



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Changes and advice

Having grown up in rural America, I can appreciate the open plains of the Midwest, starlit summer nights, and the freedom of having a backyard that reaches as far as the neighbor's fenceline.

The ability to enjoy these freedoms comes at one small cost. My home in West-Central Nebraska is hundreds of miles from a big city, and, more specifically, an airport. My involvement in Angus activities often requires me to fly out of Denver, Colo., or Omaha, Neb., in order to reach an event. Consequently, all too often, I have a three- or four-hour drive to reach one of these metropolitan centers.

Recently, on my way home from the Denver airport, I reflected on my 16 years as an active member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). My first National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) experience was in 1990, in Omaha, Neb. My grandfather and I took home the prize for best recipe in the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. From that time forward, I was an NJAA enthusiast.

Since then, I have participated in 13 NJASs and eight Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences throughout the nation. As this summer draws to a close, I will embark on a new chapter in my life.

Much as the season will turn from summer to fall, I too will encounter a change in my life. My role in the NJAA will go from one of an active member to one of an adult volunteer.

The realization that my tenure in the NJAA is coming to a conclusion is one that is truly bittersweet. I will miss the action-packed summers that are brimming with activities. On the other hand, I recognize and appreciate that through the activities of the NJAA, I have honed my skills and abilities, as well as amassed an extensive network of friends and advisors. This collection of friends and abilities will serve as a springboard for my ventures in the next chapter of my life.



Jake Tiedeman

My challenge to you, as I pass the torch to the next generation of leaders, is twofold. First, take advantage of the most powerful and top-ranking junior breed association in the world. Compete in contests, get involved in your state and regional junior associations, and reach out to new members.

Second, and most important, meet new people. This association has some of the most selfless, giving and helpful people in the world. Develop your leadership skills and your network of friends, and you will have the foundation to reach new pinnacles in life.

To this end, I want to thank the many people who have given me gifts of their time, friendship and assistance. I hope that in the future you will look back on your tenure in this association with admiration and appreciation for the person that the NJAA has helped you become.

— **Jake Tiedeman, NJAA chairman**

Cargill scholarships available

Cargill Meat Solutions demonstrated its commitment to agricultural leadership development by donating \$10,000 to the Kansas FFA Foundation. The donation will provide financial assistance to agricultural students, recognize exceptional FFA members and support various programs that develop skills needed for career success.

With the donation, Cargill Meat Solutions sponsored the Kansas Star in Agribusiness award at the state FFA convention June 2, and will sponsor the state Meats Evaluation and Technology Career Development Event (CDE). The gift will provide support to the foundation's general fund and establish the Genuinely Better™ scholarship program for Kansas college students studying agriculture.

The Genuinely Better™ Kansas FFA Foundation Scholarship Program will award six scholarships — one \$1,500 scholarship, three \$1,000 scholarships, and two \$600 scholarships — to college juniors or seniors enrolled at a four-year university and majoring in agriculture. The selection criteria include active participation in the students' school, community and the agricultural industry.

Students can apply for the Genuinely Better Kansas FFA Foundation scholarships by submitting a résumé, copy of their most recent university transcript, two letters of reference, and a 750-word essay highlighting an experience where the student has influenced an organization, group or community by making it "genuinely better." Applications should be mailed to the Kansas FFA Foundation no later than Aug. 15.

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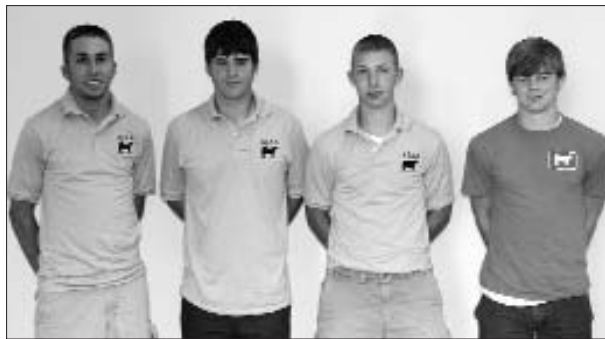
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▶ **Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day and Junior Preview Show, Ardmore, June 3**



▶ **Left:** Elected as officers and directors of the Alabama Junior Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, president; **Chris Jones**, Blountsville, vice president; **Baily Anderson**, Opelika, secretary; **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Caleb Ficken**, Huntsville; **Johnson Pounders**, Leighton; **Hannah Barton**, Dutton; **Keri Hyde**, Wetumpka; and **Blake Shropshire**, Thorsby.

▶ **Right:** Selected as voting delegates to the NJAA 2006 annual meeting are (from left) **Chris Jones**, Blountsville, delegate; **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond, delegate; **Caleb Ficken**, Huntsville, alternate; and **Blake Shropshire**, Thorsby, alternate.



▶ From left, Barbara Moore, Alabama Angus Auxiliary, recognizes Alabama Angus royalty **Keri Hyde**, Wetumpka, princess; and **Baily Anderson**, Opelika, queen.



▶ From left, Sabrina McKinney presents Alabama Angus Auxiliary scholarships to **Kayla Norris**, Eldridge; and **Chris Jones**, Blountsville.



▶ **Chris Jones** (right), Blountsville, receives the Richard Dyar Scholarship from **Richard Dyar**.



▶ From left, June Wood, Alabama Angus Auxiliary, is pictured with Alabama Junior Angus Ambassadors **Johnson Pounders**, Leighton; and **Blake Shropshire**, Thorsby.

▶ **Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Field Day, Folsom, June 3**



▶ Winners in junior extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Lee Hymel**, Vacherie, third; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville, second; **Braden Williams**, Lake Arthur, first.



▶ Winners in intermediate extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Rene Roussel**, Gramercy, second; and **Avery Boone**, Calhoun, first. Krystal Murphy, Louisiana Angus Queen, presents the awards.



▶ Winners in senior extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, third; **Samantha Bickham**, Saint Francisville, second; and **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, first.

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▶ Arkansas Junior Angus Summer Preview Show, Paragould, June 4

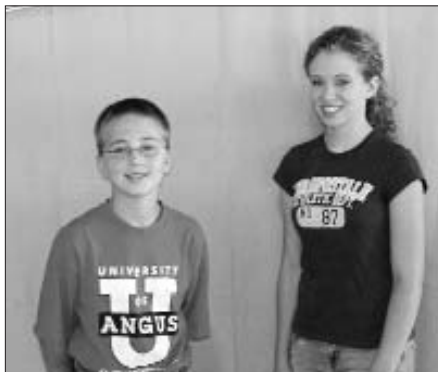
▶ **Right:** Juniors that will serve on the Arkansas Junior Angus board are (from left) **Christine Taylor**, Lavaca, reporter; **Sarah Holland**, Imboden, secretary; **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, historian; **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca, president; **Jimmy Williams**, Pocahontas, president-elect; **Sarah Connolly**, Rogers, N.W. director; **Amanda Holland**, Imboden, N.E. director; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, treasurer.



▶ Winners in the poster contest are (from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas; and **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville.



▶ Winners in the photo contest are (from left) **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca; **Elizabeth Williams**, Van Buren; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville; **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas; **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca; and **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville.



▶ Winners in the quiz bowl contest are (from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; and **Brandi Cromer**, Lamar.



▶ Winners in the graphic design contest are (from left) **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove.



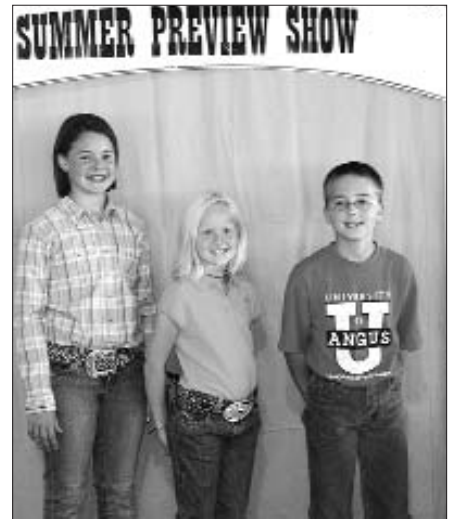
▶ Arkansas Junior Angus royalty are (from left) **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca, queen; **Brittane Vaught**, Horatio, princess; **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca, princess; **Haley Hipp**, Harrison, princess; **Amanda Holland**, Imboden, princess; and **Shyann Vaught**, Horatio, princess.



► Winners in the creative writing contest are (from left) **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; and **Sarah Connolly**, Rogers.



► **Will Pohlman** (left), Prairie Grove, receives Bronze and Silver awards from **Richard Dyar**, Association regional manager.



► Winners in the team sales contest are (from left) **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove.

► **Michigan Angus Ass'n Preview Show**, East Lansing, June 11



► **Ricka Boehmer** (left), Williamston, receives the Silver Award from **Renee Thelen**, NJAA leadership director.

► **South Carolina Junior Angus Show**, Clemson, June 3



► Elected to the South Carolina Junior Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Ashley Hawkins**, Belton, reporter; **Savannah Groce**, Fountain Inn, secretary-treasurer; **Sally Yon**, Ridge Spring, vice president; and **Ann Blumer**, Chesnee, president.

► **Missouri Angus Ass'n Preview Show**, Sedalia, June 11



► Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n royalty are (from left) **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, 2006-2007 princess; **Lauren Akin**, Iberia, 2005-2006 princess; **Zach Kinne**, Eagleville, 2006-2007 ambassador; **Brittany Gillig**, Aurora, 2005-2006 queen; and **Holly Bellis**, Orrick, 2006-2007 queen.



► South Carolina Angus royalty are (from left) **Ashley Hawkins**, Belton, princess, and **Savannah Groce**, Fountain Inn, queen.

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▶ Kansas Junior Angus Preview Show, Hutchinson, June 10



▶ Officers and directors elected to the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Flinton McCabe**, Elk City, president; **Courtney Rump**, Galva, president-elect; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, vice president; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, second vice president; **Kenny Hopper**, Leonardville, treasurer; **Bailey Shaw**, Erie, co-reporter; **Ethan McCabe**, Elk City, co-reporter; **Megan Fink**, Manhattan, membership director; (back row, from left) **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, past president; **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth; **Meghan Blythe**, White City; **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg; **Brady Jensen**, Courtland; **Samuel Rucker**, Burdett; **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson; and **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland.



▶ Receiving Bronze and Silver awards are (from left) **Courtney Rump**, Galva, and **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon.



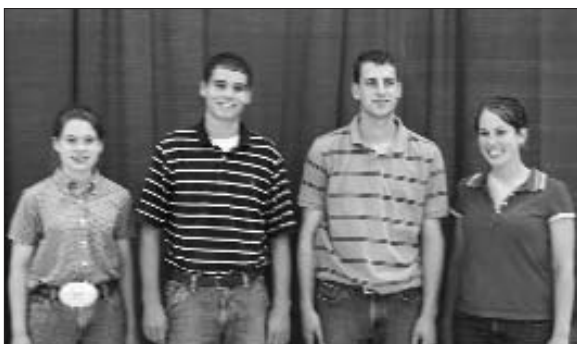
▶ Winning the peewee quiz are (from left) **Quannah Gardiner**, Ashland, first; and **Caleb Flory**, Baldwin City, second.



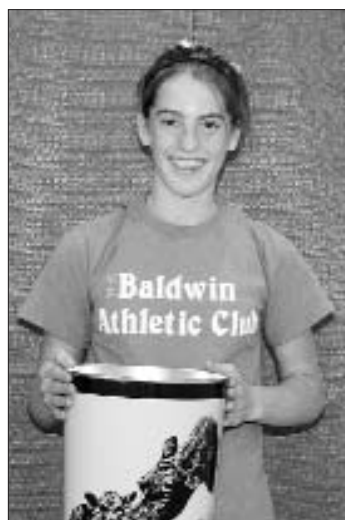
▶ Winning the junior quiz are (from left) **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, and **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth, tied for first; **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, second; **MacKenzie Flory**, Baldwin City, third; and **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, fourth.



▶ Winning the intermediate quiz are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, first; **Bailey Shaw**, Erie, second; **Samuel Rucker**, Burdett, third; **Jacinda Dickinson**, Glasco; and **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, tied for fourth.



▶ Winning the senior quiz are (from left) **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, first; **Flinton McCabe**, Elk City, second; **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, third; and **Tess Ludwick**, Ottawa, fourth.



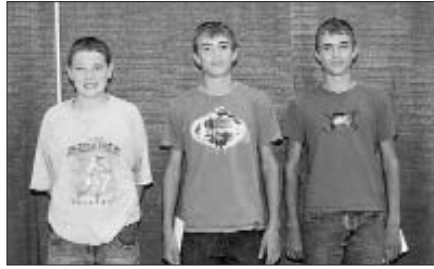
▶ Winning first place in herdsmanship is **MacKenzie Flory**, Baldwin City.



▶ Winning the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Challenge Award is **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco.



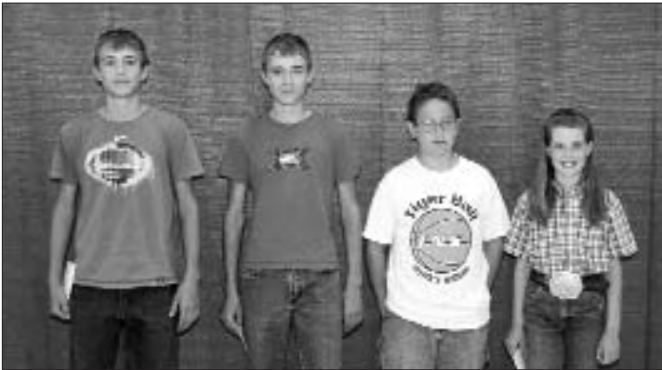
► Winning peewee extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, first; and **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, second.



► Winning junior extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth, first; **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, second; and **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, third.



► Winning intermediate extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, first; **Samuel Rucker**, Burdett, second; and **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, third.



► Winning the junior sales contest are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, second; **Mitchell Rucker**, Burdett, third; and **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, fourth.



► Winning the intermediate sales contest are (from left) **Samuel Rucker**, Burdett, first; **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, second; **David Lundgren**, Ottawa, third; and **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, fourth.



► Winning junior prepared public speaking is **Lauren Prill**, Wichita.



► Winning the senior sales contest is **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa.



► Winning intermediate prepared public speaking are (from left) **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, first; **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, second; and **Allison Jones**, Manhattan, third.



► Receiving Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarships are (from left) **Kenny Hopper**, Leonardville; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco; **Logan Dreiling**, Scott City; and **Tess Ludwick**, Ottawa.



► Winning the eight and under coloring contest are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, first; **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, second; **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, third; **Kathryn Vaught**, Topeka, fourth; and **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, fifth.

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▶ Tennessee Junior Angus Preview Show, Lebanon, June 23



▶ Winning intermediate prepared public speaking are (from left) **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, third; **Callie Smith**, Lebanon, second; and **Tyler Hammett**, Munford, first.



▶ Winning the intermediate photography contest are (from left) **Callie Smith**, Lebanon, first and second; and **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, third.



▶ Winning the poster contest is **Erika Warren**, Millington.

▶ Kentucky Junior Angus Preview Show, Bowling Green, June 9



▶ **Jared Ayres** (left), Lancaster; and **Kimberli Fister**, Stamping Ground, are Kentucky's representatives to the 2006 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



▶ Glenn Bugg (far left) and Pam Bugg (far right), KJAA advisors, present Kentucky Angus scholarships to **Erica Waggener**, Harrodsburg, and **Joshua Wheatley**, Springfield.

▶ Indiana Junior Angus Preview Show, Lebanon, June 17



▶ Jerry Cassady (left), Association regional manager, presents the Silver award to (from left) **Zachary Rieker**, **Baron Rieker**, **Steven Rieker** and **Katarina Rieker**, all of Columbus.

▶ North Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Sioux Falls, S.D., June 16-17



▶ **Andrew Rogen**, Brandon, S.D. (left), receives his Bronze and Silver awards from James Fisher, American Angus Association.



▶ **Mark Mitteness**, Ada, Minn. (left), receives his Bronze and Silver awards from Fisher.

► **Illinois Junior Angus Preview Show, Peoria, June 10**



► Members of the Illinois junior board of directors are (front row, from left) **Melissa Wineinger**, Paris, second vice president; **Tanna Fruhling**, Homer, first vice president; **Jennifer Ringwelski**, Marengo, secretary; **Justin Moritz**, Piper City, president; **Gretchen Frost**, Tallula, reporter; **Tera Moritz**, Piper City, treasurer; **Kyle Anderson**, Chrisman, show secretary; (back row, from left) **Kayla Widerman**, Good Hope; **Jennifer Ewing**, Rushville; **Matthew Ewing**, Rushville; **James Kurtis Devore**, Mulberry Grove; **Rebecca Hurst**, Dorsey; **Will Bingman**, Carmi; and **Nancy Robinson**, Carmi.



► **Melissa Wineinger**, Paris, receives the Joe Bessler Memorial Award recognizing an outstanding junior Angus member each year.

► **Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Harrisonburg, Va., June 23-25**



► James Fisher (left), American Angus Association, presents the Bronze Award to **Fred Frey**, Quarryville, Pa.



► Maryland junior members (from left) **Trevor Whiteside**, Queenstown; **Lindsey Brown**, Federalsburg; and **Ethan Whiteside**, Queenstown; receive their Bronze and Silver awards from Fisher.



Junior member competes to be rodeo queen

Courtenay DeHoff, Tonganoxie, Kan., earned a position on the Kansas High School Rodeo Team and traveled with fellow teammates to Springfield, Wyo., July 24-30 to compete in the 58th Queen Contest competition at the Annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR).

Featuring more than 1,500 contestants from 40 states, five Canadian provinces and Australia, the NHSFR is the world's largest rodeo. Visit www.nhsra.org for details.