



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Even crazy dreams come true

Earlier this year, I attended the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association annual meeting. On my way to the meeting I was feeling sad that my junior career was getting dangerously close to the end. I listened to the juniors discussing new activities and challenging one another to continue to improve. By the end of the meeting my mood had completely changed. I had become really excited about the plans they were making, and I was so impressed by all their accomplishments.

Angus difference-makers

A few days later I heard a song by Carrie Underwood called "Crazy Dreams" in which she says, "I've met some go-getters, some difference-makers, small town heroes and big-chance takers; I've met some young hearts with something to prove ... Thank God even crazy dreams come true."



Dana May

I couldn't help but think that she was talking about the junior members I have come to know and love in the Angus association. I am continually amazed with the unlimited potential in each junior I've met.

With this in mind, I read an *Angus Journal* article about the 125th anniversary of the American Angus Association. I was

reminded of the innovative, risk-taking leaders who have put their blood, sweat and tears into the Angus industry, starting with one man who used three bulls to put some meat on the bones of his Longhorn cattle. Every advance we have made in the past 125 years started with one person's dream.

Carrie must have met some of the people who make the Angus industry so successful, from our outstanding junior members to our pioneering leaders who came before us. (Even though she is a vegetarian!)

So as I am nearing the end of my junior career, I find myself invigorated about the future of the junior association. Each junior has so much potential and passion; it is truly inspiring. I look forward to seeing how each one makes their dreams into their reality.

Leadership Note:

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

Here's to you free souls ... have confidence and never forget that the sky is the limit. Just believe in yourselves, because even crazy dreams come true!

— Dana May, Wisconsin

Junior deadlines for Atlantic National

The ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show is April 15. Even though the event is a regional preview show for junior members, the Atlantic National show management accepts the entries.

For information or to request entry forms, send e-mail to Harry Bachman at bachauct@lmf.net or call him at 717-867-1822.

Remember approaching junior deadlines

Juniors should remember May 1 as the deadline for several application forms, including applications for the Gold Award, Outstanding Leadership Award, Angus Foundation scholarship and the Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarship. It is also the ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Show.

May 15 is another important deadline, as it is both the ownership and the entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.

June 1 deadlines include the ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS); entry deadline for the NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests; and the entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off.

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njaa.info.

Undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications due May 1

More than \$100,000 in educational scholarships will be available this year to Angus youth through the Angus Foundation scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked on or before May 1 to be considered eligible.

Applications and instructions are available at www.angusfoundation.org. Please closely

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follow the instructions, as incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Note that there are separate applications for the NJAA/CAB scholarship and the new graduate student degree scholarship that will be offered through the Angus Foundation this year.

NJAA members earn Bronze and Silver

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP), which the American Angus Association began in 1972. To receive these honors, junior Angus members must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation.

Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership events, use of performance testing to improve their herds, and progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

Silver

Wade Wells, 13, Hamilton, Texas. He is the son of Tom and Merridee Wells.

Madison Gooden, 13, Iberia, Mo. She is the daughter of Jeff and Amy Gooden.

Jaelyn Upperman, 19, Chambersburg, Pa. She is the daughter of Steve and Jane Upperman.

Bronze

Sydney Thummell, 10, Sheridan, Mo. She is the daughter of Jeff and Deb Thummel.

Lindsay Upperman, 15, Chambersburg, Pa. She is the daughter of Steve and Jane Upperman.

Bronze and Silver

Jennifer Smith, 19, Marshall, Texas. She is the daughter of Bob and Jeannie Smith.

Logan Lastovica, 18, Fredericksburg, Texas. He is the son of Robert and Abban Lastovica.

Christopher Cassidy, 20, Ancona, Ill. He is the son of Kevin and Debbie Cassidy.

Rebecca Hurst, 19, Dorsey, Ill. She is the daughter of Richard and Dianna Hurst.

Jera Pipkin, 10, Republic, Mo. She is the daughter of James and Joann Pipkin.

Gregory Connell, 15, Eugene, Mo. He is the son of Victor and Jessica Connell.

Bailey Harsh, 17, Radnor, Ohio. She is the daughter of Tim and Elizabeth Harsh.

Patricia Vaassen, 16, Ann Arbor, Mich. She is the daughter of Dan and Sharon Vaassen.

Bethany Enos, 17, Cambridge, Ohio. She is the daughter of Chip and Tracie Enos.

Kathleen Gazda, 18, Athens, Ga. She is the daughter of David and Carolyn Gazda.

Mandy Richardson, 20, Louisa, Va. She is the daughter of Ed and Charla Richardson.

David Ownby, 18, Cleveland, Tenn. He is the son of Randall and Kathy Ownby.

Wisconsin Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Poynette, Jan. 26.



► Wisconsin Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors (seated, from left) **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, president; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, vice president; **Calli Bayer**, Ringle, secretary; **Ty Bayer**, Ringle, show chairman; (standing, from left) **Jessica Radcliffe**, Schofield, publicity chairman; **Jake Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, fundraising chairman; **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, director at large; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, vice show chairman; and **Bailey Quam**, Lodi, historian.



► **Courtney Jentz** (left), Fennimore, receives the Wisconsin Junior Member of the Year Award from Kelsi Retallick.



► **Kaley Bockhop** (right), Belmont, receives the Show Bull of the Year Award from Anthony Weber.



► **Courtney Jentz** (right), Fennimore, receives the Show Heifer of the Year Award from Weber.



► Wisconsin Angus royalty include **Kaley Bockhop** (left), Belmont, queen; and **Kelsey Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, princess.



► **Left:** Scholarship winners are (from left) **Kori Konkol**, Menomonee Falls; **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont; **Jake Konkol**, Menomonee Falls; **Bailey Quam**, Lodi; and **Jayne Dalton**, Pardeeville.

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▣ Dixie National Junior Round-Up Angus Show, Jackson, Miss., Feb. 5



► Mississippi voting delegates for the National Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting are **Trey Donahoe** (left), Indianola; and **J.J. Hitt**, Calhoun City.

▣ Watertown Winter Farm Show Angus Show & Sale, Watertown, S.D., Feb. 5



► South Dakota Angus royalty are (from left) **Ann Kroupa**, Kimball, princess; **Calli Pritchard**, Aurora, queen; and **Taylor Geppert**, Kimball, princess.

▣ Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Fort Worth, Jan. 19



► Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Board of Directors are (from left) **Jennifer Smith**, Marshall, president; **Ashley Stevenson**, Brenham, first vice president; **Mollie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg, second vice president; **Tyler Bond-Jones**, Bleiberville, secretary; **Tylee Jo Williams**, Lockney, treasurer; and **Stephanie Lastovica**, Salado, reporter.



► Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n directors are (front row, from left) **Hannah Steph**, Tatum; **Myla Womack**, Golden; **Emory Geye**, Rising Star; **Kyle Jones**, Bleiberville; **Tyler Ramthun**, Holland; **Brazos Williams**, Lockney; (middle row, from left) **Julie Williams**, Idalou; **Mattie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; **Megan Short**, Decatur; **Wade Wells**, Hamilton; **Matt Smith**, Golden; **Clayton Stevenson**, Brenham; **Jennifer Ramthun**, Holland; **Taylor McQueen**, Gilmer; (back row, from left) **Carissa Jones**, Sunray; **Jacob Steph**, Tatum; **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian; **Jentry Jagers**, Sulphur Bluff; **Zachary Wells**, Hamilton; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point; **Charlie Rochester**, Gonzales; **Jessica Ramthun**, Holland; and **Tariton Holloway**, Stamford.

▣ Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 25



► Kansas Angus royalty are (from left) **Bailey Shaw**, Erie, past Miss Kansas Angus; **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, Kansas Angus Ambassador; and **Ashley Laas**, Brookville, 2008 Miss Kansas Angus.



► **Chelsea Dickinson** (right), Glasco, receives the Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship from Mary McCurry.

▣ Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Jan. 26



► Georgia Angus royalty are **Katie Lents** (left), Eton, queen; and **Haley Throne**, West Point, princess.



► Outgoing Georgia royalty include **Katherine Throne** (left), queen; and **Haley Throne**, princess, both of West Point.



► Receiving their Bronze and Silver awards are (from left) **Jennifer Smith**, Marshall; **Wade Wells**, Hamilton; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point; and **Logan Lastovica**, Fredericksburg.



► **Jennifer Ramthun**, Holland, receives the Rookie of the Year Award.



► **Megan Ahearn** (right), Wills Point, is crowned Miss Texas Angus by National Jr. Angus Ass'n Board member **Joseph Epperly**.

► **Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Gonzales, Feb. 10**



► Louisiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, 2007 queen; **Codi Greer**, Keithville, 2008 queen; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville, 2008 princess; and **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, 2007 princess.



► **Katie Hymel** (right), Vacherie, receives a Louisiana Angus Auxiliary scholarship from Melanie Ourso.



► **Avery Kingman** (right), New Iberia, receives the Rookie of the Year Award from Patti Hymel.



► **Joshua Scott** (right), Loranger, receives the Bronze and Silver Awards from Hymel.



► Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n Board of Directors are (bottom row, from left) **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville, second vice president; **Frank Sotile III**, Donaldsonville, first vice president; **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, president; **Jarred Yantis**, Bunkie, secretary; **Samantha Yantis**, Bunkie, historian; **Samantha Bickham**, Saint Francisville, shadow historian; (middle row, from left) **Avery Boone**, Calhoun, Northeast district; **Candace Purvis**, Columbia, Northeast district; **Isaac McFarland**, Keithville, Northwest district; **Anna Loftin**, Elm Grove, Northwest district; **Avery Kingman**, New Iberia, Acadiana district; **Meg Martin**, Duson, Acadiana district; (top row, from left) **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, Southeast district; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, Southeast district; **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, Southwest district; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville, Central district; **Emily Dowell**, Hessmer, Central district; **Nancy Bickham**, Saint Francisville, South Central district; and **Victoria White**, Slaughter, South Central district.

“Take it to the Top”

The 2007 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference held in the sunny state of Georgia brought 170 young leaders and their advisors together from 34 states and Canada. You won't want to miss the 2008 conference, “Take it to the Top,” August 1-4. The schedule has been changed to a Friday through Monday conference.

This year, LEAD participants will have the opportunity to travel to Montana, the “Treasure State,” home of the “Big Sky,” open land, majestic mountains and friendly people.

The schedule for this year's event is filled with fun activities, involving leadership, Angus cattle and friendship. LEAD participants will be treated to western hospitality and the viewing of some top Angus genetics at Vermilion Angus Ranch.

Throughout the conference, participants will have the opportunity to share ideas through roundtable discussions. An outstanding speaker will provide members with inspiration to take home and share with their state associations. And, of course, there will be activities that will further enhance members' leadership skills and beef industry knowledge.

You'll have an opportunity to play under the “Big Sky.” Get ready to enjoy the Midnight Rodeo under the lights and a visit to Cody, Wyo., home of the Buffalo Bill Museum and Historical Center. Of course, there'll be plenty of time to visit with friends and get to know new friends better.



LEAD is open to all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members who are 14 years or older, as well as parents and state advisors. Look for more information in the green entry booklet or on the web site at www.njaa.info. Remember to mark your calendar and sign up early for this incredible event. “Take it to the Top,” explore “Big Sky Country,” and discover all the treasures LEAD and Montana have to offer.

NJAA/Angus Journal Photo Contest

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members interested in participating in the 2008 NJAA/Angus Journal Photography Contest need to have their entries **postmarked by June 1**.

NJAA members can enter one photo in each of the four categories: Angus cattle, landscape, people and around the farm or ranch. There will be age junior, intermediate and senior divisions.

Judging will be based 60% on creativity, communication power and composition of the photograph. The other 40% will be judged on the technical quality of the photo.

All photos will be displayed at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa. Provided space allows, winning photos will be printed in the *Angus Journal* NJAS coverage.

For more information and additional information, see page 236 of this issue, page 61 of the March *Angus Journal*, or the NJAA web site at www.njaa.org.

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▶ Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Natural Bridge, Feb. 1



▶ **Mark Alexander**, Berryville, was named Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n 2007 Outstanding First-Year Junior Member. Pictured are (from left) Haley Meadows, princess; Alexander; and Colleen Buckley, queen.



▶ Virginia Angus royalty are (from left) **Kateland Rich**, Casanova, queen; and **Haley Meadows**, Buchanan, princess.



▶ **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, was named Outstanding Junior Member.



▶ **Morgan Alexander** (right), Berryville, was presented the Premier Junior Exhibitor Award by Colleen Buckley.



▶ **Luke Muncy**, Midland, was named the Outstanding Junior. Pictured are (from left) Meadows, Muncy and Buckley.



▶ **Mandy Richardson**, Louisa, was named Premier Senior Exhibitor and winner of the William S. Stokes Award. Pictured are (from left) Meadows, Richardson and Buckley.



▶ **Shane Clary**, Brodnax, receives the Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n advisors' Outstanding Junior Award. Pictured are (from left) Wynn Herbers, advisor; Betsie Michael, advisor; Clary; and Chris Johnson, advisor.



▶ **Shane Clary**, Brodnax, was named Outstanding Senior Member. Pictured are (from left) Meadows, Clary, and Buckley.



▶ Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Shane Clary**, Brodnax, reporter; **Kaitlyn Meadows**, Buchanan, vice president; **Mandy Richardson**, Louisa, president; **Emily Murray**, Leesburg, secretary; **Adam Murray**, Leesburg, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Luke Muncy**, Midland; **Kateland Rich**, Casanova; **Kraig Smith**, Catlett; **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville; and **Mackenza Muncy**, Midland.



▶ **Mandy Richardson** (right), Louisa, receives Bronze and Silver awards from David Mullins, Association regional manager.

▶ East Tennessee Angus Ass'n Show & Sale, Harriman, Feb. 16



▶ **David Ownby** (left), Cleveland, receives Bronze and Silver awards from NJAA Board member Walt Stinson.

▶ Georgia National Junior Angus Show, Perry, Feb. 22

▶ Officers and directors of the Georgia Jr. Angus Ass'n Board are (front row, from left) **Katherine Throne**, West Point, treasurer; **Katie Lents**, Eton, president; **Kathleen Gazda**, vice president, and **Taylor Gazda**, secretary, both of Athens; (back row, from left) **Clay Williams**, Bishop; **Trey Davis**, Doerun; **Cameron Clark**, Rochelle; **Colton Farrow**, Pitts; and **Cain Thurmond**, Jefferson.

