!*

## *Congratulations*

- Phil and Christy Page, Jefferson, on the birth of their son Carson Philip Page born on May 2, 2012 at 6:11 p.m. Carson weighed 9 lbs and 15 oz. and was 20.25 inches long. Proud big sister is Savannah.
- Drew and Ruth Wilson who were united in marriage on March 17, 2012.
- Phillip and Leigh Anne Bridges, Lexington, on the birth of their second child. Wyatt Durham Bridges was born February 27 at 11:35 a.m. He weighed 5 lbs. and 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. Proud big sister is Callie.

# Angus Juniors Raise the Bar in Columbus

When it comes to leadership, it's important to keep raising the bar. That expectation is what Angus youth learned while attending the 2012 Raising the Bar conference in Columbus, Ohio. National Junior Angus Association members met March 30 - April 1 to participate in the premier leadership-training event.

"The Raising the Bar conferences give our junior members the opportunity to expand their horizons and truly 'raise the bar' on what they can accomplish," says Robin Ruff, American Angus Association® director of junior activities.

Throughout the weekend, 23 Angus junior leaders, officers and advisors from eight state junior Angus associations participated in activities geared toward building stronger leaders, and developing friendships. They toured the Ohio State University and area Angus operations, heard from motivational speakers, participated in industry-related workshops – and made time for fun activities, including an evening at the Sky Zone indoor trampoline park.

"One of the best things a junior can gain from this experience is new friendships," Ruff says. "Together, they can learn, grow and prepare for a promising future in the Angus industry."

At the Ohio State University campus, participants toured the meat lab and animal science building, and visited with animal science professor Dr. Henry Zerby. He gave an overview of meat science and led a hands-on activity for juniors to create their own ground beef, then add spices and cook the beef.

The Angus juniors also visited Select Sires in Plain

City, Ohio, where they were given a behind-the-scenes look at the operation, its history and the opportunities Select Sires brings to the Angus industry. Juniors also viewed eight elite Select Sires bulls, including G A R Predestined.

Raising the Bar participants toured Maplecrest Farms of Hillsboro, Ohio, as well. There, juniors learned about production and donor practices, return on investments, showmanship and how to remain involved in the industry.

Keynote speakers encouraged juniors to be aware of challenges in the industry and prepared to make a difference. Steve Moeller, Ohio State University, spoke on the issue of animal rights versus animal welfare. He discussed the current struggles agriculture organizations are facing, and how junior members can inform and educate the public about what goes on in America's farms and ranches.

Marlene Eick, a leadership facilitator, explained the importance of leaving a legacy and what it means to have a positive leadership influence. And the NJAA Board of Directors presented workshops on the role of the American Angus Association, Certified Angus Beef LLC and selecting for expected progeny differences.

About Raising the Bar

Now in its fifth year, the Raising the Bar conference continues to foster the development of Angus youth by hosting events in four regions across the country. The NJAA, with sponsorship from the Angus Foundation, has conducted Raising the Bar conferences in cities such as Nashville, Tenn.; Ames, Iowa; and Stillwater, Okla.



Angus youth from eight states gathered at the 2012 National Junior Angus Association Raising the Bar Officer Training, March 30 - April 1 in Columbus, Ohio. Twenty-three officers and advisors from state junior Angus associations participated in the course, geared toward building stronger leaders while forming important regional relationships. Pictured seated from left are Shane Clary, Brodnax, Va.; Katherine Hopkins, Royalton, N.Y.; Emily Bannister, Kent, N.Y.; Morgan Wagner, Lockport, N.Y.; Drew Williams, Milan, Ga.; and Anna Scott, Douglas, Ga. Standing from left are Mark Alexander, Berryville, Va.; Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; Morgan Alexander and Catie Hope, both of Berryville, Va.; Connor Orrock, Woodford, Va.; Taylor Clarke, Rocky Ridge, Md.; Michaela Clowser, Milford, Neb.; Katherine Throne, Lexington, Ga.; Caroline Miller, Lindsey, Ohio; Cody Boden, Clear Brook, Va.; JanLee Rowlett, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; Jessica Clarke, Rocky Ridge, Md.; and Sally Yon, Ridge Spring, S.C. Photo by Robin Ruff, American Angus Association.

## GJAA Pizza Party & Meeting

All juniors are invited to attend the GJAA Pizza Party and Junior Meeting on Thursday, June 7 during the Southern National Angus Shows in Perry. The party will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Georgia National Fairgrounds.

## GJAA to Elect New Officers

Officer elections will be held at the Southern National Angus Show on June 7. Please let Julie Throne know if you are interested in running for one of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board members.

## GJAA Scholarship

Any member that is graduating from high school this spring interested in applying for the Junior Angus Association Scholarship needs to contact Julie Throne for an application. The Scholarship Deadline is May 31.

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## Drew Williams Earns Junior Bronze and Silver Awards

Drew Williams, Milan, Ga., has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Robin Ruff, junior activities director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The 15-year-old son of Doug and Tammy Williams is a member of the NJAA and Georgia Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Williams participated in the All American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) Cook-Off, quiz bowl, creative writing, team fitting, team sales and livestock judging contests. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2008. In 2012 he participated in the Raising the Bar Conference and consigned cattle to the Turnpike Creek Sale.

He has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®).

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program that began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards, then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors. Applicants are evaluated in areas of junior Angus association activities and leadership, participation in showmanship, contests and shows, using performance testing to improve their herd and their progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

## Contest at Southern National

- Photography Contest: Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Adult Divisions
  - Poster Contest: Novice, Junior Division
  - Graphic Design Contest: Intermediate and Senior Divisions
  - T-Shirt Design Contest for National Junior Angus Show T-Shirts: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions will be combined to have one winner as we can only have one T-shirt for junior nationals.
  - Quiz Bowl Written Exam: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions (This will be an individual competition which will be used to determine the members that will represent Georgia on the National Junior Angus Association Quiz Bowl teams.)
- Entry Deadline - May 18. Visit [www.georgiaangus.org](http://www.georgiaangus.org) for more information. Contact Melissa Miller at [millerm@uga.edu](mailto:millerm@uga.edu)

## NJAS Junior Contests

All members wanting to participate in the CAB Cook-Off contest please contact Julie Throne by May 20. We would like to know who is planning to participate, which age division and which category you are interested in case there are duplicate teams, which is not allowed. There also may be individuals who want to participate and we need to put them on a team.

**Team Sales Contests:** We need individuals wanting to participate on the sales contests to notify us by June 1, so that we may fill out a team prior to the event and prepared the materials.

**Team Fitting Contest:** Please notify Julie Throne prior to the Southern National Shows so that we may work on putting a team together and may practice.

**Quiz Bowl:** We would like to fill out each age category and supply study materials to those that would like to participate, please notify us.

Check the NJAS website for information regarding the following contests:

- Photography entry deadline June 1
- Career Development Contest entry deadline June 10
- Graphic Design Contest entry deadline June 1
- Writing Contest entry deadline June 1
- Public Speaking entry deadline June 10, check the topics
- Extemporaneous Speaking at contest sign-up
- Team Sales contests, at sign-up
- Video Competition entry deadline June 1

**Contact Julie Throne at [throneja@hotmail.com](mailto:throneja@hotmail.com)**

# Angus Goes Mobile

***The free, smartphone app helps producers stay connected with news and data.***

Managing an Angus herd – yeah, there’s an app for that. The American Angus Association® recently launched a smartphone application, Angus Mobile, for iPhone, iPad and Android devices. As recordkeeping becomes increasingly online based, this app allows users to update herd data no matter where they are on their farm or ranch.

“A producer needs to know a lot more information about their calf when it hits the ground compared to ten years ago,” says Lou Ann Adams, the Association’s information systems director. “That’s why we created the app, to help producers make the right decisions for their herd, and to keep their information organized and easily accessible.”

Since its debut, the Angus Mobile app has had more than 500 downloads. The easy-to-navigate format gives users a way to quickly search for cowherd data, news updates and more. Currently, the iPhone version contains the most up-to-date features, and the Android will soon have all similar functions.

The Angus Mobile MyHerd option is particularly useful for producers, because it grants access into AAA Login, which is the Association’s online record-keeping system. Through MyHerd, users can record calves as they are born and submit information, through their phone, while still standing in the pasture.

“This type of new technology is changing the way we as Angus breeders manage our herds,” says Bryce Schumann, chief executive officer of the Association. “It is remarkable to think about how things have changed in just a few short years.”

The Angus Mobile app is not only for producers, several other functions appeal to anyone interested in Angus cattle. Download the app, and gain access to the latest news, sale reports, show results and much more. More features will continue to be added, but now users can:

- search for any registered Angus animal or member;
- view current news releases;
- browse sale books and sale reports
- show results and photos;
- watch the latest Angus TV videos;
- view upcoming Angus events;
- use date calculators for gestation and performance measurements, such as weaning and ultrasound;
- browse National Cattle Evaluation Information; and

- view EPD/\$Value Percentiles, breed-average EPDs.

## Download the iPhone app

Visit the iTunes store or App Store when using an iPhone, iPod or iPad. A quick search for Angus will result in the application link. Click on install, and the icon will appear on the device’s screen or desktop.

The Angus Mobile app is compatible with the iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, iPhone 4S, iPod touch (third generation and fourth generation), and iPad. It requires iOS 5.0 or later, which can also be downloaded through iTunes and installed by connecting the iPhone to a computer.

## Download the Android app

Visit the Android marketplace on the device’s home screen. Search for Angus and the application should appear. The Angus Mobile Android app was developed before the iPhone app, so a few functions may vary. However, an update is planned for later this spring.

## Angus Producers “Come Home to Kansas” this Fall

American Angus Association® members and supporters have a chance to “Come Home to Kansas” during the 2012 National Angus Conference & Tour (NAC&T). Held Oct. 3-5 in Wichita, Kan., the event includes trips to both the Flint Hills and the western region of the state.

“This year’s NAC&T is full of informative speakers, inventive cattle operations, and most of all, beautiful Kansas scenery,” says Bryce Schumann, the Association’s chief executive officer. The event is hosted by both the American Angus Association and the Kansas Angus Association, along with sponsorship support by Land O’ Lakes Purina Feed LLC.

The 2012 agenda consists of a one-day conference, including industry-leading speakers and educational seminars, and two days of tours, which will feature the state’s historic Angus genetics. The conference portion kicks off Wednesday, Oct. 3, and the first tour stop – McCurry Bros. Angus of Sedgwick, Kan. – takes place that evening.

For more information about the NAC&T, visit [www.nationalangusconference.com](http://www.nationalangusconference.com).

## Calendar of Events

### May 2012

- 26 Bridges Angus Farm - Lexington
- 30 Calhoun HERD Sale - Calhoun

### June 2012

- 7-9 Southern Nat'l Angus Show - Perry
- 8 Georgia Angus Auxiliary Reception & Annual Meeting - Perry

- 16-17 The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Jr. & Open Shows - Louisville, KY

- 21-24 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show - Timonium, MD

### July 2012

- 12-14 Georgia Junior Beef Futurity - Perry

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