



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Let failure teach us all

As I thought about writing this postcard, I tried to come up with something motivational, something inspiring. Everything I tried to write about had already been written. So there I was, at a loss for words. (Those who know me well might just be shocked at that possibility.)

Just then, an idea hit me like a bolt of lightning! I would write about failure.

I know, *failure* doesn't sound that inspiring, and it doesn't sound optimistic. But, believe it or not, there's a lot to learn from it.

I'm sure life would go a lot smoother for most of us if we were unable to fail. If every time we were up to bat we hit a home run; if every time there was a math test in school we aced it; if every time we were at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) we won first place. I'll tell you right now, whoever was hitting home runs and winning the NJAS certainly wasn't me.

The dictionary defines failure as "not achieving the desired ends." The key here is not that you get knocked down in life, because sooner or later we all get knocked down. The real answer is how you bounce back. Do you measure these setbacks in terms of, "how much did I fail today?" Or do you view these minor obstacles as a learning experience? In the words of Horace, "Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant."

The point is, don't give up. If you strike out once, go to the plate the next time with "I can do it" in your heart. When you get knocked down in the mud, make mud pies and sell them for \$1. And if you fail a math test, you have the rest of the semester to make up for it. Everybody makes mistakes; what did you learn from yours?

Life is a game. Play. Life is a challenge. Meet it. Life is an opportunity. Capture it.

— Cortney Collins, West Virginia



Cortney Collins

## Heifer to benefit 2005 NJAS

Angus enthusiasts from the western United States are already making plans for the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), scheduled for July 17-23 in Denver, Colo. Thousands of youth and adults from across the country will attend the weeklong event that has grown to be the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world.

In an effort to continue fund-raising for the event, Silveira Bros., Mendota, Calif., has donated a heifer to sell at the 2004 Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF), Sunday, April 25 in Reno, Nev. Darrell Silveira, and Rick, Allison and Garrett Blanchard have donated Silveira's Reba Pride 3438, an October 2003 daughter of G Bar Wulff's EXT 9306. All proceeds from the sale of the heifer will go to the 2005 NJAS.

"The Angus breeders in the Western states are excited to have this heifer donation to go toward hosting the 2005 NJAS," says Abbie Nelson, fund-raising committee member from Wilton, Calif. "Selling this heifer in Reno is just one way our breeders can pull together to plan a successful event for the future leaders of the Angus breed."

Other items included in the heifer package are: breeding services using any Silveira Bros. program herd sire; an embryo flush and transfer from Larry Lanzon, Lander Vet Clinic, Turlock, Calif.; a 30-day insurance policy from Jim Bessler of American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; and transportation from Reno, Nev., to the buyer's ranch, courtesy of Randy and Peggy Lathrop of Lathrop Trucking, Dundee, Ill. Complete information about the heifer is online at [www.californiaangus.com](http://www.californiaangus.com).

For more information about the heifer or to learn more about donating to the 2005 NJAS, contact Nelson at (916) 687-7108.

## ET internship available

Milk River Genetics, based out of Harlem, Mont., offers a summer intern position. The summer intern will have various responsibilities. Milk River Genetics is a complete embryo transfer (ET) facility located near the Milk River Valley of north

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central Montana. Established in 1992, Milk River Genetics houses donor cows and recipients year-round, and the donors and recipients reside in large open-range grazing units. A junior or senior animal science major with an interest in genetics and/or animal breeding is an ideal candidate. The deadline to apply for the internship is May 1.

Send a résumé to Linda Creighton, RR 1, Box 53, Harlem, MT 59526 or e-mail [lmcows@mtintouch.net](mailto:lmcows@mtintouch.net). For more information contact Creighton at (406) 353-2643.

### Scholarship program opportunity

The American Royal Association is accepting applications for the "Royal Six," a collegiate scholarship program that offers a \$3,500 scholarship and an opportunity for college students to advocate agriculture, leadership and the American Royal.

College students interested in applying for the Royal Six scholarship program should meet the following criteria:

- ▶ attend a four-year accredited college or university in the 11-state area of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado,

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### ▶ 2004 Arkansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Smith, Jan. 3



▶ **Kirk Boecker**, Bentonville, was named Outstanding Junior Volunteer.



▶ **Allyson McGuire**, Fort Smith, is the 2004 Miss Arkansas Angus.



▶ The Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n dedicated its 2003 scrapbook to the **Everett O'Neal** family of Fort Smith. Pictured are (from left) **Kerri McMahon**, representing the juniors, and **Judy and Everett O'Neal**.

### ▶ 2004 Kansas Junior Angus Futurity Show, Hutchinson, Jan. 25



▶ **Courtney DeHoff** (right), Tonganoxie, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from the NJAA. NJAA director **Jeana Sankey** presents the awards.

### ▶ Florida Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Lake City, Jan. 24



▶ **Brittany Peacock**, Marianna, will represent the Florida Angus Ass'n as its 2004 princess.

### ▶ 2004 Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Madison, Jan. 31



▶ Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven; **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore; **Kayla Downing**, Waukesha; **Dana May**, Mineral Point; (standing, from left) **Stephen Kohl**, Waterloo; **Jaclyn Zimmerman**, Platteville; **Bethany Kohl**, Waterloo; **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore; **Kori Konkol**, Menomonee Falls; **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Falls; and **Brady Quam**, Lodi.



▶ The WJAA Advisors of the Year are (from left) **Cathy Kaiser-May**, Mineral Point; and **Kathy and Don Miller**, Bristol. **Keela Retallick**, WJAA president, presents the award.



▶ **Keela Retallick**, WJAA president, presents **Casey Jentz** (left), Fennimore, with the WJAA Junior of the Year Award.



▶ Wisconsin Angus ambassadors include (from left) **Bethany Kohl**, Waterloo, 2004 Miss Wisconsin Angus; **Kori Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, and **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, both Wisconsin Angus princesses; **Stephen Kohl**, Waterloo, Ambassador; and **Dana May**, Mineral Point, 2003 Miss Wisconsin Angus.



▶ **Jaclyn Zimmerman**, Platteville, was honored with the 2003 Wisconsin Cow-Calf Pair of the Year award.

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Arkansas, Kentucky, South Dakota or Tennessee;

- ▶ pursue a four-year degree; and
- ▶ be an incoming sophomore or junior for the 2004 fall term.

Applications are due May 31, and special consideration will be given to students majoring in an agricultural-related field of study.

In addition to a \$3,500 scholarship, Royal Six scholarship winners will also be given the opportunity to travel to Kansas City in October to visit with corporate audiences

and speak about their experiences in agriculture and promote the agricultural industry.

Students interested and qualified for this program should contact the American Royal to receive an application. Applications are also available on the American Royal Web site, [www.americanroyal.com/s/static/education/royal\\_six.htm](http://www.americanroyal.com/s/static/education/royal_six.htm). Students may contact Nancy Perry at (816) 221-9800, Ext. 135, for additional information.

### **NJAS is just around the corner**

Mark your calendars now for the 2004 NJAS set for July 12-17 at the American Royal complex in Kansas City, Mo. The Missouri Junior Angus Association is busy making plans for "Angus and All That Jazz." The six-day event will feature the largest single-breed beef cattle show in the world and a host of educational and leadership activities for all members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

The cattle show will include divisions for bred-and-owned bulls, heifers and cow-calf

### ▶ 2004 Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Athens, Jan. 31

▶ Elected to lead the Georgia Junior Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Whitney Chitty**, Moultrie, president; **Laura Bramblett**, Elberton, vice president; **Jeremy Britt**, Loganville, treasurer; **Katie Gazda**, Athens, secretary; **Taylor Gazda**, Athens; (standing, from left) **Will Cabe**, Carnesville; **Austin Atkinson**, Lawrenceville; **Seth Chitty**, Moultrie; and **Josh Cabe**, Carnesville.



▶ Georgia Angus royalty are **Taylor Gazda** (left), Athens, Georgia Angus Princess, and **Laura Bramblett**, Elberton, Georgia Angus Queen.



### ▶ Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet

▶ Pennsylvania Angus royalty are (front row, from left) **Kimberly Long**, Airville; **Gwen Powers**, Bethel, 2004 Miss Pennsylvania Angus; **Hope Long**, Airville, 2003 Miss Pennsylvania Angus; **Jennifer Hower**, Bethlehem; (back row, from left) **Kate Livingston**, Dover; **Leah Walton**, Kennett Square; and **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville.



To stay informed of summer activities visit [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

pairs, as well as owned heifers, cow-calf pairs and steers. Youth also have the opportunity to enter steers in a carcass contest.

Judges for the cattle show include Brian McCulloh, Viroqua, Wis., who will evaluate the owned females; Mark McClintock, Fort McKavitt, Texas, who will judge bred-and-owned females and bulls and cow-calf pairs; and Jim Gillooly, Washington, Ind., who will select champions in the steer show.

In addition to the cattle shows, educational contests for youth ages 9 to 21 will include: prepared and extemporaneous speaking, team sales, quiz bowl, photography, poster, graphic design and creative writing. The American Angus Auxiliary will sponsor the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. Six members will be elected to the NJAA Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the NJAA during the week.

More than 50 contestants will compete in the 38th Annual National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. The contest is limited to two participants from each state. Showmanship judges include Alan Miller, LeRoy, Ill.; Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan.; and Robert Alden, Hamilton, Mo.

Exhibitors and contestants at the NJAS must be junior members of the American Angus Association, and must be 9 years old, but not yet 21, by Jan. 1, 2004. Applications for transfer of the animal to junior members must be postmarked by May 15. Applications for registration of bred-and-owned animals and all entries must be postmarked by June 1.

For more information about the 2004 NJAS, contact the Junior Activities Department at (816) 383-5100 or visit [www.njas.info](http://www.njas.info).

### Don't miss your chance to enter photos

All NJAA members are invited to enter the annual photography contest sponsored by the NJAA and the *Angus Journal*. Photos of Angus cattle or breeders, farms, ranches, shows, sales or scenes will be judged on creativity and composition. Photos are to be 8x10-inch (in.) mounted on 11x14-in. black poster board.

Visit the Web at [www.njaa.info/contests/photo\\_rules.html](http://www.njaa.info/contests/photo_rules.html) or contact the Junior Actives Department for more information. All photos must be postmarked by June 1.



### ► 2004 Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Plain City, Feb. 7



► Above: Elected to lead the Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Jordon Mullett**, Coshocton; **Justin Bachman**, Lancaster; **Lincoln Deitrick**, Zanesville; **Sarah Wogan**, Hebron; (standing, from left) **Kathryn Cavendish**, Hillsboro; **Megan Kalb**, Sycamore, treasurer; **Danielle Brosey**, Hamilton, vice president; **Eric King**, Tiffin, president; **Christina Egner**, Shelby, secretary; **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor; and **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro.



► Left: **Christina Egner**, Shelby, is crowned the Ohio Angus Queen.

### ► 2004 Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Des Moines, Feb. 11



► Honored by the Iowa Junior Angus Ass'n for having outstanding show animals in 2003 are (from left) **Wesley Ruby**, Greene, Show Bull of the Year; **Weston Brandt**, Corning, Steer of the Year; and **Tyler Becker**, Diagonal, Bred-and-Owned Heifer of the Year.



► **Zebadiah Gray** (left), Toledo, and **Bridget Driscoll**, Williamsburg, receive their NJAA Bronze and Silver awards from Regional Manager Don Laughlin (right).

► Iowa Angus royalty include (from left) **Landi McFarland**, Ellston, Miss Iowa Angus; and Iowa Angus princesses **Bridget Driscoll**, Williamsburg; **Denae Leonard**, Holstein; and **Andrea Poll**, Maquoketa.

