



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Plan for a fun summer

Planning ahead is a valuable technique that every student, as well as cattleman, should do. A skillful planner steadily yields positive results. Dates and deadlines are a fact of life. Meeting them responsibly leads to steady improvements in studies as well as business. Whether it is weekly assignments or test schedules, these deadlines must be met. Efficient cattle records lead to correct breeding and calving dates. Responsible recordkeeping is simply good business.

I realize that it is May, and it is time to start thinking about some very important upcoming deadlines and activities. Some significant dates for those exhibiting at the spring and early summer shows are:

- May 1 is the ownership deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show and the ownership deadlines for the Northwest, North Central, and Southwest regional preview junior Angus shows. The entry deadline for these shows is May 15. The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) ownership deadline is May 15, and the NJAS entry deadline is June 1.

Also note these important dates:

- Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarship and Angus Foundation scholarship applications are due May 15.
- June 1 is when NJAS contest entries and Outstanding Leadership Award applications are due.

Spring and summer is full of events like local, state, regional and national Angus shows. Besides showing cattle, these shows also include extra activities such as team sales, cook-off, public speaking and showmanship contests. I encourage you to participate in as many of these contests as you can. Check with your state advisors for state deadlines and participation in the state and national contests.

Meeting dates and deadlines play a major role in student life, and especially in the Angus business. Missing a deadline can lead to disastrous results. So get on the ball, get involved, and, most importantly, meet new people and have fun doing it.



Kyle Conley

— Kyle Conley, Missouri

LEAD Conference planned for Pennsylvania

Developing personal leadership skills is one of the most valuable benefits of being an NJAA member. One event that allows members to do just that is the annual NJAA Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, set for July 29-Aug. 1 in Hershey, Pa.

All juniors age 14 and older are eligible to participate. This year's theme is "Achieving Sweet Success." Juniors will have the opportunity to make new Angus friends, learn about current beef industry issues and explore the historic area.

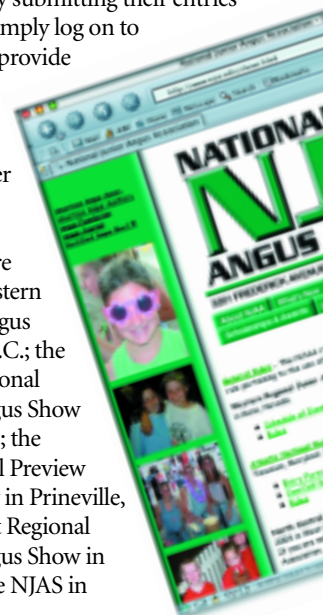
Registration materials can be found in the entry booklet that was distributed to all active juniors earlier in the year. Request materials by contacting the Junior Activities Department or go to www.njaa.info. Registration is \$175 for juniors and advisors until June 15, the early registration deadline. After that date, registration will be \$200.

Juniors can submit show entries online

Junior members can save their parents a stamp this spring by submitting their entries for shows online. Simply log on to www.njaa.info and provide the necessary information, as well as a Visa or MasterCard number to cover entry and bedding fees.

Online entries are available for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Raleigh, N.C.; the North Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in West Fargo, N.D.; the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in Prineville, Ore.; the Southwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show in Tyler, Texas; and the NJAS in Kansas City, Mo.

Online entries are subject to the same entry deadlines as those submitted via mail, so don't let time slip up on you. As always, no late entries are accepted for any reason.



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▶ 2004 Texas Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Fort Worth, Jan. 24

▶ Texas Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (front row, from left) **Jill Jagers**, Sulphur Bluff; **Calie** and **Inabeth Donaldson**, both of Grandview; (back row, from left) **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian; **C.A. Jones**, Sunray; and **Kyle Kemp**, Decatur.



▶ **Brazos Williams** (right), Lockney, is named the TJAA Rookie of the Year. Inabeth Donaldson presents the award.

▶ **Tammy Ettredge** (left), Pilot Point, is crowned 2004 Miss Texas Angus. 2003 Miss Texas Angus Katy Kemp is also pictured.



▶ 2004 Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Gonzales, Feb. 8



▶ **Left: Stephanie Hymel** (right), Vacherie, is named Rookie of the Year. Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n advisor Patti Hymel presents the award.



▶ Louisiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Dusti Greer**, Keithville, 2003 princess; **Jessica Edwards**, Jonesville, 2004 princess; **Megan Gravois**, Vacherie, 2004 queen; and **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, 2003 queen.

▶ **Kristen Oaks** (left), Calhoun, receives the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary scholarship. Melanie Ourso presents the award on behalf of the Auxiliary.



▶ Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n leaders include (seated, from left) **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, president; **Ben Greene**, Covington, first vice president; **Megan Gravois**, Vacherie, second vice president; **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie, secretary; **Matthew Greene**, Covington, historian; and directors (standing, from left) **Kristina** and **Ashley Frazier**, both of Oak Grove; **Daniel** and **Adam McFarland**, both of Keithville; **Allison Gravois** and **Stephanie Hymel**, both of Vacherie; **Samantha Yantis**, Bunkie; and **Dakota Smothers**, Plaquemine.

▶ 2004 Missouri Angus Breeders' Futurity, Columbia, Feb. 28



▶ Winning top honors in junior showmanship are (from left) **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, first; and **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan, second.



▶ Winning top honors in intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Seth Henry**, Cameron, first; and **Zach Kinne**, Eagleville, second.



▶ Top senior showmen earning the honor to represent Missouri in the 2004 Nat'l Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, and **Kori Conley**, Clarksdale; **Ashley Gillig**, Aurora, first alternate; and **Justin Campbell**, Green City, second alternate.



▶ **Cody Washam** (far right), Pierce City, and **Ashley Gillig** (second from left), Aurora, receive scholarships from the Missouri Angus Foundation. Presenting the scholarships are Karen Jones (far left) and Roy Jones.

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▶ **2004 Virginia Angus Ass'n Awards Banquet, Staunton, Feb. 6**

▶ Dinah Johnston (far left) and Robin DeHaven (far right), Virginia Junior Angus Ass'n advisors, recognize the outstanding achievements of (continuing from left) **Will Earhart**, Verona; **Mandy Richardson**, Louisa; **Chelsea Wiaben**, Leesburg; and **Kati Hereford**, Hamilton.



▶ **NJAA Bronze and Silver awards**



▶ **Casey Jentz**, Fennimore, Wis., recently earned his Bronze and Silver awards.



▶ Earning NJAA Recognition Awards are (from left) **Katy Satree**, Montague, Texas, Silver Award; **Inabeth Donaldson**, Grandview, Texas, Bronze and Silver awards; and **Katy Kemp**, Decatur, Texas, Silver Award.



▶ Missouri youth receiving Bronze and Silver awards include (from left) **Brett Naylor**, Buffalo, recipient of Bronze and Silver awards; James Fisher, American Angus Association; and **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan, recipient of the Silver Award.



▶ Louisiana youth receiving awards from the NJAA are (from left) **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, Bronze and Silver awards; **Jess Roussel**, Gramercy, Bronze and Silver awards; and **Rene Roussel**, Gramercy, Bronze Award. Jennifer Ourso, NJAA director, presents the awards.

NJAA members earn Bronze and Silver

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP), which the American Angus Association began in 1972. To receive these honors, junior Angus members must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation.

Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership events, use of performance testing to improve their herds, and progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

While the Bronze and Silver awards are presented to members throughout the year, Angus Productions Inc. (API) publishes summaries of the award winners in the May and September youth-focused issues of the *Angus Journal*. James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the American Angus Association, announced the following award winners since publication of the September 2003 issue.

Bronze and Silver awards

- Jordan Davis**, 18, Foss, Okla. She is the daughter of Jim and Debbie Davis.
- Courtenay DeHoff**, 14, Tonganoxie, Kan. She is the daughter of Tim and Cindy Houck-DeHoff.
- Bridget Driscoll**, 17, Williamsburg, Iowa. She is the daughter of Erle and Renee Driscoll.
- Patrick Driscoll**, 21, Williamsburg, Iowa. He is the son of Erle and Renee Driscoll.
- Katrina Dubs**, 17, Billings, Mont. She is the daughter of Louis and Kathy Dubs.
- Katrina Frey**, 14, Quarryville, Pa. She is the daughter of Fritz and Nancy Frey.
- Zebadiah Gray**, 19, Toledo, Iowa. He is the son of Terry and Julie Gray.
- Kati Hereford**, 19, Hamilton, Va. She is the daughter of Ann and Robert Hereford.
- Beth Hooker**, 18, Luther, Mont. She is the daughter of Alan and Patty Hooker.
- Casey Jentz**, 20, Fennimore, Wis. He is the son of Greg and Kim Jentz.
- Eric King**, 19, Tiffin, Ohio. He is the son of John and Marylou King.
- Stephen Kohl**, 19, Waterloo, Wis. He is the son of Dennis and Mary Kohl.

- Billy Lewis**, 16, Walstonburg, N.C. He is the son of Miriam and John Lewis.
- Milo Lewis**, 14, Walstonburg, N.C. He is the son of Miriam and John Lewis.
- Redden Lewis**, 17, Walstonburg, N.C. He is the son of Miriam and John Lewis.
- Jarrett Martin**, 19, Lavaca, La. He is the son of Mark and Sonja Martin.
- Kami McCurry**, 19, Mount Hope, Kan. She is the daughter of Brad and Kay McCurry.
- Ryan Mitteness**, 18, Ada, Minn. He is the son of Randy and Karen Mitteness.
- Brett Naylor**, 17, Buffalo, Mo. He is the son of Gary and Pam Naylor.
- Ryan Nelson**, 18, Wilton, Calif. He is the son of Mark and Abbie Nelson.
- Kristen Oaks**, 17, Calhoun, La. She is the daughter of Butch and Becky Oaks.
- Kelly Penner**, 19, Mill Creek, Okla. She is the daughter of Harris and Vicki Penner.
- John Pfeiffer**, 17, Mulhall, Okla. He is the son of John and Gaye Pfeiffer.
- Jess Roussel**, 13, Gramercy, La. He is the son of Chris and Amber Roussel.

- Chris Willis**, 14, Belvidere, Ill. He is the son of Terry and Julie Willis.
- Austin Thummel**, 11, Sheridan, Mo. He is the son of Jeff and Deb Thummel.

Bronze Awards

- Nikki Bugg**, 14, Burgin, Ky. She is the daughter of Glenn and Pam Bugg.
- Thatcher Dilbeck**, 12, Boynton, Okla. He is the son of Thad and Claudia Dilbeck.
- Allison Dubs**, 12, Billings, Mont. She is the daughter of Louis and Kathy Dubs.
- Megan Graves**, 14, Afton, Va. She is the daughter of David and Gail Graves.
- Brittany Full**, 14, Mount Airy, Md. She is the daughter of Douglas and Donna Full.
- Laura Mihm**, 19, Woodbine, Md. She is the daughter of John and Robin Mihm.
- Baron Rieker**, 11, Columbus, Ind. He is the son of Gregory and Julie Rieker.
- Katarina Rieker**, 11, Columbus, Ind. She is the daughter of Gregory and Julie Rieker.
- Steven Rieker**, 11, Columbus, Ind. He is the son of Gregory and Julie Rieker.
- Zachary Rieker**, 11, Columbus, Ind. He is the son of Gregory and Julie Rieker.
- Rene Roussel**, 11, Gramercy, La. She is the daughter of Chris and Amber Roussel.
- Hannah Rowlett**, 12, Hurricane Mills, Tenn. She is the daughter of Buddy and Kelley Rowlett.
- Jan Lee Rowlett**, 12, Hurricane Mills, Tenn. She is the daughter of Buddy and Kelley Rowlett.
- Steve Willis**, 14, Belvidere, Ill. He is the son of Terry and Julie Willis.

Silver Awards

- Brandon Creamer**, 16, Montrose, Colo. He is the son of Jeff and Kathleen Creamer.
- Amanda Penner**, 21, Mill Creek, Okla. She is the daughter of Harris and Vicki Penner.
- Katy Satree**, 12, Montague, Texas. She is the daughter of Doug and Jane Satree.

