



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Always remember your supporters

The summer show season is in full swing, and it is always important to remember all the factors that go into a successful show season. I have never met an individual who can exhibit cattle or participate in an event alone. For the majority of us, it takes many individuals to make our summer show season a success. I know that it took many individuals and a lot of time to allow me to travel all summer to attend cattle events. Take a moment to think about all the people who you rely upon during the show season.



Jamie King

Probably many of you first thought of your family. I know that I could not be where I am today without the countless hours of help, support and encouragement from my family. I am sure many of your families have made sacrifices to allow you to participate in cattle events. Most (if not all) of our family vacations were to cattle shows, and most times one of my parents stayed at home to take care of the chores. I am grateful that we had the chance to do this, as many of the memories I cherish come from the times my family spent together at cattle events.

The next group of people who were a big part of my support team were my advisors,

both in Angus and 4-H. They were always there to offer advice as well as a helping hand. Additionally, I always knew that they were cheering for me and that they wanted me to succeed. Neighbors and family friends made it possible for us to travel during the summer. They were always willing to help out with feeding or other chores while we were gone.

Many of you have others who support you at cattle events. I am sure the breeder or farm from which you bought your heifer is willing to be of assistance. Fellow

exhibitors can also be counted on to help out when you have two heifers in the same class or if you need help fixing tie-outs. They may be some of your biggest fans, as they want you to do well when you enter the ring or participate in a contest at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Many of you have supporters in your community. They are the people who read newspaper articles about your participation or the people who ask you about your summer "cattle" travels. Some of my biggest supporters were my friends at school. They might not always have understood what I was doing, but they always took the time to

ask about the cattle show or event I had attended.

Many of you also have a large group of people in your support team who help you out throughout the year. As you go through this summer, make sure you take the time to thank them for everything they do for you. Whether it is your neighbor who keeps an eye on things while you're gone or a fellow exhibitor who helps you take your heifer to the washrack at a show, please take the time to thank them.

My support team has allowed me to be involved in showing and raising cattle, and I would like to thank them for all the time, work, encouragement and support.

I challenge each of you to think about the members of your support team. I am sure you have a rather lengthy list of people on whom you can depend. Reach out to your supporters and show your appreciation for the time that they have given you, whether it was hours of help or simply a small sign of support. It may seem like a small gesture, but the rewards can be endless.

— **Jamie King, Ohio**

Illinois students claim MAEC championship

A team of students from the University of Illinois won the 40th Annual National Meat Animal Evaluation Contest (MAEC) March 22, 2003, in Saint Joseph, Mo. Ten universities competed in the contest, which combined market and breeding animal

2003 Mississippi Angus Ass'n annual meeting and banquet, May 2, Raymond



► Cheri Franks (left) presents achievement certificates from the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary to **Anthony Franks** (center) and **Christy Franks**, both of Mantachie.



► The Mississippi Angus Auxiliary awards scholarships to **Anthony Franks** (left), Mantachie, and **Jamie Overall** (right), Potts Camp. Melanie Kiani presents the scholarships.

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2003 Western Regional Junior Angus Show, at the Western National Angus Futurity, Reno, Nev., April 26



Shannon Crabtree (right), Kingston, Wash., is crowned the 2003 Western States Angus Queen. Michelle Russell, Hagerman, Idaho, the 2002 Western States Angus Queen, is also pictured.



The Western States Angus Auxiliary (WSAA) presents Rashel Asmussen (left), Loomis, Wash., the 2003 WSAA/John Ascuaga Education Scholarship. Carla Malson (center), WSAA president, and Elsie Covey, secretary-treasurer, present the scholarship.

The WSAA presents Haley Barno (center), Sherwood, Ore., the 2003 WSAA Perpetuating Memorial Scholarship. Carla Malson (left), WSAA president, and Elsie Covey, secretary-treasurer, present the scholarship.



2003 Florida Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day and Show, May 3, Alachua



Helen Morgan (left), Florida Angus Ass'n, presents scholarships to Brittany Lee (center), Trenton; and Katherine Bush, Bryceville.

Georgia

Georgia Angus royalty are 2003 Miss Georgia Angus Whitney Chitty (left), Moultrie; and 2003 Georgia Angus Princess Katie Gazda, Athens.



evaluation with carcass evaluation. The Illinois team finished first in the carcass division, third in both the market animal and the breeding animal divisions, and third in the communications challenge division to claim first overall.

Team members who are Angus juniors or former junior members include Virgil Bremer, Metropolis, Ill.; Darin Alwardt, Altamont, Ill.; Trever Kuipers, Onarga, Ill.; Caleb May, Morrisonville, Ill.; and Georgia Fairfield, Foesland, Ill. Bremer and Alwardt placed 8th and 10th individually overall.

Phipps wins livestock scholarship

Angus junior member Wrex Phipps, Kearney, Neb., was named the recipient of the first-ever Claude Robinson Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to an outstanding college livestock judging student who exemplifies the characteristics of the late Claude Robinson, an accomplished purebred Yorkshire swine and Angus cattle breeder from Wellsville, Mo. Robinson was a strong advocate of youth and livestock judging programs and is still highly respected for his desire to improve and evaluate purebred livestock.

Phipps has completed his sophomore year at Clarendon College in Clarendon, Texas.

This scholarship will be awarded annually to one incoming college sophomore, junior or senior enrolled in a junior- or senior-college judging program. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated leadership activities, livestock judging experience, livestock

judging interest and community service. For more information, contact the National Swine Registry (NSR) director of junior activities, Jennifer Shike, at (765) 463-3594 or (217) 485-5315, or e-mail

Jennifer@nationalswine.com. Applications for the 2004 scholarship must be postmarked to the NSR office no later than March 1, 2004.

