

Next Generation

POSTCARD FROM AN NJAA DIRECTOR

Angus people are a tremendous influence

Through my Angus experiences, I have had the opportunity to meet many great people. I think that one of the best things the Angus breed has to offer is its people.

Growing up with Angus cattle and showing them at various shows, I have learned a great deal about responsibility and hard work. These lessons came from the people who have been involved with the Angus breed. They are definitely great influences.



Sonya Smith

This past January I had the opportunity to work with many of the juniors, parents and association members at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. I was continually impressed by their attitudes and dedication to the Angus breed. I enjoyed getting to meet many new people.

One of the highlights of my trip was getting to work with my father in the showing. He truly has been one of the best influences in my life.

I can still remember when I first started showing at age 9. I was absolutely scared of the cattle, and I was convinced that the calf would take off with me or would stomp my toes off. But my dad was always there when I was scared.

I was also very worried about my dad leaving my side when I went in the ring. He always reassured me that the ringman would take care of me. Luckily, I never had a problem with my calves, but I knew that I never could have made it if it were not for

the support that I received from the various people involved with the shows.

Over the years I have learned about dedication, responsibility and hard work from my father. My father taught me that if I was not willing to do the work around the farm, I would not attend the shows. He taught me that if I wanted my cattle to look good, I would have to work them each day. I quickly learned that if I wanted my cattle to show well and to place well, I would have to put forward a lot of time and dedication.

One of the most important lessons that my father taught me was about good sportsmanship. I have never found anything particularly nice about losing, but my father always reminded me that it is not whether you win or lose but how you show the cattle. He taught me to be modest when I won and always to congratulate the winner when I lost.

Sometimes it can be very disappointing to lose after putting in hours of work. But my father always told me to put a smile on my face and to be thankful for what I had accomplished, even if it seemed small at the time. Today, when I show, I still keep these things in mind.

There are various people in the American Angus Association who have had good influences on me, as well as other juniors. I am glad that I have had the opportunity to get involved with the junior Board, and I look forward to meeting many more people and learning many new things.

Even though you may not feel you are making a big impression on anyone, keep in mind that there is always someone who is being influenced by what you do.

—Sonya Smith
Lebanon, Tenn.

Heifer sells April 16 to benefit 2001 NJAS

Vintage Angus Ranch of Modesto, Calif., will donate a registered Angus heifer to benefit the funding of the 2001 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) scheduled for July 2001 in Denver, Colo.

The heifer is a daughter of VДАР Lucy's Boy out of an AAR New Trend dam, according to Mark and Carla Malson of Parma, Idaho, co-chairmen of the fund-raising committee. Vintage Angus Ranch will groom, fit and deliver this female to Reno, Nev., to be sold at auction April 16 during the 2000 Western National Angus Futurity (WNAF).

In addition to the female, the package will include 30 days free insurance donated by Harding & Harding Insurance Co., a free flush on the heifer by Precision Embryonics, semen for the flush on any available bull in its stud by ABS, and free transportation for the heifer anywhere in the continental United States by Lathrop Trucking.

The auction is scheduled during the Show Girl Revue Sale that is part of the WNAF. Those wishing to bid on this female package may be present at the Reno show April 16 or contact the WNAF office at (208) 858-2163.

The 48th Annual WNAF runs April 15-17.



Vintage Angus donation heifer

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■ Texas



Elected to serve as directors of the Texas Junior Angus Association are (back row, l to r) **Amy Smith**, Cedar Hill; **Julie Rice**, Perrin; **Jaci Jagers**, Sulphur Bluff; **Lake Wilcoxson**, Farmers Branch; **Allyson Ellison**, Hubbard; **Kade Devillier**, Shiro; and **Tammy Ettredge**, Pilot Point; (front row, l to r) **Zachary Wells**, Hamilton; **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian; **Logan Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; **Cody Kuykendall**, Midlothian; **Erin Smith**, Burleson; and **Inabeth Donaldson**, Itasca.



(l) Elected to serve as Texas Junior Angus Association officers for 2000 are (l to r) **James Foshea**, Midlothian, president; **Joanna Olson**, Hereford, first vice president; **Mark Gleason**, Midlothian, second vice president; **David Rice**, Perrin, secretary; **Whitney Richter**, Waco, treasurer; and **Heather Kruse**, Hubbard, reporter.

■ Pennsylvania



Cory Thompson, Wellsville, left, and **Hope Long**, Airville, right, were recognized as the outstanding junior boy and girl at the 2000 Pennsylvania Angus Association annual meeting and banquet, Jan. 9 in Grantsville. Dale Rains, Pennsylvania Angus Association vice president, made the presentation.



Elected to serve the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association on its board of directors in 2000 are (seated, l to r) **John Nichols**, Tyrone; **C.A. Detwiler**, Roaring Spring; **Hope Long**, Airville; (standing, l to r) **William Nichols**, Tyrone; **Jamie Hower**, Bethlehem; **Chris Willhide**, Duncannon; and **Sarah Grim**, East Berlin.

■ Wisconsin



Deanna Hartzell, Shawano, left, and **Laura Blue**, Clinton, right, were presented NJAA Bronze and Silver awards by James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association.

Andrew Mindemann, Sullivan, was recognized as the outstanding junior, premier breeder and premier exhibitor of the year and as owner of the show bull of the year by the Wisconsin Angus Association during its annual banquet Feb. 19 in Madison.



■ Virginia



Tanya Peebles, Lawrenceville, left, was named outstanding senior member by the Virginia Junior Angus Association during the 2000 Virginia Angus Association's annual meeting Jan. 29-30 in Staunton. Katherine Meadows made the presentation.



Joseph Epperly, Moneta, left, was recognized as the Virginia Junior Angus Association's outstanding junior member. Katherine Meadows made the presentation.



Will Epperly, Moneta, left, was named the Virginia Junior Angus Association's outstanding first-year member. Katherine Meadows made the award presentation.



Chelsea Wieben, Leesburg, left, was recognized as the Virginia Junior Angus Association's premier junior exhibitor. Cheryl Peebles made the presentation.



The Virginia Junior Angus Association named **Jason Michael**, Mount Solon, left, the premier senior exhibitor. Cheryl Peebles made the presentation.

■ Angus Royalty



1999 Pennsylvania Angus Queen **Sarah Grim**, East Berlin, left, crowns **Jessica Schmidt**, Drumore, as the 2000 Pennsylvania Angus Queen.



Selected as the 2000 South Dakota Angus royalty are **Virginia Carroll**, DeSmet, left, princess; and **Hillary Vining**, Fedora, queen.



(l) **Jessica Maxwell**, Ponder, was selected to represent the Texas Angus Association as the 2000 Miss Texas Angus.



Virginia Dyson, Amherst, left, was crowned the 2000 Virginia Angus Queen by 1999 Virginia Angus Queen **Nicole Long**.



Iowa Angus royalty include, from left, **Brittnia Carlson**, Cherokee, 1999 queen; **Crystal Bruhn**, Manning, princess; and **Autumn Knop**, Ida Grove, 2000 queen.



Wisconsin Angus royalty include, from left, **Deanna Hartzell**, Shawano, 2000 queen; **Sarah Robinson**, Wauzeka, princess; **Emily Johnson**, Sun Prairie, princess; and **Emily Hartzell**, Shawano, 1999 queen.

■ Iowa

(r) Recognized at the Iowa Angus Association's 2000 annual banquet for outstanding achievements in the showing during 1999 were (l to r) **Drew Schroeder**, Clarence, show bull of the year; **Amanda Hensley**, Dow City, show heifer of the year; and **Brittany Sievers**, Dixon, show steer of the year. The banquet was held Feb. 16 in Des Moines.





Picture Yourself a Winner

Young Angus members with an interest in photography are invited to enter the 2000 photo contest co-sponsored by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and the *Angus Journal*.

We are looking for photos of Angus cattle and/or breeders, farms, ranches, shows, sales or unusual scenes. Photos will be judged on creativity and composition.

Winners will be selected by judges in three age divisions—9-13, 14-17 and 18-21 years.

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACES!

All photographs will be displayed at the 2000 National Junior Angus Show in **Des Moines**.

The winners will be printed in the *Angus Journal's* special youth issue in September.

2000 JUNIOR ANGUS PHOTO CONTEST

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE NO. (____) _____

AGE DIVISION: 9-13 _____ 14-17 _____ 18-21 _____

PHOTO CATEGORY: ANIMALS _____ LANDSCAPES _____ PEOPLE _____

PHOTO TITLE _____

As we welcome change into the new millennium, NJAA members can also welcome change in the photography contest. This year the contest rules have been amended to recognize three photo categories—animals, landscapes and people. Additionally, photos must carry an Angus theme.

Previously, the only restriction within a particular age group was the age qualification. Now each contestant must declare in which of the three photo categories their entries should be entered. Each contestant may enter up to three photos, but only one photo per category.

NJAA/Angus Journal Photography Contest Rules

1. Contestants must be members of the NJAA.
 2. All work must be that of the entrant.
 3. Photos are to be 8x10-in. color or black-and-white prints mounted on 11x14-in. black poster board. Mount completed entry form on the back side, upper left-hand corner of the poster board.
 4. Photos must have been taken by the contestant during the past year. Photos cannot be altered or image-enhanced in any way. Contestants are encouraged to use 35-mm cameras with Kodak print film and paper.
 5. Photos cannot have been presented for competition at a previous National Junior Angus Show.
 6. There will be three age categories: ages 9 to 13; ages 14 to 17; and ages 18 to 21 (as of Jan. 1 of the current contest year).
 7. There will be three subject categories*:
Animals—photographs that highlight animals on the farm;
Landscapes—photographs that focus on scenery around the farm; and
People—photographs that show a junior and/or family, friends, fellow junior members, etc.
- *Each entry may apply to no more than one subject category. The contestant should declare in what subject category their photos are to be judged, as the photograph is representative of the contestant's interpretation of the work. Judges, however, reserve the right to move an entry to a more suitable category. Should the contestant already have a photograph in the more suitable subject category, judges are empowered to disqualify a photograph from competition.
8. All photographs should have a central Angus theme.
 9. A maximum of three entries per contestant is allowed.
 10. Entry deadline is June 25, 2000.
 11. Additional entry forms are available from the Junior Activities Department.

Note: Additional contest rules for other competitions may be amended pending the March NJAA Board meeting. NJAA members are encouraged to watch for news of possible rule changes. Any changes to current contests will be disclosed as soon as possible.