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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Angus gratitude

Recently I received several powerful and meaningful e-mails. One of the e-mails, titled "The Gratitude Campaign," demonstrated a unique way to convey thanks to our military. Scott Truitt, a gentleman from Seattle, Wash., suggested a simple gesture be used to say thanks to those who serve without even having to approach them.

Saying 'thank you'

The gesture or sign is the standard sign for "thank you" in American Sign Language (ASL). He has started a massive movement



Brandon Creamer

to get the word out. It's been suggested that the sign be used to show anyone how much you appreciate their service; it's another way for all of us to say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Looking back on the 10 National Junior Angus Shows (NJASs) I've attended, I

can't say one stood out more than another. Each show held memories of special moments, new friendships, new places and new experiences. I couldn't help but think about all the people who made it possible for me to experience the NJAS: my parents, former National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Boards of Directors, Angus breeders and American Angus Association staff and Board members. The NJAS is the world's largest junior single-breed beef cattle show, and it wouldn't happen without all the

Angus enthusiasts working behind the scenes, planning, fundraising, serving meals, helping unload trailers, etc.

Now, looking back at one of the best weeks of my life, I'm thinking about all those folks who helped to make the 2008 NJAS so special for me and all the other juniors who participated in the show and contests. How best can you and I show our gratitude for all they have done? What if every exhibitor sent five thank-you cards to the folks from Iowa who were responsible for another memorable show? What if each of us took just a moment during the year to personally thank an Iowa Angus breeder, an Association staff member, an Association Board director or an Auxiliary member?

"Gratitude is something of which none of us can give too much. For on the smiles, the thanks we give, our little gestures of appreciation, our neighbors build up their philosophy of life."

— A.J. Cronin

movement would have. Imagine an "Angus Gratitude Campaign."

Let's not just imagine it; let's make it happen.

— Brandon Creamer, Colorado

One of the most talked about e-mails in recent months is the "Last Lecture." The video is of Carnegie professor Randy Pausch delivering his last lecture. Pausch is dying of cancer. He states, quite eloquently, "Gratitude is a very simple thing and a very powerful thing." Imagine the effect such an effortless

Leadership tip of the month:

An effective leader appreciates the efforts of everyone and takes the time to thank them for their efforts.

Ahearn, Lastovica awarded Texas Auxiliary scholarships

Megan Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas, and Logan Lastovica, Fredericksburg, Texas, have each been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Texas Angus Auxiliary.

Ahearn is the daughter of Mark and Cindy Ahearn and is an active member of the Texas Junior Angus Association (TJAA) and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). She has served as a director for TJAA for the past six years and currently serves as Miss Texas Angus. In addition to showing Angus cattle, Ahearn has participated in numerous other NJAA activities, such as Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, quiz bowl, graphic design and photography contests. She has received the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards.

Ahearn raises registered Angus and commercial cattle in Van Zandt County. She is an active member in her church and community through numerous volunteer programs. Ahearn plans to attend Red McComb's School of Business at the University of Texas in Austin and major in international business.

Lastovica is the son of Robert and Abban Lastovica and a member of TJAA and the

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NJAA. He has received the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards and has participated in numerous other NJAA activities such as the LEAD Conference, quiz bowl and team sales. Lastovica plans to attend Texas A&M University (TAMU) and major in aerospace engineering. Lastovica raises registered Angus cattle in Gillespie County.

The Texas Angus Auxiliary is affiliated with the American Angus Auxiliary, which offers individuals interested in the welfare of the Angus breed the opportunity to work together to provide educational, promotional and social programs and activities.

Summer show photos available

Any youth who competed in a junior Angus show this summer where an Association representative took photographs will receive one complimentary color 5x7 photograph in the mail. Those photos are also e-mailed to each member's local media.

Anyone who would like to order additional photos, from either a junior or open show, can do so by contacting the Association's Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or by sending an e-mail to prphotos@angus.org.

American Royal announces Angus changes

Angus exhibitors will want to note changes to the American Royal schedule later this fall. The junior heifer and the super-point Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus shows will both take place Friday, Oct. 31, rather than on two separate days as in the past. The junior show will begin at 8 a.m., with the super-point ROV show to follow.

Also, the entry deadline for both open and junior cattle has moved to Sept. 10. Watch www.americanroyal.com for more information.

Junior show changes at NWSS

Junior Angus exhibitors will want to note that the ownership and entry deadline to the junior Angus heifer show at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is Nov. 20. No late entries are accepted.

Also, a senior yearling division has been added to the junior show. For more information about the NWSS, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

Junior deadlines for the fall

- ▶ Sept. 1 is the entry deadline for the American Royal junior Angus show.
- ▶ Oct. 1 is the entry deadline for the NAILE junior Angus show.
- ▶ Nov. 20 is the ownership and entry deadline for the NWSS junior Angus show.

▶ Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n Summer Preview Show, Harrison, May 24-25



▶ Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (kneeling, from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, president; **Sarah Connolly**, Rogers, vice president; **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, membership director; **Katlyn Tunstall**, Fayetteville, communications director; **Christine Taylor**, Lavaca, finance director; (standing, from left) **Jessica Fritts**, Huntsville; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove; **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca; **Dillon Doublehead**, Gravette; **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca; and **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville.



▶ Left: Arkansas Jr. Angus royalty are (from left) **Haley Hipp**, Harrison, district princess; **Laykyn Rainbolt**, Leslie, district princess; **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville, district princess; **Caitlin Haley**, Quitman, district princess; **Sarah Connolly**, Rogers, district princess; **Sheyann Moore**, Norfork, state princess; and **Brandi Cromer**, Lamar, queen.



▶ Left: **Katlyn Tunstall**, Fayetteville, wins Showman of the Year, Exhibitor of the Year and first place in the junior division of graphic design.



▶ Right: The Jane Morelock Rookie of the Year Award is presented to **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville. Pictured are (from left) Jane's family, Hailey Roye, granddaughter; Leslie Roye, daughter; LaCour, recipient; and Teddy Morelock, Jane's husband.



▶ **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville, wins the junior division of extemporaneous speaking.



▶ Winning the team fitting contest are (from left) **James Williams**, Paragould; **Chance LaCour**, Berryville; **Tisha'na Lowery**, Western Grove; and **Haley Hipp**, Harrison.

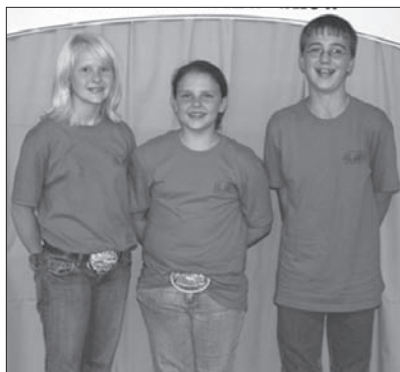
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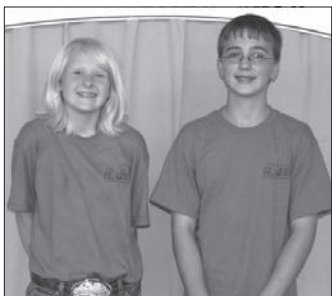
▶ Winning first place in the intermediate division of team sales are (from left) **Amanda Holland**, Imboden; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas; and **Sarah Connolly**, Rogers.



▶ **Left:** Winning first place in the junior division of team sales are (from left) **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville; **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove.



▶ **Right:** Winning the intermediate division of posters — breed promotion, herd advertisement and membership recruitment — is **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas. She was also the intermediate winner of the quiz bowl.



▶ Winning in the junior division of posters are (from left) **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, herd advertisement; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, membership recruitment.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of graphic design is **Jessica Fritts**, Huntsville.



▶ **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, wins the Breeder of the Year, junior division creative essay, junior division quiz bowl and the 9-13 age division in prepared public speaking.



▶ Winning intermediate photography are (from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, landscape and Angus cattle; and **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, people and around the farm or ranch.



▶ **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca, wins the outstanding leadership award.



▶ **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, wins the senior division of posters — herd advertisement, breed promotion and membership recruitment.



▶ Winning the senior photography contest are (from left) **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Angus cattle and people; and **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca, landscape and around the farm or ranch.



▶ Winning the junior division of photography are (from left) **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, landscape and people; **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville, around the farm or ranch; and **Haley Hipp**, Harrison, Angus cattle.



▶ **Brandi Cromer** (left), Lamar, accepts the Bronze and Silver awards from Richard Dyar, Association regional manager.

▶ Southern National Jr. Angus Show, Perry, Ga., June 6

▶ **Right:** **Cameron Clark** (left), Rochelle, Ga., and **Kathleen Gazda**, Athens, Ga., receive the Georgia Angus Ass'n Scholarship.



▶ Mississippi Angus Tour & Field Day, Raymond, June 7



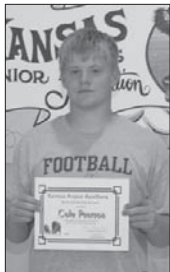
▶ Judging contest winners are (from left) **Buddy Jones**, D'Lo; **Ivan Kiani**, Morton; **Brian Garner**, Newhebron; **Emma Collins**, Mississippi Angus Queen; and **Kody Miller**, Mount Olive, junior winner.

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▶ Kansas Jr. Angus Preview Show, Hutchinson, June 7



▶ **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, receives Bronze and Silver awards.



▶ **Cole Pearson**, Scott City, Kan., receives the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship.



▶ Kansas juniors winning Kansas Angus Auxiliary-sponsored scholarships are (from left) Karen Santee, presenting; **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, recipient; **Megan Fink**, Randolph, recipient; and Lynne Hinrichsen, presenting.



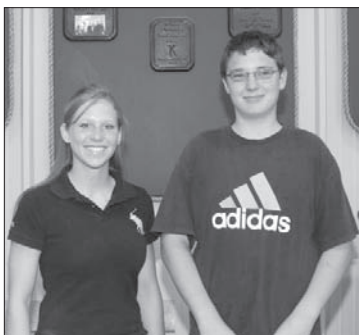
▶ Winning the junior sales contest are (from left) **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, first; and **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, second.



▶ Winning the intermediate sales contest are (from left) **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, second; and **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, third.



▶ Left: Winning the senior sales contest are (from left) **David Lundgren**, Ottawa, first; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, second; **Samuel Rucker**, Burdett, third; and **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, fourth.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of prepared public speaking are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, first; and **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth, second.



▶ Winning the junior division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, first; **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, second; and **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, third.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, first; **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, second; and **Jacinda Dickinson**, Glasco, third.



▶ Winning the junior division quiz contest are (from left) **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, second; **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, third; and **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, fourth.



▶ Winning the senior division quiz contest are (from left) **Samuel Rucker**, Burdett, second; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, first; **David Lundgren**, Ottawa, third; and **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, fourth.

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▶ Winning the intermediate division quiz contest are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth, second; **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, third; and **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, fourth.



▶ Winning the peewee coloring contest are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, first; **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill, second; and **Sarah Pelton**, Paradise, third.



▶ Winning the peewee division quiz contest are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, first; **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, second; and **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo, third.

▶ **Right:** Officers and directors of the Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth; **MacKenzie Flory**, Baldwin City; **Esther McCabe**, Elk City; **Josh Laflin**, Olsburg; **Ty Goossen**, Hillsboro; **Tess Steckline**, Garden Plain; **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland; (back row, from left) **Courtney Rump**, Galva, past president; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, president; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, president-elect; **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, second vice president; **Megan Fink**, Randolph, secretary; **Meghan Blythe**, White City, treasurer; **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, historian; and **Ethan McCabe**, Elk City, membership director.



▶ Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n State Show, Brenham, June 7-8

▶ **Right:** **Kyle Jones**, Bleiberville, receives the Newcomer of the Year Award.



▶ **Austin John** (right), Schertz, receives Bronze and Silver awards from American Angus Association Regional Manager Jared Murnin.

▶ Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n Golden Trend Jr. Angus Show, Lafayette, June 14



▶ Winning the peewee poster contest are **Holly Heckendorf** (left), Fort Collins, first place; and **Jessica Harrison**, Laporte, second place.



▶ Winning first place in the poster contest are **Carly Gettings** (left), Broomfield, senior division; and **Morgan Penner**, Lafayette, junior division.



▶ Winning first place in the public speaking contest are **Kati Keys** (left), Loma, senior division; and **Morgan Penner**, Lafayette, junior division.



▶ **Left:** Elected as Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Kati Keys**, Loma, president; **Zachary Vigil**, Louisville, vice president; **Morgan Penner**, Lafayette, secretary; **Carly Gettings**, Broomfield, treasurer; and **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, reporter.

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▶ Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day, Dothan, May 30



▶ **Adam Amos** (right), Boaz, receives the Richard Dyar Scholarship award from Richard Dyar, American Angus Association regional manager.



▶ Elected to serve as officers and directors of the Alabama Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Blake Shropshire**, Thorsby, president; **Hannah Barton**, Dutton, vice president; **Baily Anderson**, Opelika, secretary-treasurer; **Keri Hyde**, Wetumpka, reporter; (back row, from left) **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond; **Anne Stanford**, Pine Apple; **Caleb Ficken**, Huntsville; and **Austin Shropshire**, Thorsby.



▶ Selected as NJAA voting delegates are (from left) **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond; **Caleb Ficken**, Huntsville; and **Chris Jones**, Blountsville.



▶ Named Alabama Angus Ass'n ambassadors are **James Barton** (left), Dutton; and **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond.



▶ Young ladies named Alabama Angus royalty are **Hannah Barton** (left), Dutton, queen; and **Kayla Shropshire**, Thorsby, junior queen.



▶ Receiving the Alabama Angus Women's Ass'n (AAWA) scholarship are (from left) **Blake Shropshire**, Thorsby; **Hannah Barton**, Dutton; and **Baily Anderson**, Opelika. Sabrina McKinney, AAWA president, presents the awards.

▶ Minnesota Jr. Angus Field Day, Marshall, June 14

▶ **Lindsay Waugh** (left), Goodhue, receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Vern Frey, American Angus Association regional manager.



▶ Missouri Angus Ass'n Preview Show, Sedalia, June 15

▶ Missouri Angus Ass'n royalty are (from left) **Cammie Ward**, Browning, princess; **Kathryn McDonald**, Seneca, queen; and **Derek Washam**, Pierce City, ambassador.



▶ Southwest Wisconsin Classic Angus Show, Lancaster, May 25



▶ **Kelsi Retallick** (left), Glen Haven, receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Jerry Cassady, American Angus Association regional manager.



▶ **Kaley Bockhop** (left), Belmont, receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Cassady.

▶ Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show, Lewisburg, W.Va., June 20-22



▶ **Meredith Mayfield** (right), Pulaski, Tenn., receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Dana May, NJAA membership director.



▶ **Robert Librock** (right), Gasport, N.Y., receives the Bronze and Silver awards from May.

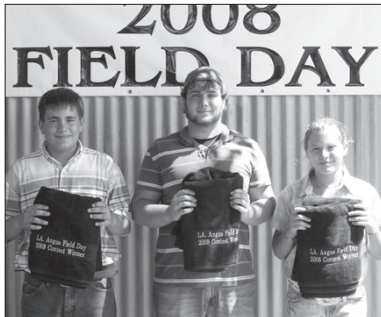
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▶ Louisiana Jr. Angus Field Day, Hammond, June 8

▶ **Right:** For their contribution to the NJAA's community service project to support Ronald McDonald House Charities, these families collected pop tabs and won honors. Representing their families are (from left) **Joshua Scott**, Loranger, first place; **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, second place; and **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, third place.



▶ Winning first place in the poster contest are **Joshua Scott** (left), Loranger, junior division; and **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, senior division.



▶ Winning first place in the photography contest are (from left) **Joshua Scott**, Loranger, junior division; **Avery Boone**, Calhoun, intermediate division; and **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, senior division.



▶ Winning barnyard olympics are (from left) **Lee Hymel**, Vacherie; **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy; **Jacob Chicola**, Deville; **Morgan Gorham**, Dry Prong; **Carissa Lohman**, Dry Prong; and **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton.



▶ Winning Bronze and Silver awards are (from left) **Daniel McFarland**, Keithville; and **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie. American Angus Association Regional Manager Richard Dyar, presents the awards.



▶ Contest winners are (from left) **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton; **Joshua Scott**, Loranger; **Avery Boone**, Calhoun; and **Drew Hall**, Ethel.

▶ Iowa Summer Jr. Angus Show, Indianola, June 14



▶ **Katelyn Holmes** (right), Benton, Iowa, receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Don Laughlin, American Angus Association regional manager.

▶ **Right:** Officers for the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) **Austin Brandt**, Corning, president; **Madison Henderson**, Drakesville, first vice president; **Wesley Ruby**, Greene, second vice president; **Jordan Paulsrud**, Danbury, secretary; **Kyle Greiman**, Garner, treasurer; **Mary Mardesen**, Oxford, historian; and **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, historian.



▶ Juniors named directors for the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n include (first row, from left) **Mallory Espenscheid**, Traer; **Reed McCormick**, Pleasantville; **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton; **Tyler Becker**, Diagonal; **Caitlin Kuehn**, Durant; (second row, from left) **Tyler Orman**, Ottumwa; **Erin Steele**, Anita; **Audra Haglund**, Boone; **Weston Brandt**, Corning; **Tyler Henderson**, Drakesville; **Cole Greiman**, Garner; and **Samantha Schermer**, Latimer.

▶ Nebraska Jr. Angus Preview Show, Ogallala, June 14

▶ **Right:** Selected to represent Nebraska at the National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) **Klaire Jorgensen**, Exeter, delegate; **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, alternate; **Eric Frenzen**, Fullerton, alternate; and **Kourtney Nelson**, Crete, delegate.



▶ **Left:** Selected to represent Nebraska at the NJAS Fitting Contest are (from left) **Kourtney Nelson**, Crete; **Quin Rutt**, Minden; **Kade Nelson**, Crete; and **Eric Frenzen**, Fullerton.

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▶ Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n Banquet, Ogallala, June 14

▶ **Right:** Serving as officers and directors for the Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n are (front row, from left) **Jessica Clowser**, Milford, president; **Jacob Hoffschneider**, Arlington, first vice president; **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, second vice president; **Cassie Nelson**, Ansley, secretary-treasurer; (back row, from left) **Ellen Hoffschneider**, Arlington; **Klaire Jorgensen**, Exeter; **Judson Hoffschneider**, Arlington; and **Victoria Armstrong**, Brule, historian.



▶ **Michaela Clowser** (left), Milford, receives the NJAA Bronze Award from **Mathew Printz**, American Angus Association regional manager.



▶ **Left:** The Nebraska Angus Ass'n awarded scholarships to (from left) **Victoria Armstrong**, Brule; **Kellen Jorgensen**, Exeter; **Tyler Hasenauer**, Wallace; and **Jessica Clowser**, Milford.

▶ **Right:** Nebraska Angus royalty are (from left) **Cassie Nelson**, Ansley, past queen; **Ellen Hoffschneider**, Arlington, present queen; and **Victoria Armstrong**, Brule, runner-up. 