



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Greetings from Illinois!

Since January marks the beginning of what is hoped to be a prosperous and enjoyable new year, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect on some of the events that affected us throughout 2001. Looking back on the year that changed all of our lives, many may say they wish the year had never occurred. I have to admit that on Sept. 11, I was one of those people.



Brittney Burns

In a matter of minutes, there was so much destruction and loss of life — it was difficult to see how America would ever recover. Then, it quickly became evident that America would never recover, we would all just have to move on. And, in retrospect, America's ability to move on exceeded everyone's expectations, even our own. It is a testimony to the patriotism in the United States when all of the American flags in stock are sold out!

Then, just as things started to fall back into place, those of us in the Angus industry were hit with more sobering news. The loss of

Mr. Richard "Dick" Spader in October made it difficult for all of us to continue our efforts of "moving on." However, even though I had the opportunity to meet with him on only a few occasions, it was clear to me that he was the type of man who would have wanted all of us to move on.

After attending Mr. Spader's visitation in Saint Joseph, Mo., I reflected on how the Angus industry would recover from such a loss. As I sat there, I realized there was a very important lesson to be learned. Mr. Spader modeled the type of life all of us should live.

He had a tremendous wife, three loving children and the respect of virtually everyone with whom he came into contact. Those who had the privilege of working with Mr. Spader say he was not only a focused leader, but a compassionate friend. He certainly lived his life in order to make a difference. With the year 2001 marked with so many sad events, it is imperative that we make the most of each and every day in 2002 and never forget to keep on moving on.

Happy New Year!

— **Brittney Burns**, Kickapoo, Ill.

► Mississippi

► Officers and directors of the Mississippi Junior Angus Association are (kneeling, from left) **Kirk Johnson**, Corinth, president; **Julie Sims**, Booneville, vice president; **Christy Franks**, Mantachie, secretary; **Anthony Franks**, Mantachie, treasurer; and **Kerry Knight**, Mantachie, reporter. Directors are (standing, from left) **Clint Collins**, Morton; **Jamie Overall**, Potts Camp; **Morgan McDowell**, Indianola; and **Trey Donahoe**, Indianola.



► Mississippi Angus royalty are (from left) **Priscilla Giachelli**, Blue Springs, queen; **Emma Collins**, Morton, princess; and **Casey Gargus**, Guntown, princess.

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California

Junior member **Lindsey Gibson**, Arroyo Grande, Calif., received honorable mention honors at the National Beef Ambassador competition in Little Rock, Ark.

Apply for junior scholarships now

Now is the time for college-bound high school seniors or those who are already in college to work on scholarship applications. The Angus Foundation will again award scholarships to 17 junior Angus members who are working toward college degrees. Fifteen members will receive \$1,000 scholarships, and two will receive \$2,500 scholarships.

Applicants must be junior, regular or life members of the Association and be less than 25 years old. Selection is based on involvement in Angus activities, academics and involvement in the beef industry. Winners of the scholarships will be announced during the awards function at the 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), which is set for July 8-13 in Milwaukee, Wis.

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA)/Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) scholarship also will be awarded to one Angus junior at the NJAS in July. Applicants for the \$1,000 scholarship must meet the same membership requirements; must be incoming sophomores, juniors or seniors in college; and must be majoring in animal science, meat science, ag communications or a related field.

Applications are due May 15. Contact the Activities and Junior Activities Department for application forms, or obtain an application via the Internet at www.angus.org.

Accelerated Genetics offers college scholarships

Accelerated Genetics will award four \$500 scholarships to high school seniors planning to major in agriculture at a short course, vocational technical college or four-year university degree program. The applicants or their parents must be currently purchasing semen or products from an authorized Accelerated Genetics representative.

Application forms can be downloaded at www.accelgen.com under the "What's New" section or by calling 1-800-451-9275, Ext. 222. Scholarship applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2002. Mail to: Accelerated Genetics, Attn: Kari Stanek, E10890 Penny Lane, Baraboo, WI 53913.

Another scholarship offered by Accelerated Genetics is available through the National FFA Organization. Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to students currently enrolled in a short course, vocational technical college or a four-year-university degree program.

The collegiate scholarship program is for individuals who have completed their freshman, sophomore or junior year and are majoring in dairy, beef or an ag-related area. The applicants or their parents must be currently purchasing semen or products from an authorized Accelerated Genetics representative.

To obtain an application form visit www.ffa.org, call the National FFA Foundation at (317) 802-4416 or e-mail scholarships@ffa.org. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2002. Mail to: National Scholarship Office, National FFA Center, PO Box 68960, Indianapolis, IN 46268.



Angus Foundation fund-raiser

The Angus Foundation commissioned the printing of a set of four black-and-white grease-pencil drawings (shown here) from a series of works by Angus artist Frank Murphy. Offered as the "Profitmaker Prints" collection, these four 11-by-14-inch images were used in the Association's advertising campaign from 1966 to 1970.

The set is available for a \$100 donation to the Angus Foundation. For more information, call the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100.

