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POSTCARD FROM AN NJAA DIRECTOR

The definition of friendship

On my way home from a show recently, I recalled some of the week's events and how much I enjoyed seeing my Angus friends. I found myself anticipating when I would see them again, at the next show. Suddenly, a comment made by one of my friends earlier in the week hit home: "Isn't it funny how we only see each other two or three weeks out of the year, but we still remain such close friends?"



Sonya Smith

As I thought about it, I realized the majority of my closest friends are those involved in the Angus Association. And no matter how much time has passed when we see or talk with one another, we always are able to pick up right where we left off as though we see each other every day of the year. This realization made me contemplate the nature and definition of true friendships.

Friendship cannot be defined by how much time you spend with someone or how often you see them. Rather, common values, bonds and interests that connect people throughout their lives define friendship. This type of connection withstands the hundreds and thousands of miles that may be between us, as well as any amount of time that goes by before we see one another again.

The bond that keeps me connected with my closest friends is Angus cattle. This bond connects me with others who share similar values and interests. No matter in what part of the country you are, when someone tells you they show Angus, you suddenly have a common tie to them. You know they have put in hard work and dedication in order to show cattle. They know what it is like to get stomped, kicked and butted. They understand why you get up at 3 o'clock on a show morning to do chores and why you cancel important dates because a cow needs checking. More importantly, they enjoy doing those things just as much as you do.

So, at the next show or chance you have to visit with your Angus friends, remember to treasure the gift of their friendship. Our friends are the continuous threads that help hold our lives together. Cherish your friends, not only in thought, but also in action. Friends are people who help you be more yourself, Merle Shain reminds us, more the person you are intended to be. And don't forget what connected you with these friends — Angus cattle.

—Sonya Smith
Lebanon, Tenn.



The 2000 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) held in Des Moines, Iowa, was dedicated to Dean Hurlbut. The honor was given to Hurlbut in recognition of 43 years of hard work devoted to the NJAS and to the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) which he established in 1980. Hurlbut served the Association as director of junior activities for 16 years before taking on the position as director of activities, which he held for 27 years.

He has watched the junior Angus association grow into one of the largest beef breed organizations in the nation. All of the many junior programs are important, Hurlbut believes, because they "promote the breed and leadership skills within members. It's the greatest thing we have for building the future of the Angus breed. The activities create enthusiasm among our 11,000 junior members and encourage them to get into the Angus breed and stay there."

Hurlbut certainly has sparked much of the enthusiasm junior members possess. He undoubtedly left his mark on the Association and will be greatly missed.

See pages 97-207 for complete coverage of the 2000 NJAS.

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Serving on the Board of Directors for the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) for 2000-2001 are (seated, from left) **Sonya Smith**, Lebanon, Tenn., chairman; **Brandon Douglas**, Gentry, Ark., vice chairman; **Allison Porter**, Jefferson, Ga., communications director; **Sy Olson**, Hereford, Texas, Angus Foundation director; **Miranda Grissom**, Prague, Okla., leadership director; and **Jamie Meyer**, Douglass, Kan., membership information director. New directors elected to serve two-year terms are (standing, from left) **Christy Walther**, Mount Crawford, Va.; **Jessica Sawyer**, Bassett, Neb.; **Tom Patterson**, Columbus, Mont.; **Heath Johnson**, Tupelo, Miss.; **Ryan Sweeney**, Mason, Mich.; and **Brittney Burns**, Kickapoo, Ill.

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■ Minnesota Junior Angus Field Day, Marshall



New officers for the Minnesota Junior Angus Association are (from left) **Kimberly Johnson**, Pipestone, vice president; **Sunny Carlson**, Thief River Falls, president; and **Krista Stai**, New London, treasurer.

■ Tennessee



Elizabeth Warren, Lynnville, is the Tennessee Angus queen.

■ North Dakota Junior Angus Show, Jamestown



Top showmen (from left) are **Kyle Peterson**, Bowbells, senior champion showman; and **Jessica Jallo**, Fordville, junior champion showman.

■ Idaho



Laura Hooper, Bliss, Idaho, (center) earned her Bronze and Silver awards. **Brandon Douglas** (left) and **John Melton** (right), NJAA directors, presented the awards.

■ South Dakota Junior Angus Show, Huron



South Dakota Angus juniors chosen to hold leadership positions in the South Dakota Junior Angus Association are (standing, from left) **Kyle Bussmus**, Mitchell; **Jonathan Bussmus**, Mitchell; **Ember Dale**, Clark; and **Kyle Knutson**, Volga. Officers are (seated, from left) **Theresa Boggs**, Brookings, secretary-treasurer; **Amy Bussmus**, Mitchell, president; and **Hillary Vining**, Huron, vice president.

■ Indiana



The Hamilton County 4-H livestock-judging team won the state livestock-judging contest at Purdue University. Team members are **Jonie Martin, Danny Zeller, Tyler Galloway** and **Jamie Boone**. Tom Younts, Charity Nolting and Tony Morris coached the team. Zeller, an NJAA member, placed ninth in sheep, fifth in swine, third in beef, ninth in reasons, and sixth overall. The team will travel to Louisville, Ky., in November to compete at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) judging contest.

■ Colorado



Officers who will direct the Colorado Junior Angus Association in 2000-2001 are (from left) **Theresa Craig**, Fort Collins, president; **Amanda Grillie**, Erie, vice president; **Alexa Docheff**, Longmont, secretary; **Ashley Docheff**, Longmont, treasurer; and **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, reporter.



Theresa Craig, Fort Collins, Colo., earned her Bronze Award from the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).



Angie Sinclair, Fort Collins, (left) and **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, (right) were selected to represent the Colorado Junior Angus Association as voting delegates at the 2000 NJAS.

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■ Arkansas Angus Field Day, Hot Springs



Arkansas Angus juniors claiming the title of 1999 Arkansas Junior Angus Association exhibitors of the year are (from left) **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, exhibitor of the year, and **Katie Cravens**, Van Buren, runner-up.



The Arkansas Junior Angus Association will receive \$5,200 from a foundation heifer donated by (from left) **Shelby** and **Dale Gorman**, Alma. Foundation Chairman **Shirley Williams**, Van Buren, (right) thanked the donors.



Top showmen are (from left) **Erica Stacy**, De-Queen, pee-wee champion; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, junior champion; and **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, senior champion.

Juniors earn Bronze and Silver awards

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP) that the American Angus Association began in 1972. Junior Angus breeders must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving the honors.

Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership events, using performance testing to improve their herds, and progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

James Fisher, director of junior activities, recently announced several recipients.

Theresa Craig, Fort Collins, Colo., has qualified for the Bronze Award. Craig is the 16-year-old daughter of Dennis and Carla Craig.

She has shown her Angus in numerous shows at the local, state, regional and national levels. She has several animals enrolled in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program. She is a member of the Colorado Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) since 1994.

Lacey Gorby, Alma, W.Va., has qualified for the Silver Award. Gorby is the 16-year-old daughter of Jim and Paulette Gorby. She is a junior at Tyler Consolidated High School.

She earned her Bronze Award in 1999. She has cattle enrolled in the AHIR

program. Gorby was the 1999 West Virginia Angus queen. She is secretary of the West Virginia Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1994.

Laura Hooper, Bliss, Idaho, has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Hooper is the 20-year-old daughter of Graham and Patty Hooper. She is a senior studying animal science at the College of Southern Idaho.

She has shown her Angus in numerous local, state, regional and national shows and has participated in the photography contest at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). She has several animals enrolled in the AHIR program. She has served in many offices of the Idaho Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1989.

Brian Howell, Union City, Ind., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. He is the 19-year-old son of Philip and Judith Howell. He is a sophomore studying food science and nutrition at Purdue University.

Howell has shown his Angus in several local, state, regional and national shows. He has participated in the cook-off, team sales and photography contests at the NJAS. He has served in many leadership positions within the Indiana Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1991.

Clayton Lampe, Scott City, Kan., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Lampe is the 14-year-old son of Mark and Anne Lampe. He attends Scott City Middle School.

He has shown his Angus in several local, state, regional and national shows. He has participated in the cook-off, poster and photography contests at the NJAS. He is a member of the Kansas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1989.

Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan., has qualified for the NJAA Silver Award. Lampe is the 15-year-old son of Mark and Anne Lampe. He attends Scott City Middle School.

He earned his Bronze Award in 1996. He has shown his Angus in numerous local, state, regional and national shows and has excelled in the public speaking contest at the NJAS. He received the first boys' Crystal Award from the American Angus Auxiliary for participation in nonshowing contests at the NJAS. He has served in leadership positions within the Kansas Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1985.

Carrie Sullivan, Saint Charles, Iowa, has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards. Sullivan is the 19-year-old daughter of Pat and Peggy Sullivan. She is a junior studying agricultural business at Northwest Missouri State University.

She has shown her Angus in several local, state, regional and national shows. Sullivan has served as the Iowa Angus queen, has represented her state as a voting delegate at the NJAS and has attended the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. She is a member of the Iowa Junior Angus Association and has been a member of the NJAA since 1989.

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Angus Foundation fund-raiser

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) has 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. To be 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. 

