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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

A wake-up call

It started out as a typical Tuesday morning. I woke up rather early and got ready for class. I put on my clothes and poured a bowl of cereal. Then, I turned on the television for a few minutes to watch the morning news.



Heath Johnson

The sight that I witnessed was an image that will stay with me forever. The World Trade Center, which is a landmark that portrays the character and personality of the United States, had

been absolutely demolished. At first, I was in disbelief, thinking it was just a movie or a figment of my imagination. But it was too real for me, as well as for millions of people across the world.

The first thing that I did was call my dad. He travels to New York quite a bit on business and, consequently, to the World Trade Center. Just six weeks prior to the incident, he had been there, on the 86th floor, giving a presentation in Tower Two. As I was talking to him, he described some of his friends who had been working there that day, and he was concerned whether they were still alive.

Even today I am completely stunned by

the hatred that some people in the Middle East have for us as a nation, and how that hatred could lead them to disregard the sanctity of human life.

Our community has been very active in donating blood and supplies to the victims and their families. I have seen this country unite in a way that transcends political parties, cultures or religions. We have faith in God and in ourselves that we will conquer this horrendous act and become a more efficient nation for years to come.

The reason I decided to write on this subject is that it is simply an example of how much the outside world really does affect us. As Angus breeders, we are fortunate to be able to raise our cattle because of the way our country was founded. However, this freedom was earned, and we must fight to preserve it. Sure, it is easy to get caught up in our individual lives, but the reality is that other countries are watching and do have an effect on how we govern ourselves.

I challenge you to think about all of the wonderful blessings that each of you has, and to try not to take your family, friends, jobs and homes for granted. Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, began as an ordinary day, but concluded in a way that will change us all forever.

— Heath Johnson, Corinth, Miss.

Angus Foundation Heifer Package to include Shady Brook offering

Shady Brook Angus Farm, Leoma, Tenn., has donated the pick of its fall 2001 heifer-calf crop to headline the 2002 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, which will sell at the 2002 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) before the National Western Angus Bull Sale on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena.



All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Angus Foundation. The Tony Santini family has offered the buyer a choice of several embryo transfer (ET) heifers of various matings, which will include several notable bloodlines in the breed.

In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives 30 days of insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co.; transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch from Lathrop Livestock Transportation; a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipients from Trans Ova Genetics; Ivomec® provided by Merial, and a semen package provided by Alta Genetics.

For more information about the package, log onto www.angusfoundation.org or contact the Association.

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Board names junior show sites, changes classes

Site selections for upcoming junior Angus shows were approved by the Association Board of Directors at its regular September meeting in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The 2002 Western Regional will be in Reno, Nev., April 19-20. The 2002 Eastern Regional is June 21-23 in Timonium, Md. The 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) is in Milwaukee, Wis., July 8-13.

Regional preview shows for 2002 include the Atlantic National Regional Preview in Timonium, Md.; Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic in Harrisonburg, Va.; the Northwest Regional Preview in Washington state; the Central Regional Preview in Hutchinson, Kan.; and the All-



American Angus Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Ky.

The Western States Angus Association will host the 2003 Western Regional Junior Angus Show in conjunction with the Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF) in Reno, Nev. The West Virginia Angus Association will host the 2003 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Lewisburg, W.Va. The Kentucky Junior Angus Association will host the 2003 NJAS in Louisville, Ky., and the Missouri Junior Angus Association will host the 2004 NJAS in Kansas City, Mo.

The Board also established two divisions in the cow-calf class at the NJAS beginning in 2002. Both bred-and-owned cows and owned cows will be shown, and calves in both divisions must have been bred and must be owned by the exhibitor. A junior premier breeder also will be named at the NJAS, Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and Western Regional Junior Angus Show beginning in 2002.

Sign up now for computer cow-calf game

Both juniors and adults are eligible to compete in the computer cow-calf game. To receive your "herd" and a battery of herd bulls, call the Activities and Junior Activities Department. The deadline to enroll is Jan. 5. There is no cost for junior members to participate, while the cost for adults is \$15.

Junior winners in the competition will receive points toward the Crystal Award and their state's sweepstakes points at the 2002 NJAS.

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Scholarship

The 2002 Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Beef Industry Scholarship applications are now being accepted. Sixteen \$1,250 scholarships will be awarded to

students who intend to pursue a career in the beef industry. In addition to a scholarship, the top winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show. The scholarship applications must be postmarked by Nov. 28. Contact Audrey Potts (State and Affiliate Services) at apotts@beef.org or (303) 850-3317.

Select Sires Inc. offers three summer internships

Select Sires Inc. has announced plans to offer three summer internships at its headquarters facility in Plain City, Ohio, during 2002. Positions are available within the beef-sire, dairy-sire and corporate-communications departments. Applications are due before **Dec. 1**.

College students pursuing a bachelor's degree in dairy science, animal science, agricultural economics, agricultural communications or related agricultural fields may apply for the internships. Applicants must be familiar with cattle pedigree information. Previous judging-team experience is an advantage. While important for all internships, strong writing and computer skills are a requirement for students working in communications. Sire-department interns must have experience working with cattle and the ability to clip and prepare animals for still or video photography.

In-person interviews are not required. However, Select Sires representatives will conduct interviews during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 3-16.

For more information about these internships or to submit a résumé for consideration, send an e-mail to info-line@selectsires.com or a fax to Terri Smith at (614) 873-5751.

► Bureau County Junior Angus Field Day, Princeton, Ill.



► Showmanship winners are (from left) **Jesse Snyder**, senior champion; and **Jacob Snyder**, peewee champion, both of Lena, Ill.

