

Next Generation

POSTCARD FROM AN NJAA DIRECTOR

Country Life

"You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy." My mom told me this as I was packing to leave for college. She was right.

As I go through school, I ask myself if my life would have been different without my exposure to agriculture through my experiences with Angus cattle. Being raised on a farm not only has taught me that hard work and dedication pay, but also to take advantage of educational opportunities while you are at home. While I was in high school, I did not realize the knowledge that my parents possessed in reference to not only agriculture, but life in general.



Sy Olson

Experience is one thing that my parents have that I can't get from a classroom or learn by reading a book. I find it important to ask questions and to learn from their experiences, both good and bad. Learning from my parents' experiences in life not only has guided me through college, but it also has helped me plan for my future.

Country life never should be taken for granted. When I left home for the first time, I realized the sparsely populated Texas Panhandle was where I belonged. Flat land without trees and with lots of wind does not sound very appealing — that is, until it is left behind. Being on my own has taught me the importance of paying attention to the little things in life and of taking advantage of present opportunities.

My life on the farm was very helpful in getting me where I am today. The ability to use the land to make a living through hard work and finally getting to see the result, whether it is harvesting a corn crop or a calf crop, is more rewarding than those outside production agriculture can ever imagine. If plans in your life lead you away from agriculture and the country life, remember your roots and how they helped you in your life.

—**Sy Olson**
Hereford, Texas

Angus juniors excel in Ohio Beef Expo Judging Contest

Three junior Angus members stood out during the Ohio Beef Expo Judging Contest. More than 400 4-H and FFA members participated in the competition on March 18.

Hyatt Frobose of Wood County won the individual junior contest. **Beth Porteus** of Riverview won the senior division individual contest. The Warren County senior division team, including **Brooke Steiner**, placed second.

Participants evaluated live cattle classes and were required to answer questions covering identification of retail cuts, animal breeds, nutrition and beef quality assurance. This educational event was sponsored by several allied-industry groups and featured more than \$1,500 in awards.

Montana junior receives NILE scholarship

Junior Angus member **Garth French** of Hobson, Mont., was one of six Montana youth selected to receive scholarships from the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE). A \$1,000 scholarship winner, French is the son of Kelly and Jan French. He plans to attend Montana State University-Bozeman.

Angus Royalty



Jodi Loudin, Horner, was crowned the 2000 West Virginia Angus queen at the West Virginia Beef Expo.



Amanda Penner, Mill Creek, was crowned the 2000 Oklahoma Angus queen during the Oklahoma Angus Association Annual Banquet May 13.



(l) Illinois Angus royalty for 2000 are (from left) **Alicia Kramer**, Farina, ebonette; **Chelsea Frost**, Tallula, ebonette; **Kyla Kupiers**, Onarga, queen; **April Day**, Cerro Gordo, ebonette; and **Amy Kash**, Belle River, ebonette.

(r) Alabama Angus Association royalty are (from left) **Codie Long**, Cowarts, junior queen, and **Jessica Reeves**, Slocomb, senior queen.



California Angus royalty are (from left) **Amanda Bassett**, Delano, junior princess; **Samantha Johnson**, Hanford, junior princess; **Nicole Hartzell**, Cayucos, 2000 California Angus princess; **Rebecca Sayre**, Byron, 2000 California Angus queen; **Deborah Furtado**, Turlock, 2000 Western States Angus Association queen; **Kirbe Schnoor**, Chowchilla, junior princess; and **Kylie Jo Lax**, Atwater, junior princess.

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Erica Wiese, Fremont, (right) is the 2000 Nebraska Angus queen. She is pictured with retiring Nebraska Angus Queen Naomi Gray, Harrison.



Arkansas Angus royalty are (from left) **Lee Ann McGee**, Lavaca, queen; **Jordan McDaniel**, DeQueen, princess; **Elizabeth Williams**, Van Buren, northwest district princess; and **Amy Howell**, Camden, southwest district princess.

■ **Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic**
Lancaster • May 28



Cody Quam, Lodi, (right) recently earned his Bronze Award from the NJAA. Jerry Cassady, American Angus Association regional manager, presented the award.



Top beginner showmen were (from left) **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, first; **Bailey Quam**, Lodi, second; and **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, third.



Top intermediate showmen were (from left) **Drew Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa, first; **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven, second; and **Katie Jensen**, North English, Iowa, third.



Top senior showwomen were (from left) **Cara Claussen**, Stockton, Iowa, first; **Jennifer Kilpatrick**, Wales, second; and **Amanda Downing**, Waukesha, third.

■ **Mississippi**

Fawn Grove Angus, Mooreville, Miss., donated a heifer to the 2001 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Mississippi. Thirty-one breeders first purchased the heifer for \$3,100 and donated the heifer again. **Lena Farms**, Lena, purchased the heifer for \$2,000. All proceeds will go toward the Eastern Regional in Tupelo in June 2001. Pictured are (from left) **Anthony Franks** and **Charles Franks**, both from Mantachie; and **Sharon** and **Sam Brown**, Lena.



Junior Angus members recognized with leadership awards are (from left) **Greg Preuss**, Monticello; **Clint Collins**, Forest; **Andrew Thornton**, Courtland; **Crystal Palmer**, Ripley; and **Emma Collins**, Forest.

■ **Southwest Regional Preview**
Junior Angus Show
Tyler, Texas • June 3-4



Sy Olson, NJAA director, (left) presented NJAA Bronze and Silver awards to **Joanna Olson**, Hereford, Texas.



Sy Olson (left) presented the NJAA Bronze Award to **Zachary Wells**, Hamilton, Texas.



(l) **John McCury**, Burrton, Kan., placed first in the senior sales competition.



Texas juniors earning top honors in the intermediate division of the sales talk contest are (from left) **James Foshea**, Midlothian, first; **Joanna Olson**, Hereford, third; and **Mark Gleason**, Midlothian, second.

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Southwest Regional Preview Junior Show

Texas juniors earning top awards in the junior division of the sales talk are (from left) **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian, fourth; **Logan Las-tovica**, Fredericksburg, third; and **Zachary Wells**, Hamilton, second. They are shown with judge **Alford Echols**.



Illinois Junior Angus Preview Congerville

Leading the Illinois Junior Angus Association are (from left) **Mandy Bauman**, Eureka, president; **Dustin Bedel**, Saybrook, director; **Ashley Riley**, Secor, vice president; **Alicia Kramer**, Farina, reporter; **Chelsea Frost**, Tallula, treasurer; **Kristopher Dorethy**, Macomb, director; **Tyler Musgrave**, Griggs-ville, show secretary; and **Trever Kuipers**, Onarga, second vice president.



California Junior Angus Association State Field Day Chowchilla • May 27-28



Elected to lead the California Junior Angus Association are (front row, from left) **Amanda Bassett**, Delano, southern director; **Bobbi Harmoney**, Pleasant Grove, historian; **Kirbe Schnoor**, Chowchilla, reporter; **Melissa Parreira**, Los Banos, president; **Nicole Hartzell**, Cayucos, reporter; and **Austin Perry**, Clovis, central director; (back row, from left) **Rebecca Sayre**, Byron, secretary; **Amanda Schnoor**, Chowchilla, treasurer; **Joey Greenberg**, Napa, vice president; **Ryan Nelson**, Wilton, northern director; **Bobby Avila**, Half Moon Bay, coastal director; and **Nicolaas Tikker**, Pleasant Grove, reporter.

Arkansas Angus Field Day Hot Springs • June 10

Officers and directors of the Arkansas Junior Angus Association are (standing, from left) **Lee Ann McGee**, Lavaca, president; **Robby Shofner**, Bentonville, president-elect; **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, secretary; **Christy Williams**, Lavaca, treasurer; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, historian; **Allyson McGuire**, Fort Smith, reporter;



(kneeling, from left) **Lana Phelps**, Siloam Springs, northwest district director; **Leslie McGee**, Lavaca, director at-large; and **Jordan McDaniel**, DeQueen, southwest district director.

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Officers and directors of the National Junior Angus Association are (front row, from left) **Melissa Pickrell**, Paris, Ky., chairman; **Julie Dameron**, Lexington, Ill., vice chairman; **Lindsey Trospen**, Hamilton, Mo., communications director; **Garrett Pohlman**, Norfolk, Neb., Foundation director; **Julie Scarlett**, Snow Camp, N.C., leadership director; and **John Melton**, Bridgewater, Va., membership/information director. Additional directors are (back row, from left) **Miranda Grissom**, Prague, Okla.; **Allison Porter**, Jefferson, Ga.; **Brandon Douglas**, Gentry, Ark.; **Sy Olson**, Hereford, Texas; **Sonya Smith**, Lebanon, Tenn.; and **Jamie Meyer**, Douglass, Kan. **James Fisher**, back right, is director of junior activities.

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■ Oklahoma Junior Angus Preview Stillwater • June 3



Celeste Diacon, Boynton, (left) was honored with a Bronze Award. NJAA Board Member Miranda Grissom, Prague, presented the award.



Oklahoma Junior Angus Association officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Amanda Penner**, Mill Creek, president; **Kelli Armbruster**, Burlington, vice president; **Kelly Penner**, Mill Creek, second vice president; **Celeste Diacon**, Boynton, secretary; **Kendra Kelton**, Muldrow, treasurer; **Amber Grissom**, Seminole, reporter; (back row, from left) **Kelsey Pfeiffer**, Orlando, director at-large; **Kayla Swanson**, Ochelata, northeastern director; **John Pfeiffer**, Mulhall, director at-large; **Tyler Grissom**, Prague, southeastern director; **Mike Hefner**, Orlando, northwestern director; and **Leslie Davis**, Council Hill, director at-large.

■ Alabama Angus Field Day Thorsby • June 3



Scholarship winners are (from left) **Marc Price**, Slocomb, and **Casey Barrentine**, Pisgah. Connie Adams, Alabama Angus Women's Association, presented the awards.



Leading the Alabama Junior Angus Association are (standing, from left) **George Richburg**, Auburn, president; **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, vice president; **Dixie Berry**, Ardmore, Tenn., secretary; **Jessica Reeves**, Slocomb, reporter; **Meghan Hill**, Holly Pond, scrapbook coordinator; **Jackie Berry**, Ardmore, Tenn., advisor; **James Shropshire**, Thorsby, advisor; **Cindy** and **James Garrett**, Wetumpka, advisors. Directors are (sitting, from left) **Codie Long**, Cowarts; **Casey Barrentine**, Pisgah; **Leslie-Ann Davis**, Wadley; **Matthew Davis**, Wadley; and **David Brown**, Equality.

■ Nebraska Junior Angus Association Banquet Syracuse

(r) Officers and directors of the Nebraska Junior Angus Association are (back row, from left) **Erica Wiese**, Fremont, historian; **Martin Schram**, Nebraska City, director; **Kenny Prinz**, Nickerson, director; and **Kent Nelson**, Ansley, director; (front row, from left) **Naomi Gray**, Harrison, vice president; **Trisha Neumeister**, Talmage, president; **Emily Pohlman**, Norfolk, secretary-treasurer; and **Michael Hartwell**, Oakland, second vice president.



Nebraska Angus juniors awarded scholarships are (from left) **Trisha Neumeister**, Talmage; **David Meyer**, Fremont; **Naomi Gray**, Harrison; and **Jessica Sawyer**, Bassett.



(l) Auxiliary Award winners are (back row, from left) **Emily Mitchell**, Roca; **Trisha Neumeister**, Talmage; **Naomi Gray**, Harrison; (front row, from left) **Jennifer Albert**, Cody; **Tyler Hartwell**, Oakland; and **Emily Pohlman**, Norfolk.

(r) Auxiliary Award winners are (back row, from left) **Jessica Sawyer**, Bassett; **Jake Tiedeman**, North Platte; **Adam Sawyer**, Bassett; (front row, from left) **Bradford Smith**, Holdrege; **Levi Gray**, Harrison; and **Kent Nelson**, Ansley.

