



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Living your dream

It is never too late to become great at what you want to do. By setting goals, you can achieve your dreams in life. Although the road to achieving your dreams can be rough and unpredictable, long-term goals will help you stay focused on what's truly important. As I end my time at Oklahoma State University (OSU) and enter my professional career in the Angus business, I find myself revisiting my dreams and long-term goals under the perspective of real life. The way I fulfill my personal goals may have changed, but the same OSU mind-set that I strived to live by stays the same.

While at OSU, one of my primary goals was to be on a competitive livestock judging team. It took a lot of dedication and commitment to be able to attend daily judging practices, travel to contests and still keep up with classes. There were always shows, sales, sports games or something competing for my time, but judging received first priority. Now, looking back on the experience, I not only learned how to judge livestock, but, more importantly, the communication and decision-making skills I gained, along with the lifelong contacts I have made, are irreplaceable. Even though I missed out on a few things, I feel that by achieving my primary objective, I have become a better person and more prepared for the future.

Another goal was to be a member of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board, which again takes commitment and sacrifice. As Foundation director, I spent many hours working with Milford Jenkins, Foundation director of development; Bill and Barb Rishel, who donated the 2006 Foundation heifer; and other board members promoting the Foundation heifer sold at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. When the heifer entered the ring, we were satisfied that we had done everything

possible to promote her. There was a real sense of satisfaction after the heifer sold for a record price.

As we approach life, we should try to achieve and perform each ambition to our fullest potential, knowing that when the day is done, everything that could be done to achieve the most desirable outcome has been done. Be confident in the decisions made, and have faith in yourself. If you believe the right choices have been made, you will have a lot more pride in the outcome. Making mistakes is just part of life — I know I have made my share. But, through mistakes you gain experience. The more experience people have, the fewer mistakes they will tend to make. Time management and establishing priorities is very important when pursuing goals — and in everyday activities. Try to do what is most important first and, if you have time, do what is next on your priority list. These are some of the things that I have learned throughout the years, and they seem more relevant now than ever.

As I have started my career, working every day, I realize that it is easy to get caught up in daily activities and forget what the long-term accomplishments could be. It has been hard leaving college knowing that I am not going back, but, at the same time, I'm excited about what the future has in store for me. When I reflect on what my long-term goals and dreams actually are and how they might be accomplished, I realize that I am living them. My hope is that everyone can do the same.



**Curtis Bryant**

— Curtis Bryant, Maryland

## 2006 LEAD Conference

The 2006 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, themed "Wranglin' Up Your Future," will take place Aug. 3-6 in Oklahoma City, Okla. The NJAA Board is working diligently to coordinate an exciting, fun and educational program that youth will want to experience.

Attendees will tour the Oklahoma City historic stockyards, the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum and attend a vespers service at the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Express Ranches will offer attendees a tour of the ranch and provide an inside look at its ranching

operation. A motivational and leadership speaker will present, and the NJAA Board will conduct educational and interactive workshops.

For registration forms and more information, visit [www.njaa.info/lead.html](http://www.njaa.info/lead.html). The early registration fee is \$175 and is due by June 15.

Electric Youth Tour, a group of more than 1,200 high school students who are sponsored jointly by NRECA, local electric cooperatives and their statewide associations in 44 states. The youth tour meets in Washington, D.C., each year in June. Youth visit with their state delegations in both the U.S. House and Senate, attend educational seminars, and visit historical landmarks. Each state attending the tour selects a representative for the YLC, who then attends a weeklong summer leadership conference in Washington, D.C., where courses on leadership and how to write and deliver speeches are available.

The national spokesperson is selected during this leadership conference to address the NRECA Annual Meeting and the youth tour delegates the following summer in Washington, D.C. Visit [www.nreca.org/ResourceYouthPrograms.htm](http://www.nreca.org/ResourceYouthPrograms.htm) for more information.

WRANGLIN' UP YOUR FUTURE



AUGUST 3-6, 2006 ★ OKLAHOMA CITY

## Ag opportunity

A national spokesperson of the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is chosen each year to assist the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in conducting its annual meeting.

The YLC is an extension of the Rural

► **Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 8, Grantville**



► Pennsylvania Angus royalty include (front row, from left) **Pamela Cox**, Evans City, princess; **Jaymi McMichael**, Pequea, princess; **Leah Walton**, Kennett Square, 2005 queen; **Sharon Byrne**, Nottingham, 2006 queen; **Barbara Pfender**, Holtwood, princess; and **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, princess. Sweethearts pictured include (back row, from left) **Catrina Bollinger**, Mifflinburg; **Maria Trowbridge**, Meshoppen; **Emilie Campbell**, Pennsylvania Furnace; **Heather Cox**, Evans City; **Kate Livingston**, Dover; **Hannah Grim**, East Berlin; and **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys.



► Outstanding Junior Girl and Outstanding Junior Boy awards are presented. Pictured are (from left) **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, outstanding girl; **Jamie Hower**, Bethlehem, advisor; and **Fred Frey**, Quarryville, outstanding boy.



► Advisors for the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Sarah Grim**, East Berlin; **Jamie Hower**, Bethlehem; (standing, from left) **Bart Gill**, Mount Joy; **Wendall Landis**, Pennsylvania Furnace; and **Bradford Bishard**, York.



► Members of the 2006 Pennsylvania Junior Angus Ass'n board include (seated, from left) **Jaymi McMichael**, Pequea, reporter; **Caitlin Fairbairn**, Coatesville, vice president; **Kyle Grim**, East Berlin, president; **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Ryan Fairbairn**, Coatesville; **Kate Livingston**, Dover; and **Barbara Pfender**, Holtwood, historian.

► **Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 28, Athens**



► Georgia Angus royalty include **Kathleen Gazda** (left), Athens, queen, and **Katherine Throne**, West Point, princess.

► **Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show Junior Angus Heifer Show, Jan. 21, Fort Worth, Texas**



► **Jennifer Smith**, Marshall, Texas, is Miss Texas Angus.

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### ▶ Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 28, Poynette



▶ **Brady Quam** (left), Lodi, receives the Retiring Junior Member of the Year Award from Dana May.



▶ **Kelsi Retallick** (right), Glen Haven, is presented the Junior of the Year Award by Dana May.



▶ **Above:** The Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (seated, from left) **Dana May**, Mineral Point, president; **Kayla Downing**, Waukesha, vice president; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, secretary; **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, show chairman; (standing, from left) **Bethany Kohl**, Waterloo, membership chairman; **Callie Bayer**, Ringle, director; **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven, director; **Jake Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, fundraising chairman; **Ty Bayer**, Ringle, publicity chairman; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, historian; and **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, vice show chairman.



▶ Wisconsin Angus royalty include **Kori Konkol** (left), Menomonee Falls, queen, and **Bailey Quam**, Lodi, princess.



▶ **Mikayla Kind** (left), Jefferson, is named the Outstanding Junior Ambassador. Presenting the award is Mary Kohl, junior advisor.



▶ **Keela Retallick** (right), Glen Haven, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Jerry Cassady of the American Angus Ass'n.

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### ▶ Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 12, Gonzales



▶Officers of the Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n include (seated, from left) **Cliff Ourso Jr.**, Donaldsonville, president; **Allison Gravois**, Vacherie, vice president; **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, second vice president; **Codi Greer**, Keithville, secretary-treasurer; **Samantha Yantis**, Bunkie, shadow historian; **Jessica Edwards**, Jonesville, shadow historian; (standing, from left) **Avery Boone**, Calhoun, Northeast director; **Dusti Greer**, Keithville, Northwest director; **Dakota Smothers**, Plaquemine, Acadiana director; **Stephanie Hymel**, Vacherie, Southeast director; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville, Central director; **Frank Sotile III**, Donaldsonville, South-central director; **Samantha Bickham**, Jackson, South-central director; and **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, Southwest director.



▶Left: Louisiana Angus royalty include (from left) **Allison Gravois**, Vacherie, 2005 queen; **Krystal Murphy**, Prairieville, 2006 queen; **Samantha Bickham**, Jackson, 2006 princess; and **Stephanie Hymel**, Vacherie, 2005 princess.

▶Below: **Jacob Chicola** (left), Deville, is named the Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Rookie of the Year. **Patti Hymel**, junior advisor, presents the award.



▶**Allison Gravois** (right), Vacherie, receives the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from **Melanie Ourso**, representing the Auxiliary.



### ▶ Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Jan. 20, Hutchinson



▶**Garrett Lampe** (left), Scott City, receives the Kenneth and Lerene Moore Scholarship from **Sharee Sankey**.



▶Kansas Angus royalty include (from left) **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, 2006 Kansas Angus Queen; **Bailey Shaw**, Erie, Kansas Angus Ambassador; and **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, 2005 Kansas Angus Queen.

### ▶ Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 15, Des Moines



▶The Iowa Angus Auxiliary presents the Anita Russell Award to **Bridget Driscoll** (left), Williamsburg. **Henry Russell** presents the award.



▶**Stephanie Arp** (left), Walcott, receives the 2005 Bred-and-Owned Bull Award from **Cody Jensen**.



▶**Lisa Stream** (left), Chariton, receives the 2005 Bred-and-Owned Heifer Award from **Jensen**.



▶**Wesley Ruby** (left), Greene, receives the 2005 Steer Award from **Jensen**.



▶**Sarah Stream** (left), Chariton, receives the 2005 Owned Heifer Award from **Jensen**.

