

Next Generation

POSTCARD FROM AN NJAA DIRECTOR

Wind beneath my wings

As I was driving among the endless abyss of highway, hills, cows and scattered windmills on my way home, away from the stresses of school, Bette Midler began to sing "Wind Beneath My Wings" on the radio. As I



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listened to the ballad, I began to think about the great support I have received from my friends and family in the past 20 years. The song made me open my eyes and realize how important the people around me have been in my junior Angus involvement. My Angus family has seen me through the most difficult and most rewarding moments in my career. They have been the ones who have shared a hug and a kind word when things weren't going as well as I had hoped and a "congratulations" when the world was at my fingertips.

No matter what level of involvement you choose in the junior Angus program, realize that the memories and moments fade with time, but the relationships with your family and friends last a lifetime.

So, in this Thanksgiving season, take time to thank your family for all they have done and to appreciate those around you. I wish all of you a great holiday season and good luck throughout the next year.

—**Jessica Ann Sawyer, Bassett, Neb.**

"Wind Beneath My Wings"

(written by Larry Henley and Jeff Silbar;
recorded by Bette Midler)

It must have been cold there in my shadow
To never have sunlight on your face
You were content to let me shine
You always walked the step behind
So I was the one with all the glory
While you were the one with all the strength
A beautiful face without a name
A beautiful smile to hide the pain

Did you ever know you're my hero
And everything I would like to be?
I could fly higher than an eagle
For you are the wind beneath my wings

It might have appeared to go unnoticed
But I've got it all here in my heart
I want you to know I know the truth
I would be nothing without you

Thank you, thank you
Thank God for you, the wind beneath my wings

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■ Florida



Nodoroma Farms, Ocala, donated a yearling heifer to the Florida Junior Angus Association (FJAA). The heifer, Nodoroma Blackcap 9037, a daughter of JLB Exacto 416, sold for \$2,500. Pictured are (from left) **Mike Jones**, West Point, Ga., auctioneer; **Rick Sherman**, Nodoroma Farms; **Julianne McCullough**, FJAA princess; **John Downs**, Southern Cattle Co., Dothan, Ala., purchaser; **Buddy McCullough**, FJAA advisor; **Amie Taylor**, FJAA princess; **Mike Scroggin**, Southern Cattle Co.; and **Stanley Watts**, Southern Cattle Co.

Angie Sinclair,

Fort Collins, Colo., has qualified for the Bronze and Silver awards, the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP). Sinclair is the 21-year-old daughter of Marlene Sinclair. She is a junior, studying earth science, mathematics and elementary education, at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. Sinclair has shown her Angus at numerous levels of competition. She has participated in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest and has enrolled her herd in Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR). Sinclair has served as Colorado Angus queen and president of the Colorado Junior Angus Association. She has been a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) since 1997.

