

Summer potential

July — the heart of summer. This month is a time for Americans to celebrate our independence, enjoy the outdoors and, of course for Angus enthusiasts, attend the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Goals for summer

With the warm weather and break from school, our summers have loads of potential. Think back to your first week out of school. Did you have certain expectations and goals for your summer?



Walt Stinson

Perhaps you hoped to work extra hard on a calf in the barn and make her into a winner. Maybe you planned to get a summer job. Now think about your summer thus far.

Is your summer break living up to its potential?

Hopefully, you are enjoying summer and your break is living up to its potential. To make it even better, I would like to offer a few suggestions on how to get the most out of your summer:

- ▶ Become an active member of your state junior association. Many of you have already taken this step, so take a leadership role in your association.

Leadership tip of the month:

Leaders bring out the potential of their followers.

- ▶ If you had the opportunity to attend a Raising the Bar, adopt a proactive mind-set to apply the material discussed at the workshop. Your extra effort could be the spark that grows your state association.
- ▶ Try to make as many new friends as possible at cattle shows. A new best friend could be in another state.
- ▶ Lastly, set a few goals that you hope to accomplish before you return to school. Keep the goals in mind and work hard to achieve them.

We have all had the opportunity to dive headfirst into a productive, exciting summer. Make the most of your summer, and help it live up to its potential.

— **Walt Stinson, Tennessee**

NJAS this month

The NJAS is July 13-19 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa Angus and Junior Angus associations have been working hard to put the finishing touches on this year's event, "Christmas in July."

If you can't make the trip to Iowa, watch for results posted daily from the cattle show at www.angusjournal.com/njas.

Scholarship fundraiser

The Kansas Angus Auxiliary announces a new scholarship fundraiser featuring an embroidered Western motif towel set that would go well in any home.



The set includes an embroidered bath towel, hand towel and washcloth. The bath towel has a cowboy and horse on it, the hand towel a fence post and barbed wire, and the washcloth has horseshoes. All the towels are tan with black embroidery and cost \$35 per set plus \$5 shipping, for a total of \$40 per set.

For orders or to obtain more information, contact Mary McCurry, 11913 E. Illinois Ave., Burrton, KS 67020; fax: 620-463-3834; mccurryangus@pixius.net. Checks should be payable to: Kansas Angus Auxiliary.

Junior deadlines for NAILE

The ownership deadline is Aug. 1 for the Angus junior show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. The junior exhibitor must be the sole owner of the animal by Aug. 1, as listed on the certificate, and the issue

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dates on the certificate must reflect the Aug. 1 date.

The entry deadline for the NAILE is Oct. 1. Late entries are never accepted.

The original registration paper is required at check-in. Don't forget to bring your original registration papers, along with your health papers, at check-in. Electronic registrations and copies will not

be accepted. Bring the original registration document.

Certificates of Achievement

Juniors are encouraged to apply for the Certificate of Achievement Award from the American Angus Auxiliary. The awards are given for outstanding achievements with Angus cattle or in Angus activities

at national, state and district levels. These certificates are helpful when applying for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), as well as when applying for an Auxiliary or Angus Foundation scholarship. The application is available on the Auxiliary web site at www.angusauxiliary.com.



▶ Missouri Angus Breeders' Futurity, Columbia, Feb. 23



▶ Winning top junior showmanship honors are **Madison Gooden** (left), Iberia, and **Jera Pipkin**, Republic.



▶ Winning top intermediate showmanship honors are **Erica Atkinson** (left), Walnut Grove, and **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan.



▶ Winning top senior showmanship honors are **Ryan Hollenberg** (left), Mexico, and **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie.

▶ Chosen to represent Missouri at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest at the 2008 NJAS in Des Moines, Iowa, are (from left) **Ryan Hollenberg**, Mexico; **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie; **Emelia Heimsoth**, Lathrop, alternate; and **Jessica Weigand**, Warrensburg, alternate.



▶ Mississippi Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Raymond, May 2



▶ **Emma Collins** (left), Morton, and **Kody Miller** (center), Mount Olive, receive the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Achievement Award from **Melanie Kiani**, Mississippi Angus Auxiliary.

▶ Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Reno, Nev., April 26

▶ **Right: Marcie Falleur**, Gearhart, Ore., receives the Western States Angus Auxiliary (WSAA) John Ascuga's Nugget Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Kathleen Buchanan, WSAA member; Falleur, recipient; and Elsie Covey and Carla Malson, both of WSAA.



▶ **Left: Megan Wright**, Acampo, Calif., and **Randie Falleur**, Gearhart, Ore., receive WSAA Scholarships. Pictured are (from left) Buchanan; Wright and Falleur, recipients; and Covey and Malson. Falleur was also the recipient of the WSAA Perpetual Memorial Scholarship.



▶ **Zachery Brower** (right), Water Valley, receives the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary scholarship from Kiani.