



Cow Chips

Spring, 2024

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Social and Meeting

May 18, 2024, 7:00 pm

Elrod Farms, Talmo, Georgia

The Georgia Angus Association will be having a social and meeting on May 18, at Elrod Farms in Talmo, Georgia.

Come enjoy fellowship and food along with a brief update on things going on with the Georgia Angus Association and the American Angus Association.

RSVP By May 10 - See Form at the end of the newsletter



**Georgia Angus
Breeder Inducted
into the Georgia
Agriculture Hall of
Fame and the
Georgia Cattlemen's
Association Hall of
Fame**

In April of 2023 John Callaway was one of two individuals inducted into the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame. He joins to like of Jimmy Carter, among others.

In March of this year at the Georgia Cattlemen's Convention he was inducted into the Georgia Cattlemen's Hall of Fame. The following article is by Addie Hodges, Organizational Coordinator at GCA.

John Callaway Jr. was born and raised on his family's farm outside of Hogansville, Georgia, in the Corinth Community in west central Georgia. Callaway spent eight years in 4-H Club growing up, but it was at his family's farm that his love for agriculture was born.

After graduating from UGA in 1969 with a degree in Animal Science, Callaway embarked on a fulfilling career with UGA Extension. Starting as an Assistant County Agent in Clarke County, he quickly proved his dedication and expertise. In 1973, he earned his master's degree in business administration from UGA's College of Business Administration and moved to Haralson County as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent.

During his remarkable 35-year tenure as the Haralson County 4-H Extension Agent, Callaway made significant contributions to the Junior Livestock Program. Under his guidance, the program flourished, producing numerous state championship-winning animals, showmen, county groups, and state judging teams. His impact on the Georgia Junior Livestock Program extended far beyond Haralson County; he influenced hundreds of youth throughout the state.

Callaway's dedication to livestock shows was evident through his involvement as a judge in over 50 to 60 shows during his career, Callaway retired in 1998. His legacy continues to inspire future generations of agricultural across Georgia.

John Callaway Jr.'s retirement from Extension did not mark the end of his dedication to the cattle industry. He ventured into cattle production himself, establishing the Callaway Cattle Company. This move exemplifies his deep commitment to the advancement and well-being of the Georgia cattle industry. His active involvement in the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, including serving as President and participating in various other roles, further demonstrates his leadership and contributions to the agricultural community. Additionally, Callaway played a pivotal role in establishing the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Beef, which has greatly contributed to the growth and development of Georgia's beef industry through research, promotion, and education.

Even though Callaway may have retired, his dedication to serving the youth in Georgia's livestock programs has not wavered. He continues to serve on the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter's Authority Board, focusing on providing opportunities for the youth in Georgia 4-H and FFA programs. Callaway's commitment sets an example for agriculture agents, 4-H, and FFA students across the state. His dedication to serving the Georgia beef industry and giving back to various livestock programs within the state is commendable. Callaway's legacy will continue to inspire future generations in the field of agriculture.

Callaway cont.

The creation of the "Herds and Heritage" Georgia cattle history book further showcases his passion for preserving and sharing the rich agricultural history of the region. John Callaway Jr.'s legacy and impact on the Georgia livestock industry and the community are indeed noteworthy. John Callaway Jr. has had a remarkable career and has made significant contributions to the agriculture and livestock industry in Georgia. From growing up on his family's farm to serving as an extension agent and eventually becoming a cattle producer himself, his impact on the state's livestock programs and the Georgia Beef industry is truly impressive.

Georgia Angus Member Elected President of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association

By Addie Hodges, Organizational Coordinator
Georgia Cattlemen's Association

In Monroe County, three miles west of Forsyth, Ga., lies Vaughn Farms, L.P., a successful cattle operation owned and operated by James Vaughn. With a lifetime of experience in the industry, James continues the legacy started by his father with a dairy farm. However, his father decided to switch to Black Angus cattle before James was born, which truly set the stage for their success.

Through hard work and dedication, James has built Vaughn Farms into what it is today. The Vaughn family has thrived in the cattle industry, thanks to their commitment to the breed. Their Black Angus cattle are known for their superior genetics and top-notch care.

James Vaughn's passion for agriculture and his deep-rooted knowledge of the industry have allowed him to carry on his family's tradition with pride. Family is the cornerstone of Vaughn Farms – where James, his wife, Beth, their children, and his sister all work together to manage their vast 5,700 acres of land. Devoted to producing forage crops and providing pasture for Black Angus cattle, the farm also focuses on producing wood products for pulp, timber, and energy. Two of James's sons, Matthew and Jordan, are full-time employees managing 1,100 acres of grassland with timber production.

The strong bond between family members is evident in the way they work together to ensure the success of their farm. Each member plays a crucial role in the day-to-day operations, from planting and harvesting hay to caring for the livestock. Their dedication and hard work have allowed Vaughn Farms to thrive and become successful.

Through their shared passion for agriculture and commitment to each other, the Vaughn family has created a legacy that will continue for generations to come.

The Vaughn family is deeply rooted in the cattle industry, with a herd of 375 Black Angus cows, including 45 registered ones. They raise NHTC feeder cattle for shipment to feedlots in Iowa and Nebraska, as well as breeding and selling registered bulls, open and bred heifers. Additionally, they sell beef produced from their own cattle. And as partners in Country Oaks Feed Stores, they also sell Bermuda hay in small square bales through the storefronts.

Upon returning home from school, James faced a multitude of challenges as he worked to expand the family cattle operation – while also practicing law full-time and caring for his four small children. His father had focused on the family sawmill and lumber business in his absence, leaving much work to be done on the cattle operation.

Vaughn cont.

Together, James and his father cleared fence rows, rebuilt fences and corrals, and established a better marketing system for their cattle. Despite the long hours of hard work, James was grateful that his dad had maintained good genetics in the herds and kept the soil in good shape.

With dedication and perseverance, James and his family have continued to maintain and improve those genetics and soil. Their efforts have paid off, as they have successfully expanded their cattle operation while balancing their other responsibilities.

For more than seven decades, the Vaughn family has dedicated themselves to maintaining a registered herd and market breeding sires that was started by James's father in the 1950s. Despite the passing of time, James and his family continue to raise Black Angus cattle with unwavering dedication and passion.

The Vaughn family's commitment to their livestock is evident in their belief that Black Angus cattle not only are productive but also bring premiums for carcass quality in their marketing program. Their focus on Angus genetics has allowed them to establish a successful business selling beef directly to consumers, who have consistently praised the quality of their product.

Through hard work and perseverance, the Vaughn family has carried on a tradition that spans generations. Their love for Black Angus cattle shines through in every aspect of their operation.

Living only miles from two major cities in Georgia that are rapidly developing, James understands the importance of being a good producer whose operations are visibly pleasing to the nonfarm public. To showcase their operation and emphasize its importance to their livelihood, James hosts Chamber of Commerce groups, school groups, and other nonfarm groups for farm tours. By opening their doors to these outside sources, they hope to bridge the gap between producers and the general public.

James knows that in today's society, it is essential for farmers to connect with consumers and educate them about where their food comes from. James believes that "Beef is an industry that has earned and deserves the support of the general public, consumers and the government at all levels." By providing a firsthand look at their operation, they can dispel misconceptions and build trust with those who may not have a deep understanding of agriculture. Through these efforts, James hopes to create a more informed and supportive community that values the hard work and dedication of farmers.

Every day and all day is James's favorite day on the farm, and he believes that a black cow on green grass is one of the prettiest sights on earth. When asked what is the most rewarding thing about raising cattle, James highlights his core passion: "For me, raising cattle is about family and about our family farm, which are inextricably intertwined. Although the work is hard and sometimes seems to never end, we love what we do, we love the cattle and horses, and we love each other."

The Vaughn family knows the importance of building the next generation, especially when it comes to the beef industry. James Vaughn recognizes that young people bring new and innovative ideas to the table that are essential for the industry's growth and sustainability in the 21st century.

James is particularly impressed by his sons' abilities and talents, noting that they constantly amaze him with their skills and knowledge; but the advice he would give to the next generation coming up is: "Take the knowledge and resources you have and use them to the fullest extent possible. You should work hard and never cut corners. Embrace change with the knowledge that sometimes the old ways of doing some things may still be important."

The Vaughns are determined to pass down their knowledge and love for the land to their grandchildren. With six of them living nearby, they seize every opportunity to take the kids out on the farm. From working cattle to learning to ride horses and helping on the half-acre vegetable farm, the grandkids get a firsthand experience of life on the farm.

Vaughn cont.

The Vaughns understand the importance of instilling a strong work ethic and appreciation for nature in the younger generation. They believe that by involving their grandchildren in all aspects of farm life, they are not only teaching valuable skills but also fostering a deep connection to the land. “I hope to teach them that farming is the most noble of all professions, that life on the farm with your family is a good lifestyle, and that cattle and horses work well together.”

As each grandchild learns and grows on the farm, they become part of a legacy that has been passed down through generations. The Vaughns hope that one day, their grandchildren will carry on this tradition with pride and continue to nurture the land for years to come.

James has many talents and accomplishments. Outside of his successful law career, he is also a dedicated farmer and advocate for sustainability in agriculture. With more than 40 years of experience as a lawyer – holding prestigious degrees from the University of Georgia and Emory University – James has made a name for himself in the legal field. His specialized degree in Federal Taxation from Emory has set him apart from his peers.

Despite his desire to retire, James continues to serve on government boards and committees as an appointee and is now the President of the Georgia Cattlemen’s Association. In 2018, he was named Georgia Farmer of the Year, showcasing his commitment to promoting good stewardship in the agriculture community.

James’s involvement in organizations such as the NCBA Task Force on Sustainability highlights his dedication to promoting cattlemen as environmental stewards. His recent recognition with the NCBA Region 2 Environmental Stewardship Award further solidifies his commitment to sustainability and spreading awareness about responsible land management practices.

James’s long-standing career outside of the farm demonstrates his unwavering dedication to both the legal profession and public service.

Being a Georgia Cattlemen’s Association member is crucial for individuals such as James who understand the importance of strength in numbers. As cattlemen, it is essential to have a unified voice representing us at both the state capital and in Washington. GCA provides a platform for educating legislators who may be unfamiliar with the challenges faced by farmers and cattlemen.

James recognizes that most legislators are removed from farm life but are still eager to learn about our needs and how they can support us. Through his interactions with lawmakers and their staffs, James has found them to be interested in and supportive of farmers and cattlemen.

By being an active member of GCA, James can advocate for policies that benefit the agricultural community while also fostering relationships with those in positions of power. It is through these connections that real change can be made for the betterment of all involved in agriculture.

When asked why he is a member of GCA, James shares why he finds it both edifying and rewarding: “GCA membership is enjoyable and important. Every time I attend a quarterly meeting or GCA Convention, I learn things that are helpful. The educational opportunities provided are excellent, as are the informative articles in our monthly magazine. More importantly, I see old friends and make new ones. This is maybe the best part.”

Vaughn cont.

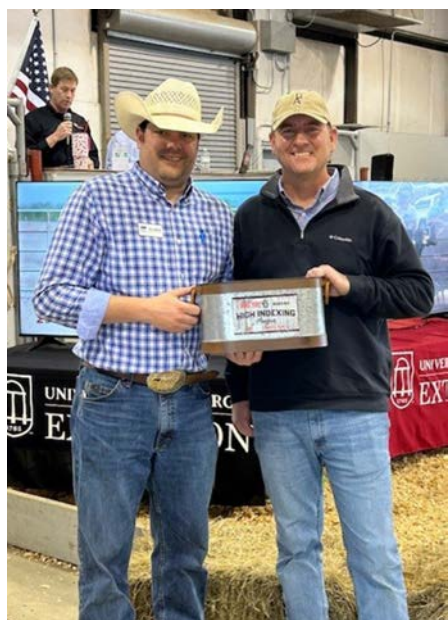
When James is not busy working cattle or working in the law office, he can be found casting his line into the water, spending quality time with his family, or simply relaxing outdoors. He also has a passion for watching baseball; from the Little League to the majors, he loves it all. Despite their affinity for beef, James and his family also enjoy indulging in a good old-fashioned fish fry every now and then and enjoy cooking together. In a world filled with hustle and bustle, James finds solace in the simple pleasures of life – whether it's reeling in a big catch or cheering on his favorite baseball team. These moments are what make life truly fulfilling for James.

James Vaughn and his family exemplify how tradition can coexist with progress in the cattle industry. By sharing their knowledge with others, embracing new ideas, and staying engaged with industry organizations, they are ensuring that their legacy will continue for generations to come.



Calhoun Bull Test

Bridges Angus Farm LLC, Lexington, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus bull and overall high-indexing bull at the 2023 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale, Dec. 1 in Calhoun, Ga. Bridges Enhance 2519 is a September 2022 son of SydGen Enhance. He posted an average daily gain of 6.49 pounds, with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,483 pounds. Pictured from left are Phillip Bridges and Callie Bridges, recipients; and Rodney Hilley, presenting.



Tifton Bull Test

Phillip Bridges, Bridges Angus Farm LLC, Lexington, Ga., right, consigned the high indexing Angus bull to the 2024 Tifton Performance Tested Bull Sale, March 6 in Irwinville, Ga. Bridges Sunbeam 3015 is a February 2023 son of G A R Sunbeam. He posted an average daily gain of 5.35 pounds, with an adjusted yearling weight of 1,499 pounds. Pictured presenting the award is Dale Sandlin, Georgia Cattlemen's Association executive vice president, left.

Dues Are Due

If you have a renewal notice enclosed with your mailed copy of the Cow Chips then it is time to renew your dues.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the association and helping plan and implement events that will promote the Association and the Angus breed please reach out to a member of the board.

GAA Hats and Shirts for Sale

Shirts are \$25

Hats are \$25 or Two for \$40

Contact Macy Taylor for more details at macydtaylor@gmail.com



Junior Spotlight

Keely Shultz earns Junior Bronze and Silver Awards

Keely Shultz, Danielsville, Ga., has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and junior activities director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Shultz, the 17-year-old daughter of Todd and Heather Shultz, is a member of the NJAA and the Georgia Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Shultz participated in the quiz bowl, livestock judging, and Skill-A-Thon contests and the 2023 mentoring program. She was also a participant in the 2023 Raising the Bar conference and the 2023 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

Henry Jackson Throne earns Junior Bronze and Silver Awards



Henry Jackson Throne, Lexington, Ga., has earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Caitlyn Brandt, events and junior activities director of the American Angus Association® in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Throne is the 19-year-old son of Julie and Chris Throne and attends Oglethorpe County High School. He is a member of the NJAA and the Georgia Junior Angus Association, where he served as vice president.

He has participated in local and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Thorne participated in the livestock judging contest. He served as a voting delegate from 2021-2023 and participated in the mentoring in 2022 and 2023.

Georgia National Jr Heifer Show



Grand Champion Angus

BCII Forever Lady 0422 won grand champion owned female at the 2024 Georgia National Fair Junior Angus Show, Feb. 23 in Perry, Ga. Maggie Moon, Comer, Ga., owns the June 2022 daughter of Colburn Primo 5153. Mark and Deb Core, Pleasantville, Iowa, evaluated the 49 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.

Junior Spotlight cont.

Georgia National Jr Heifer Show cont.



Reserve Grand Champion Angus

SCC SFC Phyllis 323 won reserve grand champion owned female at the 2024 Georgia National Fair Junior Angus Show, Feb. 23 in Perry, Ga. John Stalvey, Ray City, Ga., owns the February 2023 daughter of SCC SCH 24 Karat 838. Mark and Deb Core, Pleasantville, Iowa, evaluated the 49 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.



Grand Champion Bred and Owned

Redhill Viola 231 won grand champion bred-and-owned female at the 2024 Georgia National Fair Junior Angus Show, Feb. 23 in Perry, Ga. Raegan Gilbert, Lula, Ga., owns the February 2023 daughter of PVF Blacklist 7077. Mark and Deb Core, Pleasantville, Iowa, evaluated the 49 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.



Reserve Bred and Owned

TSF HJ Lucy K48 won reserve grand champion bred-and-owned female at the 2024 Georgia National Fair Junior Angus Show, Feb. 23 in Perry, Ga. Jackson Throne, Lexington, Ga., owns the November 2022 daughter of S&R Roundtable J328. Mark and Deb Core, Pleasantville, Iowa, evaluated the 49 entries. Photo by David Gazda, American Angus Association.

Junior Spotlight cont.

Angus Foundation scholarship applications open now

Youth can apply for Angus Foundation scholarships until May 1.

Scholarship applications are now available for college students involved with the Angus breed. The Angus Foundation awarded more than \$358,000 in scholarships in 2023 alone. The Foundation offers scholarships to undergraduate, graduate and trade school students each year to help Angus youth achieve their educational goals and offset the rising costs of tuition. **Applications are due May 1.**

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications are available to National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members through their American Angus Association® login, similar to the National Junior Recognition Program Bronze and Silver award applications. The Foundation's Certified Angus Beef®/National Junior Angus Association and commercial cattlemen scholarships will still be accessed at AngusFoundation.org and submitted through email.

Since 1998, the Angus Foundation has awarded more than \$4.5 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships. For more information about the Angus Foundation and its scholarship program, visit AngusFoundation.org.

Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships

Applicants for undergraduate and graduate scholarships must have, at one time, been a member of the NJAA and currently be an active junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association®. The following documents are required to be considered for a 2024 undergraduate or graduate scholarship: the 2024 scholarship application; three letters of recommendation; a copy of current high school/college/university transcript; and the applicant's Association member code.

Access to Application: AAA login (www.angusonline.org/Account/Login), "Programs" tab

Submission: Through AAA login

Certified Angus Beef®/National Junior Angus Association Scholarship

Since 1990, the NJAA has teamed up with Certified Angus Beef® (CAB) to help Angus youth pursue their higher education goals. The selected applicant will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. A separate application from the Angus Foundation scholarship application is required for the CAB/NJAA scholarship.

Access to Application: Download application at AngusFoundation.org

Submission: Email to scholarships@angus.org

Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship

The Angus Foundation will award four \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who use Angus genetics in a commercial cattle operation's breeding program or whose parents use Angus genetics. Emphasis will be placed on applicants' knowledge of the cattle industry and perspective of the Angus breed. The applicant or their parent/guardian must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months (on or after May 1, 2021) and must be considered commercial and not seedstock in their operation. The scholarship applies to any field of study.

Access to Application: Download application at AngusFoundation.org

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So that we can plan for the food

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Text to: 706-540-2222

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Dates to Remember

2024

April 20 - Precise Cattle & Guests, Watkinsville, GA

April 27 - Katie Colin, Kingston, GA

April 28 - Rocking W, Jefferson, GA

May 5 - Between the Brands, Madison, GA

May 11- From the Ground Up, Elberton, GA

May 14 - Two Rivers Cattle Online Sale

May 18 - Georgia Angus Asso. Social & Meeting, Talmo, GA

May 25 - Ankony Farms Dispersion, Clarkesville, GA

May 29 - Calhoun HERD Sale, Calhoun, GA

Sept 12 - D&W Angus Production Sale, Hartwell, GA

Oct 05 - Georgia Nat'l Fair Jr. Angus Heifer Show, Perry, GA

Oct 15 - 17 - Sunbelt Expo , Moultrie, GA

Oct 19 - Wolf Creek Farms, Hawkinsville, GA

Nov 02 - Barnett Angus Ranch Bull Sale , Washington, GA

Nov 02 - Chatel Farms Bull Sale, Reidsville, GA

Nov 14 - Circle G Ranch Bull Sale. Adel, GA

Dec 06 - Calhoun Bull Test Sale, Calhoun, GA

Dec 14 - Cowboy Logic, Talmo, GA



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