



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## Seek opportunities

As I think of what I want to say in my *Angus Journal* article, I can't help but think of some of the advice that I received growing up. Whether I was playing sports, showing cattle or doing other school activities, the same advice seemed to pertain to all of my activities. Some of the most important advice I received from my parents was to take advantage of the opportunities that were available to me.

One of the greatest opportunities I have had is to be involved in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). This organization has allowed me to grow into the person I am today. It has enabled me to travel the nation and to see different parts of the United States. I have had the chance to compete in different contests, such as the cook-off, quiz bowl and team sales. It has helped me accomplish goals such as being on the NJAA Board of Directors.

But, most importantly, it has helped me meet many of the 11,000 junior members. I think this is the most important part of the NJAA. I have had the chance to meet many friends in the Angus industry that I will have for the rest of my life. My cattle are very important to me, but without the great people in the Angus industry, I would not be here today.

So if I could give a word of advice, I would challenge each of you to take advantage of every opportunity that you have. Sometimes the opportunity of a lifetime only comes once, and by making the most of each opportunity, you will be able to make your goals and dreams a reality.

— Casey Jentz, Wisconsin



Casey Jentz

### Montana heifer donation package

Five past presidents of the Montana Junior Angus Association (MJAA) have come together to offer a heifer package to benefit MJAA members in their efforts to provide support for the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo., which is co-sponsored by the Western states. The heifer is to be raffled



► 3210 Fine Nellie 734 TCP will be auctioned to benefit the 2005 NJAS at the NILE.

off by auction Oct. 16 at the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) Female Sale in Billings, Mont.

Tom Patterson, 1998 MJAA president, has donated a March 2004 heifer calf (registration No. 1474943) sired by Rock'n' D Ambush out of a Leachman Right Time daughter. Bill Cook, 1997 MJAA president, will serve as the auctioneer for the fundraiser, and Jamie Pepper, 1996 MJAA president, will provide her talents to fit the heifer. Bob Stevenson, 1993 MJAA president, will offer his embryo transfer (ET) services

to flush the heifer. Jeff Flesch, 1999 MJAA president, will photograph the heifer and picture her sale day with the new owners.

These past junior association presidents say this offering is a tribute to the benefits they received from their involvement in the MJAA and the NJAA.

Lathrop Livestock Transportation is offering free delivery of the heifer anywhere in the continental United States.

For more information contact John Patterson at

(406) 445-2332 or blkcw@hotmail.com.

### Washington donation heifer

McLean Ranches of Coulee City, Wash., owned by Bill and Bev McLean, will donate a registered Angus heifer to be auctioned at the Evergreen Exclusive Angus Sale, sponsored by the Washington Angus Association (WAA), scheduled for Oct. 16 in Kennewick, Wash. Proceeds from the sale of this heifer will be split, with half going to support Washington Angus junior activities and the remaining half to be

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earmarked for the 2005 NJAS.

The donation heifer is a Feb. 28, 2004, open daughter of Leachman New Era 0673. The winning bidder will also receive two straws of semen donated by All West/Select Sires and a flush to the cow of your choice, including the freezing of the embryos donated by Don Peter of Frontier Genetics

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### Junior perspective

Junior Angus members receive the May and September issues of the *Angus Journal* as part of their junior memberships. These two issues carry youth-focused themes to highlight the many talents of NJAA members. During the other 10 months of the year, the magazine focuses on more technical information, with the Next Generation column dedicated to youth membership.

Ashlyn Carter of Upland, Ind., says she would like to see the *Angus Journal* provide youth with an opportunity to write in and share their perspectives to provide a point of interest for youth readership.

“As an active junior, I enjoy looking through the *Angus Journal* every month, but obviously, it is geared toward

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## STATE SPOTLIGHTS

### ▶ Indiana

▶ **Jon Leeper** (right), Argos, receives the Silver Tray Award from Judith Howell at the 2004 Indiana State Fair Angus Show. Presented by the Indiana Angus Auxiliary, the award recognizes involvement and achievements in the Indiana Junior Angus Ass'n.



### ▶ Wisconsin



▶ **Dana May** (left), Mineral Point, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Jerry Casady, American Angus Association regional manager.

### ▶ Montana



▶ Montana Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (from left) **Mandy Jacobs**, Billings, secretary; **Kaleigh Mikelson**, Hobson, vice president; and **Katrina Dubs**, Billings, president. Pam Patterson, Columbus, advisor, is also pictured.

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advertising, which is mostly for our parents,” Carter says. “What if the *Journal* did a page or article called ‘From the Perspective of a Junior?’”

Carter says allowing juniors to write a short essay on a topic presented in the *Angus Journal* and selecting the top essay to publish in a later issue would be an excellent way to get youth involved and interested in the magazine.

“This would give juniors a chance to pursue a career in journalism and other juniors to read something in the *Journal* that may be of more interest than upcoming sales, etc.,” Carter says.

So, Ashlyn, to address your idea, the *Angus Journal* would like to offer youth the opportunity to write essays, with the potential of publishing their thoughts on issues and topics about the beef industry.

While the *Angus Journal* may not publish every article it receives, those essays with good, researched information and a thoughtful perspective will be highly considered.

To have your article published, you can select from the topics below, or choose any topic that you would like to address. Please keep your essay between 300 and 500 words. We will periodically publish new topics to write about in the Next Generation column if this proves to be of interest to the junior membership. Please send your essay to Corinne Patterson at cpatterson@angusjournal.com or by mail to 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

- ▶ **How has the fitting rule prohibiting the use of coloring agents changed the way you show your cattle?**
- ▶ **What is the most important project your state junior association provides for youth, and why?**
- ▶ **How important is youth leadership in the beef industry, and how do you participate as a leader?**

### **Newly-formed MJCA**

The Missouri Junior Cattlemen’s Association (MJCA) is a newly-formed organization designed to present leadership, educational and social opportunities to Missouri youth interested in the cattle industry.

Many NJAA members from the state of Missouri are a part of this organization and have stepped up to be leaders. Gary Reichel, McGirk, is the president. Other Angus juniors that hold offices on the board include Keaton Kendrick, Palmyra, vice president; Mindy Montgomery, Marshall, secretary/treasurer; Cody Washam, Pierce City, reporter; and Zach Kinne, Eagleville, Missouri Beef Ambassador. Other Angus juniors serving on the board include Hope Herd, Fair Grove; Whitney Simpson, Butler; Rachel Bartholomew, Archie; and Chelsea Moffitt, Kirksville.

