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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Learn from your encounters in life

While traveling to Louisville, Ky., for the National FFA Convention in November, I encountered three delayed flights. I was rebooked four times and was selected for security screening twice. I arrived a day and a half late after spending six hours in Fort Wayne, Ind., which is only three hours driving time from Louisville.

Where is the lesson in all of this? First of all, don't sweat the small stuff. Delays happen, and you can't force results. All you can do is be patient, courteous and seek out the best — not always the first — opportunity.

Second, my friends were willing to wake up at 3 a.m. on a school day to drive me to the airport, after the first unsuccessful trip. Never forget your friends, because your friends will never forget you.

Third, when I arrived at the airport the next morning, there was a group of people waiting in line at the ticket counter. Among them was a group that was full of energy, appearing to be having the time of their lives. It was around 4 a.m., and they were filled with great attitudes and an abundance of energy. This group was on the same airplane that I rode to Fort Wayne. Throughout the entire endeavor, their attitudes never changed. Their great attitudes and personalities had earned them a spot in the hearts and minds of almost everyone around them (and gave them an edge at the ticket counter). So, if you're ever having a bad day, remember that your attitude counts.

Lastly, try to prepare for delays or obstacles in life. I don't mean you should worry about what obstacles may come up. Instead, prepare by constantly stepping outside your comfort zone, working on improving yourself and planning ahead.

—Heath McPherson, North Carolina



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Caires, Maui, Hawaii; Beau Ellis, Molalla, Ore.; Eric Ferro, Beavercreek, Ore.; and Matt Haskins, Talent, Ore.

Groups of two or three OSU students presented information on industry practices, food safety, nutrition and contentious issues involved with the cattle industry. This year the main topics of concern from both teachers and children were related to the issues of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and the Canadian border reopening. YCA members addressed these concerns and provided easy-to-read fact sheets for students to take home to their parents. The group gave away Frank Champion Murphy prints for teachers to hang in classrooms to remind students what they learned about the beef industry.

Angus youth wins in Denver

Members of the North Montgomery High School Livestock Judging Team took home top team honors at the 4-H/FFA livestock and meat judging contest hosted in conjunction with the 2005 National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo.

National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member Lucas Neumayr, New Richmond, Ind., was a team member. Other team members included Jamey Albrecht, Ashley Hudson and Colt Keffer. Neumayr received many individual awards, including high individual overall and high individual in both oral reasons and beef cattle.

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College leaders educate youth about the beef industry

Each February, student members of the Oregon State University (OSU) Young Cattlemen's Association (YCA) participate in Beef Blitz. This event is hosted by the Oregon Beef Council to educate the public about the positive facts regarding beef. The educational program is aimed at Portland

and Salem, Ore., metro-area youth who typically have no contact with the agricultural world besides what they hear through media. YCA members went to more than 20 area schools to speak with students about the beef industry, while also preparing a hot, hearty and healthy beef dish for the kids to enjoy. American Angus Association members who were involved include Kyle



► Members of the OSU YCA visited schools in the Portland and Salem, Ore., metro areas to help educate youth about the beef industry.



► The winning team at the NWSS 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest includes (from left) Colt Keffer; Adam Dryer, team coach; Lucas Neumayr; Jamey Albrecht; and Ashley Hudson.

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Grant honored with Ken Troutt scholarship

The 10th Annual Ken Troutt Memorial Scholarship was selected at the Annual Cowman's Classic All-Breed Bull Sale Feb. 22 in Spokane, Wash. This year's recipient is NJAA member Kellie Grant of Rathdrum, Idaho. Grant's résumé included a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) and a host of activities. The presentation was made by Jerry York, *Western Livestock Journal* field representative, on behalf of the consignors, management and staff of the Cowman's Classic All-Breed Bull Sale.



This \$500 scholarship is awarded each year to an enrolling college freshman from a family who has consigned or purchased bulls at this sale. Ken Troutt was a renowned auctioneer who served the sale until his death. The scholarship money is generated by contributions and endowments.

▶ Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Athens, Feb. 5



▶ Georgia Angus royalty are (from left) **Taylor Gazda**, Athens, princess, and **Laura Bramblett**, Elberton, queen.

▶ Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Harrisburg, Jan. 9



▶ Pennsylvania Angus royalty include (back row, from left) **Emilie Campbell**, Pennsylvania Furnace, princess; **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, princess; **Barbara Pfender**, Holtwood, princess; **Hannah Grim**, East Berlin, sweetheart; (front row, from left) **Leah Walton**, Kennett Square, 2005 queen; **Gwen Powers**, Bethel, 2004 queen; and **Kimberly Long**, Airville, princess.



▶ Samuel Long (left), Pennsylvania Junior Angus Ass'n advisor, presents the Outstanding Junior Girl and Outstanding Junior Boy awards to (continuing from left) **Sarah Grim**, East Berlin, outstanding girl; and **Kyle Grim**, East Berlin, outstanding boy. Bradford Bishard, advisor, is also pictured.

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▶ Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 21



▶ Christy Crenshaw (left) presents **Megin Santee**, Langdon, with the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship.



▶ Kansas Angus royalty include (from left) **Coye Crenshaw-Kleve**, Manhattan, 2004 queen; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, 2005 ambassador; **Tess Ludwick**, Ottawa, 2005 ambassador; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, 2005 queen; and **Britni Beck**, Havensville, 2005 ambassador.

▶ Wisconsin Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Madison, Jan. 29



▶ Keela Retallick (left), Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n (WJAA) immediate past president, presents **Kayla Downing**, Waukesha, with the WJAA Junior of the Year Award.



▶ Wisconsin Angus royalty include (from left) **Bethany Kohl**, Waterloo, princess; **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont, princess; **Kori Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, princess; and **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, queen.



▶ WJAA board of directors includes (seated, from left) **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven, historian; **Kayla Downing**, Waukesha, vice president; **Bethany Kohl**, Waterloo, secretary; (standing, from left) **Brady Quam**, Lodi, director; **Stephen Kohl**, Waterloo, show chairman; **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, publicity chairman; **Kelsi Retallick**, Glen Haven, vice show chairman; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven, director; **Kori Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, membership chairman; and **Jake Konkol**, Menomonee Falls, director.

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▣ Virginia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Staunton, Feb. 4



►The Virginia Junior Angus Ass'n (VJAA) presents **Mackenza** (left) and **Luke** (center right) **Muncy**, both of Midland, with its Outstanding First-Year Member awards. Joey Epperly (center left), VJAA president, and Mandy Richardson, Virginia Angus Queen, present the awards.



►Epperly (left) and Richardson (right) present **Dale Eastin**, Gretna, with the William S. "Tom" Stokes Award.



►Epperly (left) and Richardson (right) present **Joy Powers**, Moneta, with the VJAA Outstanding Junior Member Award.



►Epperly (left) presents **Mandy Richardson**, Louisa, with the VJAA Premier Junior Exhibitor Award.



►Epperly (left) and Richardson (right) present **Jonathan Barnes**, Dolphin, with the VJAA Outstanding Senior Member Award.



►Richardson (right) presents **Joey Epperly**, Moneta, with the VJAA Premier Senior Exhibitor Award.



►VJAA advisors Robin DeHaven (left) and Shirley Kaufman (right) present **Bethany Johnson**, Nokesville, with the VJAA Advisors' Outstanding Junior Award.

▣ Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Awards Banquet, Gonzales, Feb. 6



►Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n officers include (from left) **Megan Gravois**, Vacherie, president; **Allison Gravois**, Vacherie, first vice president; **Ben Greene**, Covington, second vice president; **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, secretary; and **Matthew Greene**, Covington, historian.



►Louisiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Jessica Edwards**, Jonesville, 2004 princess; **Stephanie Hymel**, Vacherie, 2005 princess; **Allison Gravois**, Vacherie, 2005 queen; and **Megan Gravois**, Vacherie, 2004 queen. Also shown is **Amber Roussel**, contest chairwoman.

►**Taryn Shaw** (left), Jennings, is presented the Rookie of the Year Award by Patti Hymel, junior advisor.



▣ Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Plain City, Feb. 5



►**Caroline English** (left), Elida, is crowned the 2005 Ohio Angus Queen by Christina Egner, Shelby, the 2004 Ohio Angus Queen.

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