



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Dare to change

“What I’ve dared, I’ve willed: And what I’ve willed, I’ll do!”

— *Melville from the book, I Dare You.*

*I dare you.* One could only imagine how this powerful phrase can transform your life, providing you with the motivation to not just achieve your goals, but to reach for them with 100% effort.

I am a firm believer that time flies by, and with the summer peering around the corner, it’s not too early to start thinking about the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). I have attended the NJAS for most of my life, and each year I always get butterflies in my stomach just anticipating its arrival.



**Joanna Olson**

As the excitement builds, I am always consumed by the many decisions to make in preparing for the show. What heifers should I take? What contests should I participate in? How much feed do I pack? How many clothes can I cram into one suitcase (my dad insisted on the one-suitcase-per-person rule)?

With all of these questions weighing on my mind, the thought that gave me the most trouble was what contests to participate in. The NJAS provides many opportunities for junior members to build on their learning experiences through team sales, public

speaking, photography and cook-off, along with many other exciting contests. Some of these competitions take a lot of preparation time, and I encourage you to start thinking about them.

Try something this year that you have never done before. As a young junior member, I struggled with being too shy or lacking the self-confidence to participate in a new contest. When these doubts arose in my mind, my family was always there to encourage me to step out of my comfort zone and encounter the many rewarding benefits that new experiences offer.

Encouragement from people I admire and look to for advice has equipped me to face the future with more confidence and security among a world of many unknowns and surprises. In a sense, they dared me to be the best I can be and live life to the fullest.

In turn, *I dare you* to step out of your comfort zone and overcome whatever obstacle is holding you back from reaching your full potential. *I dare you* to be a participant and mold your own future. *I dare you* to take advantage of the many opportunities that the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) has to offer.

— *Joanna Olson, Texas*

► 2004 Indiana Junior Angus Ass’n board of directors include (seated, from left) **Kara Claeys**, Chalmers, past president; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, president; **Lucas Neumayr**, New Richmond, first vice president; **Ashlyn Carter**, Upland, second vice president; **Christen Cartmell**, Monticello, third vice president; **Whitney Carr**, Elwood, secretary; (standing, from left) **Kallie Kovert**, Crothersville, treasurer; **Catherine Barker**, Avon, reporter; **Kiira Leeper**, Warsaw, assistant reporter; **Jill Cunningham**, Sheridan, communications director; **Jenna Langley**, Walton, representative to adult board; **Joseph Claeys**, Chalmers; **Jacob Saunders**, Cloverdale; **Christoph Rieker**, Columbus; **Brent Lamb**, Milford; and **Adam Leeper**, Argos.



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► These young ladies exhibited the champion females at the 2003 Indiana State Fair Junior Angus Show. Pictured are (from left) **Kylee Carr**, Elwood, champion heifer; and **Christen Cartmell**, Monticello, reserve champion heifer.



► Receiving scholarships are (from left) **Jared Miller**, Gaston; **Brent Lamb**, Milford; **Catherine Barker**, Avon; and **Kristi Wilson**, Orleans.



► **Kylee Carr** (right), Elwood, receives the Show Heifer of the Year Award. Jim Amsden presents the honor.



► Indiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Christina Harp**, Crawfordsville, Indiana Angus queen; **Jill Cunningham**, Sheridan, Indiana Angus princess; and **Kallie Kovert**, Crothersville, past queen.

### Heifer donated for Dyar scholarship

Harrell's Highlander Ranch, Auburn, Ala., has donated one of its outstanding replacement heifers to benefit the Alabama Angus Association Richard Dyar Scholarship Fund.

The sale of the heifer will kick off the Alabama Angus Association's spring sale in Cullman, April 17. The Association, especially the junior members, appreciates the Harrell's Highlander Ranch donation.

For more information on the sale and the heifer call Mike McGuire at (334) 828-7089 or John Harrell at (334) 742-9730.



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