



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

We're all good at something

A few weeks ago, my dad and I were loading our suitcases into my pickup for a weekend trip to a junior livestock show located several hours from our ranch. After getting everything situated, we climbed in,



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and I turned the key to begin our trip. Much to our dismay, the motor made a sick, groaning noise and failed to start. Dumbstruck, I climbed back out of the cab and popped open the hood. Now, I am not a mechanically minded person, so it was no surprise that under that hood I found clusters of steel, iron, belts and hoses that I knew absolutely nothing about ... but I knew someone who did.

I yelled for my 18-year-old brother, Mark, to come to our assistance. Mark is one of those people whose life is structured around his lifelong passion for mechanics. From a very young age, Mark has developed his mechanical mind. He helped a neighbor rebuild a large tractor motor when he was 7 or 8 years old. From that time on, Mark has evolved into a top-notch mechanic. Not only does he keep all the machinery and vehicles running on our ranch, but he also rebuilds motors, restores old farm equipment and customizes vehicles in his spare time. I knew

he would have some grasp of the mechanical crisis at hand.

As quick as a flash, Mark was under the hood of my pickup, poking, prodding and eyeballing every inch of the motor to try to diagnose the problem. Within only a few minutes, he determined the problem to be a faulty electrical wire and quickly replaced it with a new one. Thanks to Mark's help, we were able to leave on schedule and attend the show.

As we were pulling out of the driveway, my mind focused on the fact that every person on this earth has at least one special talent that is unique to him or her. Some people are good mechanics, others are great cattle breeders, fitters, showmen, auctioneers, writers, communicators — the list goes on and on. The common theme of all these people is the simple fact that they all have found things in life that they are proficient at and enjoy doing.

I challenge each and every one of you to find the things in your life that you enjoy, to develop them and to share them with the people around you. In doing so, you will find not only more meaning, focus and enjoyment in your own life, but also a greater respect for and admiration of the people surrounding you.

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► Alabama Angus Field Day, Centre



► Alabama Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (kneeling, from left) **George Richburg**, Auburn, president; **Codie Long**, Cowarts, vice president; **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, secretary; and **Leslie-Ann Davis**, Wadley, reporter. Directors are (standing, from left) **Meghan Hill**, Holly Pond; **David Brown**, Equality; **Jessica Reeves**, Slocomb; **Jacob Gilmore**, Molino, Fla.; and **Cobie Rutherford**, Town Creek.

► Alabama Angus royalty are (from left) **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, princess; and **Jessica Reeves**, Slocomb, queen.



► Scholarship recipients pictured (from left) with Karen Hill, scholarship chairman, are **Jacob Gilmore**, Molino, Fla.; **Jessica Reeves**, Slocomb; and **Matthew Davis**, Wadley.



► Alabama Junior Angus Ass'n voting delegates and alternates to the National Junior Angus Show are (from left) **Meghan Hill**, Holly Pond, delegate; **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, delegate; **George Richburg**, Auburn, alternate; and **Jessica Reeves**, Slocomb, alternate.

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▶ Arkansas Angus Field Day, Bentonville



▶ **Christy Williams** (right), Lavaca, receives her Silver Award from the National Junior Angus Association. James Fisher, American Angus Association director of activities and junior activities, presents the award.



▶ Arkansas Angus royalty are (from left) **Katie Cravens**, Van Buren, queen; **Allyson McGuire**, Fort Smith, princess; **Erin Turrentine**, Bentonville, princess; **Kate Miller**, Mena, princess; and **Amy Howell**, Camden, princess.



▶ The Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n awarded **Teddy Morelock** (left), Fayetteville, with a plaque for his service as an advisor to the association. Lee Ann McGee, Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n past president, presents the award.



▶ **Haley Rieff** (left), Bentonville, receives the Exhibitor of the Year Award. Also pictured is **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, runner-up.



▶ **Jacy Alsup**, Gravette, earns first-place honors in the peewee quiz bowl competition.



▶ Junior quiz bowl champions are (from left) **Jeffrey Rehm**, New Blaine, first; and **William Grant**, Siloam Springs, third.



▶ Rookie of the Year is **Carson Long**, Lavaca.



▶ **Christy Williams** (left), Lavaca, and **Katie Cravens**, Van Buren, receive scholarships from the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary.



▶ Herdsmanship winners are (from left) **Matt McMahan**, Damascus, first; **Elizabeth Williams**, Van Buren, second; **Jade Vaught**, Horatio, third; **Jeffrey Rehm**, New Blaine, fourth; **Erin Turrentine**, Bentonville, fifth; and **James Williams**, Paragould, sixth.



▶ **Kimberly McGuire**, Fort Smith, took the winning people picture in the junior photography contest.



▶ Intermediate photography contest winners are (from left) **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, first in animals and people; and **Kerri McMahan**, Fort Smith, first in landscape.

▶ Junior public speaking winners are (from left) **Christopher Rehm**, New Blaine, second in prepared; **Jeffrey Rehm**, New Blaine, first in prepared and extemporaneous; **Kate Miller**, Mena, second in extemporaneous; and **Emily Rehm**, New Blaine, third in prepared.



▶ Intermediate prepared speech winners are (from left) **Robby Shofner**, Bentonville, first; and **Jarrett Martin**, Lavaca, second.



▶ Members of the winning junior team sales competition are (from left) **Caitlan Vaught**, **Jade Vaught**, and **Brittane Vaught**, all from Horatio.



▶ Members of the winning intermediate team sales competition are (from left) **Carson Long** and **Jarrett Martin**, both of Lavaca; and **Kerri McMahan**, Fort Smith.



▶ Winners of the poster contest are (from left) **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca, peewee; **Brittane Vaught**, Horatio, first in junior herd advertisement; **Ethan Holly**, Decatur, first in junior membership and breed association; and **Joel Miller**, Mena, second in junior breed promotion.

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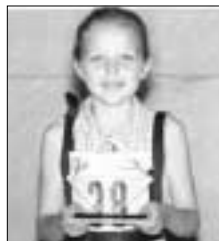
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▶ Southern National Angus Show, Perry, Ga.

▶ Traci Britt (left), show chairman, presents **Alex Tolbert**, Nicholson, Ga., an outstanding junior award.



▶ Michigan Angus Preview Show, East Lansing



▶ **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, earns the perseverance award.



▶ **Emily Hogberg**, Mason, receives the Michigan Angus Auxiliary scholarship.

▶ Minnesota Junior Angus Field Day, Willmar



▶ Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Krista Stai**, New London, treasurer; **Rebecca Scharpe**, Arlington, president; **Kimberly Johnson**, Pipestone, vice president; and **Amanda Stai**, New London, secretary.

▶ Colorado Golden Trend Show, Longmont



▶ Officers of the Colorado Junior Angus Ass'n for the coming year are (from left) **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, president; **Theresa Craig**, Fort Collins, vice president; **Jennifer Litzenberger**, Longmont, secretary; **Ashley Docheff**, Longmont, treasurer; and **Amanda Grilli**, Erie, reporter.

▶ Missouri Angus Breeders Preview Show, Sedalia



▶ Missouri Angus royalty are (from left) **Chelsea Moffitt**, Kirksville, retiring princess; **Mallory Trospers**, Hamilton, 2001 princess; **Laura Main**, Macon, 2001 queen; and **Amy Jernigan**, West Plains, retiring queen.



▶ **Mallory Trospers** (right), Hamilton, receives her Silver Award from the National Junior Angus Association. Don Laughlin, American Angus Association regional manager, presents the award.



▶ **Minnie Roberts** (left), Sarcoxie, receives a Missouri Angus Auxiliary scholarship. Jo Ann Pipkin, Missouri Angus Auxiliary, is also pictured.

▶ Tennessee Angus Ass'n Junior Preview Show, Murfreesboro



▶ The Tennessee Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Dallas Felton**, Decherd, president; **Ashlea Turner**, Dyersburg, west Tennessee vice president and Tennessee Angus queen; **Maghan Patrick**, Fayetteville, middle Tennessee vice president; **Chelsey Warfield**, Andersonville, east Tennessee vice president, treasurer and princess; **Laura May**, Hurricane Mills, secretary; **Philip Warfield**, Andersonville, reporter; and **Katelyn Turner**, Covington, princess.



▶ Tennessee Angus royalty are (from left) **Chelsey Warfield**, Andersonville, princess; **Ashlea Turner**, Dyersburg, queen; and **Katelyn Turner**, Covington, princess.

▶ Nebraska Junior Angus Show, West Point



▶ The 2001-2002 Nebraska Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (seated, from left) **Jake Tiedeman**, North Platte, president; **Kent Nelson**, Ansley, first vice president; **Tyler Hartwell**, Oakland, second vice president; **Emily Pohlman**, Norfolk, secretary/treasurer; (standing, from left) **Bradford Smith**, Loomis, director; **Kenny Prinz**, Nickerson, director; **Kirk Hain**, Seward, director; and **Wravenna Phipps**, Kearney, historian.

▶ Florida



▶ Florida Junior Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Robbie Sand**, Alachua, president; **Cori Griffin**, Orlando, treasurer; **Chris McCullough**, Balm, vice president; **Amie Taylor**, Alachua, princess; **Julie McCullough**, Balm, princess; **Katie Allen**, Lithia, secretary; **Kelley Allen**, Lithia, queen; and **Alicia Pinkston**, Seffner, past treasurer. A.L. "Buddy" McCullough, advisor, is also pictured.



▶ Nebraska Angus Ass'n scholarship winners are (from left) **Kyla Meyer**, Fremont; **Trisha Neumeister**, Talmage; and **Wrex Phipps**, Kearney.



▶ The Nebraska Angus queen is **Wravenna Phipps**, Kearney (left). Pictured with Phipps is Jennifer Svoboda, Nebraska Angus Ass'n secretary. **AJ**