



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Remember

If someone would have told me a year ago that I was going to lose a close friend, I would have never believed them. Now, sitting here exactly one year later, I'm still in disbelief. I know the subject is a difficult one, because we have all lost someone truly significant in our lives. Yet, isn't it important to take a moment to remember them? Remember their smile,



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laughter or even the way they made you feel inside.

Have you taken that moment to remember not only the ones that have moved on in life, but also the ones that are still touching your lives today? Just as the

sun comes up and goes down every day like clockwork, we still often lose sight of the time with our busy schedules. The little things slowly move to the back of our minds, and deadlines begin to take control over what is now considered a priority.

Yet, I begin to wonder, how do I tell my friends that I love them and let them know they have a truly special place in my heart? Does my family know that I think about them all of the time, and that they are always walking beside me, step by step?

During this time in your life — when you may be graduating from school, moving away from home or even just growing up — I hope that you think about what is truly special to you. I've learned that people will forget what you have said or what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Take the time to let them know that you care, and let them see they have a special place in your heart before you regret not getting the chance.

The friend that I lost in a catastrophic car accident knew that I cared. I don't remember if I ever had the chance to tell him that. I miss his smile and his sense of humor, as well as some of the practical jokes that we used to play on our mutual friends. He was only 21, with a lifetime of experiences ahead of him. But, now the only experiences are behind us. If I could just have one more hour or one more minute ... but I don't.

Let people know that you care through your words and actions. Let them know they have touched your life.

With this suggestion, I leave you with a quote from Trinidad Hunt: "Life is made of millions of moments, but we live only one of these moments at a time. As we begin to change this moment, we begin to change our lives."

— Tracee Veenstra, Minnesota

Angus scholarships increase

The Angus Foundation has increased its commitment of available scholarships for 2006 from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Eligible Angus youth meeting the qualifications for the Foundation's 2006 Scholarship Program will be considered by the scholarship selection committee for these general scholarships. This available amount of scholarships for Angus youth is made possible by the generous financial support from Angus breeders, allied industry interests and friends of the Angus Foundation through the Angus Foundation Heifer Package, outright cash gifts and other fundraising activities.

Two \$5,000 scholarships will be given in memory of former American Angus Association executive vice president Richard "Dick" Spader. In addition, 20 \$3,000 scholarships and 30 \$1,000 scholarships will

be available. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2006 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in July at Indianapolis, Ind.

The eligibility requirements for these general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or are currently in college may be eligible to apply for other Angus related scholarships, such as the new Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship, National Junior Angus Association/Certified Angus Beef (NJAA/CAB) Scholarship and others that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

To learn more about the specific details and applicant eligibility requirements of all of these scholarships, a copy of the respective applications and guidelines can be found at www.angusfoundation.org. The deadline for all scholarship applications was May 1, 2006.

Editor's Note: While the scholarship deadline for this year will have passed before you receive your Angus Journal, we hope you'll mark your calendars for next year's deadline. This release was distributed in a news update through the Angus e-List March 21. To subscribe, visit www.anguselists.com.

Ohio news

Christina Egner, Shelby, Ohio, was crowned the 2006 Ohio Beef Queen.

Youth support

As part of a program marking the company's 200 millionth dose of Vira Shield sold, Novartis Animal Health is extending its support to youth organizations by providing more than \$2,000 apiece to the National FFA and 4-H organizations.

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► **Dale Eastin** (center), Gretna, is named Premier Junior Exhibitor. Pictured presenting the award are Mandy Richardson (left) and Kati Hereford.



► **Morgan Alexander**, Berryville, is named Outstanding First-year Junior Member. Pictured are (from left) Richardson, Alexander and Hereford.



► **Bethany Johnson**, Nokesville, is named Outstanding Senior Junior Member. Pictured are (from left) Richardson, Johnson and Hereford.



► **Chelsea Weiben**, Waterford, is named Premier Senior Exhibitor. Pictured are (from left) Richardson, Weiben and Hereford.



► **Chelsea Wieben** receives the William S. Stokes Award. Pictured are (from left) Richardson, Wieben and Hereford.



► **Left: Mackenza Muncy and Luke Muncy**, Midland, are named Outstanding Junior Members. Pictured are (from left) Richardson, Mackenza Muncy, Luke Muncy and Hereford.



► **Below: Amanda Lickey**, Middleburg, receives the Outstanding Junior Member Award. Pictured are (from left) Betsie Ebert-Michael, advisor; Chris Johnson, advisor; Dinah Johnston, advisor; Richardson; Lickey; and Hereford.

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 2005 issue.

Bronze Awards

Madison Gooden, 11, Crocker, Mo. She is the daughter of Jeff and Amy Gooden.

Wade Wells, 11, Hamilton, Texas. He is the son of Tom and Merridee Wells.

Matt Wical, 16, Grundy Center, Iowa. He is the son of Steve and Jan Wical.

Silver Award

Baron Rieker, 13, Columbus, Ind. He is the son of Gregory and Julie Rieker.

Katarina Rieker, 13, Columbus, Ind. She is the daughter of Gregory and Julie Rieker.

Steven Rieker, 13, Columbus, Ind. He is the son of Gregory and Julie Rieker.

Zachary Rieker, 13, Columbus, Ind. He is the son of Gregory and Julie Rieker.

Chase Thummel, 11, Sheridan, Mo. He is the son of Jeff and Deb Thummel.

Paige Tribble, 14, Pocahontas, Ark. She is the daughter of Terry and Laura Tribble.

Bronze and Silver awards

Elizabeth Blumer, 19, Chesnee, S.C. She is the daughter of Adam and Nancy Blumer.

Bethany Johnson, 20, Nokesville, Va. She is the daughter of Chris and Kim Johnson.

Mariah Lawrence, 18, West Plains, Mo. She is the daughter of Eddie and Vickie Lawrence.

Will Mayfield, 18, Pulaski, Tenn. He is the son of Mike and Susan Mayfield.

Jenessa Monson, 18, Absarokee, Mont. She is the daughter of Ken and Venessa Monson.

Parker Rayl, 15, Hutchinson, Kan. He is the son of Brad and Lori Rayl.

Keela Retallick, 20, Glen Haven, Wis. She is the daughter of Kevin and Keri Retallick.

Haley Rieff, 18, Bentonville, Ark. She is the daughter of Kevin and Michelle Rieff.

Kyleigh Santee, 17, Langdon, Kan. She is the daughter of Barry and Karen Santee.

Austin Sayre, 17, Creighton, Mo. He is the son of Danny and Connie Sayre.

Lauren Schroeder, 18, Clarence, Iowa. She is the daughter of Doug and Glenda Schroeder.

Ericka Waggener, 18, Harrodsburg, Ky. She is the daughter of Howard and Lisa Waggener.

Brazos Williams, 13, Lockney, Texas. He is the son of Ty and Nikolyn Williams.

Tylee Jo Williams, 12, Lockney, Texas. She is the daughter of Ty and Nikolyn Williams.

Kara Wilson, 19, Orleans, Ind. She is the daughter of Loran and Kathy Williams.

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▶ Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 25, Columbia

▶ **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan, and **Austin Sayre**, Creighton, receive their Bronze and Silver awards. Pictured are (from left) James Fisher, American Angus Ass'n, presenting the awards; Thummel; and Sayre.



▶ Curtis Long's Briarwood Farms presented several juniors with checks for exhibiting their steers at the Missouri State Fair. Pictured are (from left) Long; **Alex Clawson**, Brookfield; **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie; **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan; **Cameron Ward**, Plattsburg; and **Kayla Hewgley-Johannaber**, Madison.



▶ **Ashley Gillig**, Aurora, and **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie, receive scholarships from the Missouri Junior Angus Foundation. Pictured are (from left) Patsy Watt, Rocheport, Missouri Junior Angus Foundation scholarship co-chair; Gillig; Bartholomew; and Johnene Baxter, Missouri Junior Angus Foundation scholarship co-chair.



▶ **Madison Gooden** (right), Crocker, receives her Bronze Award from Fisher.



▶ Missouri Angus royalty include (from left) **Lauren Akin**, Iberia, princess; **Mallory Trospen**, Hamilton, Miss American Angus; and **Brittany Gillig**, Aurora, queen.

▶ **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, receives the Show Heifer of the Year Award. Pictured are Rick Washam (left), Pierce City, accepting the award, and Kris Graupman, presenting the award.



▶ **Chelsea Moffitt**, Kirksville, Mo., receives the Show Bull of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Moffitt; Graupman, presenting the awards; and Brent Naylor, Buffalo, Mo., runner-up.



▶ **Chelsea Moffitt** receives the James Daggs Memorial Award. Pictured are (from left) Moffitt; Mrs. James Daggs; and her daughter, Joy.

▶ Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet March 10, LeCompte

▶ **Zachary Kieffer** (left), Winnfield, receives the Landon Hayes Scholarship. Presenting the award on behalf of the Hayes family is Dusty Taylor.



▶ Officers of the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n include (from left) **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie; **Ashley Gillig**, Aurora; **Jessica Weigand**, Warrensburg; and **Mallory Trospen**, Hamilton.

▶ South Carolina Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet March 17, Clemson

▶ **Ann Blumer** (left), Chesnee, receives her Bronze and Silver awards. Lydia Yon, South Carolina junior advisor, presents the awards.



▶ Illinois Beef Expo Junior Angus Show, Feb. 26, Springfield

▶ Illinois Angus royalty include (from left) **Lauren Adcock**, Moweaqua, princess; **Kayla Wideman**, Good Hope, princess; **Melissa Wineinger**, Paris, queen; **Gretchen Frost**, Tallula, ebonette; and **Rebecca Hurst**, Dorsey, ebonette.



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▶ Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Feb. 18, Plain City



▶ **Brandee Painter**, Hebron, receives the 2005 Junior Silver Show Award. Pictured are (from left) James Winter, Painter, and Sharon and Christina Winter.



▶ **Lindsey Grimes** (right), Hillsboro, receives the 2005 Girls Silver Show Award from Kent Bauman.



▶ **Vince Untied** (left), Granville, receives the 2005 Boys Silver Show Award from John King.



▶ **Lindsey Grimes** (right), Hillsboro, receives the 2005 Girls Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award from Jamie King.

▶ **Logan Deitrick**, Zanesville, won the 2005 Boys Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award. Lincoln Deitrick (left), Zanesville, receives the award from Jamie King.



▶ Ohio Angus royalty include **Kayla Alexander** (left), Sabina, 2006 Ohio Angus Queen, and **Caroline English**, Elida, 2005 Ohio Angus Queen.



▶ Tennessee Angus Ass'n Show & Sale, March 11, Murfreesboro

▶ Tennessee Angus royalty include (from left) **Meredith Mayfield**, Pulaski, princess; **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, princess; **LeAnna Fox**, Obion, queen; and **Lindsey Turner**, Covington, princess.



▶ **Will Mayfield**, Pulaski, receives his Bronze and Silver awards. Pictured are (from left) George Williams, outgoing president, presenting the awards; Mayfield; and Sonya Smith, junior advisor.



▶ Kentucky Angus Ass'n Banquet, March 3, Louisville



▶ **Left: Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg, receives her Bronze and Silver awards. Pictured are (from left) Glenn Bugg, junior advisor; Waggener; and Pam Bugg, junior advisor.

▶ **Right: Jenna Brown**, Woodburn, is recognized as Kentucky Angus queen. Pictured are (from left) Glenn Bugg, Brown and Pam Bugg.



▶ Serving on the Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Camron Nunn**, Canmer; **Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg, treasurer; **Lauren Moss**, Lancaster, secretary; **Justin Jackson**, Salvisa, president; **Jillian Warren**, Lebanon, second vice president; **Joshua Wheatley**, Springfield, reporter; (standing, from left) **Deidre Sherrard**, Upton; **James Sadler**, Carlisle; **Joseph Jackson**, Salvisa; **Jenna Brown**, Woodburn; **Carolyn Wheatley**, Springfield; **Nicole Pellucano**, Perryville, reporter; and **Nicole Bugg**, Burgin, reporter.



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▶ Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet & Awards Program, March 12, Mason



▶ **Erika Boehmer** (right), Olivet, is crowned the 2006 Michigan Angus Queen. Also pictured is **Danielle Foster**, 2005 Michigan Angus Queen.



▶ Winning Premier Exhibitor awards are (seated, from left) **Danielle Foster**, Niles, first; **Evan Boehmer**, Olivet, second; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, third; **Julie Thelen**, Saline, fourth; and **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, fifth. Winning honorable mentions are (standing, from left) **Dee Anne Merriman**, Lowell; **Wren Schroeder**, Deckerville; **Renee Thelen**, Saline; **Benjamin Canfield**, Clarksville; and **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell.



▶ **Left:** Winning Premier Breeder awards are (seated, from left) **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, first; **Wren Schroeder**, Deckerville, second; **Danielle Foster**, Niles, third; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, fourth; and **Julie Thelen**, Saline, fifth. Winning honorable mentions are (standing, from left) **Dee Anne Merriman**, Lowell; **Renee Thelen**, Saline; and **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell.

▶ **Below:** Receiving Certificates of Achievement are (seated, from left) **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Erika Boehmer**, Olivet; **Danielle Foster**, Niles; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston; (standing, from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline; **Renee Thelen**, Saline; **Andrew Foster**, Niles; **Paige Tuggle**, Ithaca; **Evan Boehmer**, Olivet; **Seth Vance**, Charlotte; **Wren Schroeder**, Deckerville; and **Hope Bordner**, Sturgis.



▶ **Andrew Foster**, Niles, and **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston, receive the Outstanding Senior and Outstanding Junior Member awards, respectively. Pictured are (from left) **Evan Boehmer**, previous winner; **Foster**; **Ruggles**; and **Hope Bordner**, previous winner.



▶ **Right:** Serving on the Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Andrew Foster**, Niles, president; **Erika Boehmer**, Olivet, vice president; **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston, secretary; **Danielle Foster**, Niles, treasurer; **Renee Thelen**, Saline, NJAA leadership director; (standing, from left) **Hope Bordner**, Sturgis; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Paige Tuggle**, Ithaca; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Julie Thelen**, Saline; **Mitchell Goheen**, Deckerville; **Benjamin Canfield**, Clarksville; **Bradey Neitzke**, Wheeler; **Benjamin Goheen**, Deckerville; **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston; and **Wren Schroeder**, Deckerville.

