



Next Generation

Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

It's the little things

1 Smile + 1 Hello = 1 Treasured Moment

Many people go through life never realizing that the little things do make a difference in others' lives. This summer at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), I met one boy who proved to me that the little things do matter. I never introduced myself to this 8-year-old from Iowa. I just smiled and said, "Hello." However, that quick smile and hello gave me a new friend.

That week I was running for the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors, and he was always there to cheer me on. Whenever I would walk down the Iowa aisle, he would run from his stall to greet me. He would throw his arms around my waist and hug me. He would innocently ask me, "Are you in the club yet?" Even though he did not quite understand what the NJAA Board was, he

knew it was important to me, so it became important to him.

This young boy made me realize it is the little things we do in life that can reap the biggest rewards. It took no more than five seconds and a little effort to smile and say hello to him on that first day, but because I did, I made his day better and made my week more fulfilling.

Many people go through their lives never thinking about that smile or wave they just gave another person.

What they don't realize is that smile could have made that person's day a little bit better. Whether it is the week you spend mentoring someone at the NJAS or the minute you spend talking to someone at school, there is a good chance you just made a positive effect on someone else's life. Often the things you



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consider insignificant will come back to reap big rewards for you, whether it is tomorrow or 10 years down the road. So the next time you pass someone, are you just going to look away, or will you greet him or her with a smile? Remember, it truly is the little things that make the biggest difference.

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SPOTLIGHTS

Utah State Fair Angus Show, Salt Lake City, Sept. 12



► **Bailey Woolsey**, Morgan, was crowned the Utah Angus queen.

South Dakota State Fair Angus Show, Huron, Sept. 2



► South Dakota Angus Auxiliary \$500 scholarships were awarded to students planning to attend a South Dakota university or technical school of their choice. Pictured are (from left) **Jane Green**, South Dakota Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairwoman; **Matthew Tollefson**, Clark; **Mandy Gimbel**, Ree Heights; and **Charlie Tesch**, Watertown.

