



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by Kasey Miller.

Angus heritage

As the old adage goes, “You can’t know where you’re going without knowing where you’ve been.” The words ring true throughout many aspects of life. From the life lessons we learn through the timeless teachings of trial and error, to our nation’s political history, and even the phenotypic and genetic trends throughout the years that have come to define what we now think of as the ideal Angus animal. There is no doubt that the past gives us an appreciation for the present and wisdom to carry into the future.

Recalling the journey

As my junior career draws to a close, my college days grow fewer in number, and the “real world” looms more and more closely, I am forced to begin thinking about how my role on my family’s own operation and the part I play in the Angus breed will evolve in the coming years.



JanLee Rowlett

The thought of paving my own way, building my very own herd, and implementing the things I have learned and ideas I have had over the years is an exciting one, but it also prompts me to look backward, imagining the generations of my family that came before me embarking on their own Angus journeys and the decisions that my ancestors made that have brought our family’s fourth-generation Angus herd to where it is today.

Through my personal process of finding out “where I am going” in the world of

Angus cattle, I took a closer look at my family’s past as it relates to our Angus heritage. Over the holidays, I accepted my own challenge of looking at where we have been and documented our family’s history in the breed by sitting down with my grandparents, parents, uncles, brothers and sister to visit with them about their earliest memories of being involved in production agriculture and raising Angus cattle.

In order to preserve the many stories and some of my family’s most profound recollections, I captured the interviews on video to hopefully pass on to my own children someday when their time comes to find their own way in the Angus breed.

As I visited with family members, many of their stories were ones I had heard before — like my great-grandmother only being allowed to ride her horse halfway to town because she was the only girl helping from horseback when they took calves to put on the train. Other funny memories were from the year my grandparents rented an RV to take to the 1980 National Junior Angus Show in Wichita, Kan. The stories were the same,

but my perspective was different. As I sat there, watching through a camera lens as my family members told about times long ago, I could not help but be proud of my own Angus heritage and so glad I had taken the opportunity to capture it in a way that generations to come could revel in, as well.

For me, the secret to finding my future in the Angus business was looking back at my past and finding the things that kept my family in the business for almost 60 years before I was even born, and it has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. I cannot wait to look back on the memories and thoughts that they shared someday after I have established my place as an Angus breeder in my own right and be thankful for the journey I took to get there.

— JanLee Rowlett, Tennessee

MCF recognizes 26 students for scholarships

The Missouri’s Cattlemen Foundation (MCF) announced the 2012-2013 scholarship recipients during the Missouri Cattlemen’s Dinner and Missouri’s Cattlemen Foundation Auction and Scholarship Presentation at the 45th Annual Convention and Trade Show in Columbia, Mo.

The 2012-2013 scholarships mark the 15th year for the MCF Scholarship Program. A total of \$520,500 worth of scholarships have been given to students. The MCF Scholarship Program is made possible through endowments, a variety of fundraising projects and private donations.

Many Angus juniors received scholarships, including Claressa Chamberlin, Green Ridge; Jacob Coon, Bethel; Brittany Eagleburger, Buffalo; Trever Huth, Boonville; Christopher Kahlenbeck, Union; Emma Knickmeyer, Ceder Hill; Miriam Martin, Bucklin; Caitlyn McKibben, Lamar; Kendra Stinson, Prairie Home; and Chase Thummel, Sheridan.

Juniors earn Bronze and Silver awards

Kelsea Arnold, Kylea Arnold, both of Horner, W.Va., William Harsh, Radnor, Ohio, Troy Rawlings, New Holland, Ill., Renae Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D., and Jackson Wingert, Ottawa, Kan., earned the National Junior Angus Association’s (NJAA)

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Bronze and Silver awards. **Eric Schafer**, Owaneco, Ill., and **Kate Williams**, Idalou, Texas, earned the NJAA Bronze Award, according to Robin Ruff, junior activities director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Kelsea Arnold, the 17-year-old daughter of Lisa and Ernie Arnold, attends Lewis County High School and is a member of the NJAA and the West Virginia Junior Angus Association, where she has served as historian, reporter and queen.

She has participated in local, regional and state shows and showmanship competitions.

She has submitted data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and has consigned cattle to the Rocking P and Guest Production Sale, Wardensville Bull Sale and Southern West Virginia Bull Test Sale. She is actively involved with her local 4-H and FFA.

Kylea Arnold, the 14-year-old daughter of Lisa and Ernie Arnold, attends Lewis County High School and is a member of the NJAA and the West Virginia Junior Angus Association, where she has served as treasurer and princess.

She has participated in local, regional and state shows and showmanship competitions. At the West Virginia Beef Expo she has participated in the livestock judging contest.

She has submitted data to AHIR and has consigned cattle to the Rocking P and Guest Production Sale. She is also actively involved with her local 4-H.

Harsh, the 17-year-old son of Tim and Elizabeth Harsh, attends Buckeye Valley High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Ohio Junior Angus Association, in which he has served as vice president and currently serves as reporter.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), he participated in the quiz bowl, and public and extemporaneous speaking contests. He was a participant in the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off and the mentoring program. Harsh also attended Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2011 and 2012.

Rawlings, the 16-year-old son of Dave and Tracey Rawlings, attends Lincoln Community High School and is a member of the NJAA, Logan County Angus Association, Lamoine Valley Angus Association, and Illinois Junior Angus Association, for which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, regional and state shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS, Rawlings participated in the photography contest.

He has consigned cattle to the Lamoine Valley Angus Association sale.

Rawlings is a member of the Lincoln Community High School FFA where he is a member of the horse, land, food science, dairy, and meats and livestock judging teams. Rawlings has also received his county 4-H Beef Award and the 4-H Kiwanis Award.

Tokach, the 17-year-old daughter of Richard and Kathy Tokach, attends Mandan High School and is a member of the NJAA and North Dakota Angus Association, where she served as royalty.

She has participated in county and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS, she has participated in the extemporaneous and public speaking, photography, poster and livestock judging contests. She also attended the LEAD conference in 2012.

She has submitted data to AHIR and consigned cattle to the Tokach Angus Ranch Production Sale. She is actively involved in her local 4-H and FFA.

Wingert, the 18-year-old son of George and Diane Wingert, attends Ottawa High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association, for which he has served as a director and currently serves as secretary.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Jackson participated in the quiz bowl, livestock judging, team sales, and extemporaneous and public speaking contests. He also participated in the LEAD conference and the Raising the Bar conference in 2012.

Schafer, the 11-year-old son of Aaron and Sue Schafer, attends Lincoln Elementary School and is a member of the NJAA and Illinois Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local, regional, state and national shows and showmanship competitions. At the NJAS, Schafer participated in the prepared public speaking, team sales, quiz bowl, creative writing, team fitting and livestock judging contests.

He has consigned cattle to the Kramer Angus Production Sale and Illinois Performance Tested Bull Sale.

Williams, the 11-year-old daughter of Kyle and Ann Williams, attends Idalou Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association where she serves as director.

She has participated in local, state, and national shows. At the NJAS, Williams participated in the quiz bowl, livestock judging, photography, poster and coloring contests.

She has also submitted weight data to AHIR.

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AFA offers scholarships to college students

Through a unique scholarship program offered by Agriculture Future of America (AFA) and its partners, students pursuing careers in agriculture gain access to exciting leader training opportunities and receive help paying for their college education.

AFA Leader and Academic Scholarships have two components. The leader component sponsors the student's entrance into AFA's leader development program, including registration to the AFA Leaders Conference, a professional and personal development experience for elite agriculture students across the nation. The academic component provides financial support for student tuition and fees. These scholarships are available to students across the country. There are many scholarships currently available through AFA and its partner organizations. Applications are typically due in March. Learn more and apply at www.agfuture.org/scholarships.

Sam Noble scholarship applications now available

Applications for Sam Noble Scholarships in agriculture and technology are now available from The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, a student must plan to attend or be attending a qualifying university or technology training institution during the 2013-2014 academic year. The student must also be a resident of one of the following southern Oklahoma counties: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Garvin, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Murray, Pontotoc, Pushmataha or Stephens.

Scholarships for students seeking undergraduate degrees in agriculture-related fields provide \$2,500 of support per semester for up to nine semesters, while scholarships for graduate students offer \$3,125 per semester for up to five semesters. Applicants must pursue their education at a university awarding baccalaureate or higher degrees through a division or college of agriculture, such as Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Texas Tech University (Lubbock campus) or Texas A&M University (College Station campus).

Scholarships for those seeking degrees or certification in technology-related fields are for \$3,750 per year for up to two years. Applicants must pursue this degree or certification at Oklahoma State University's Oklahoma City or Okmulgee campus.

Requests for applications for the Sam Noble Scholarships in agriculture and technology may be submitted online at www.noble.org/philanthropy/scholarship or by contacting Jennifer Fitzgerald at 580-224-6247. Completed scholarship applications must be received on or before Friday, Feb. 15, 2013.

VitaFerm® Sure Champ® offers two internships

BioZyme Inc., maker of VitaFerm and Sure Champ, is offering two paid summer internships. Each internship will provide the successful candidates with a variety of experiences related to the feed and livestock nutrition business, in both an office and field setting.

Public relations internship. This internship will offer incoming college juniors and seniors the opportunity to promote Sure Champ's brand through junior national sponsorships, social media, video production and photography. Applicants must be an agriculture major; agricultural communications majors will be given preference. Strong writing and communications skills, the ability to work under pressure and on your own will be assets. For the full criteria and application process please visit the news tab on www.surechamp.com.

Sales internship. This internship will offer incoming college juniors and seniors the opportunity to learn more about the sales and marketing of mineral products and show feed supplements. The successful candidate will travel to several junior nationals and trade shows promoting the VitaFerm and Sure Champ line of products. Applicants must be an agriculture major. An outgoing personality, prior sales experience and the ability to work on your own will be assets. For the full criteria and the application process please visit the news tab on www.surechamp.com.

Both internships will commence the beginning of June and go through the end of July. The internships will be based out of Saint Joseph, Mo. Considerable time will be spent on the road.

Applications are due on or before Feb. 15, 2013. For more information on either internship visit www.surechamp.com or contact Crystal Blin, Sure Champ product and marketing manager, at 816-344-5774 or cblin@biozymeinc.com.



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