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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Looking to the future

Nothing makes me realize the New Year is hard upon us the way March does. By the time March rolls around, most of us are well into, if not almost done with, our spring calving. The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) is behind us, and the show calves for the upcoming season have been selected and are well on their way to looking the part.

March has always held a special place in my mind. Out here in western Oregon it is usually still pouring, although there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and we know that in a few months we will be out of the mud. To me it signals the beginning of the New Year much more than Jan. 1. March is a time to be very excited.

Every year we all know that this year's calf crop will be the very best we have ever produced. They will gain faster, sell better and place higher as a whole than the crop that we produced last year.

We are all excited for the upcoming show season. We will get to exhibit great cattle, be in the company of amazing people and make new friends. Some of us are probably getting excited to graduate high school or college, while others are very excited for the contests at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), and the great time we are sure to have at the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

March is a time to put the previous year's hardships behind us, to look to the future, shake off that last bit of last year's exhaustion and winter's gloom, and get ready for the amazing year that is sure to come!



Robert Myers

The month of March always reminds me of a quote from Pearl S. Buck: "One faces the future with one's past." Surely March is also a time to reflect upon the last year. We are far enough away that the mistakes we made can be remembered and used to our advantage. Maybe the clean-up bull we thought had so much promise didn't work out quite as planned. Maybe we really should have gone to one more show, gotten a scholarship application completed sooner, or called a friend we haven't seen in months. It is a time to make subtle tweaks to our goals and plans. It is a time to be excited for the future while still remembering the past.

As we stand here, a mere fourth of the way through what is sure to be one of the best years of our life so far, I urge you to look to the future. Analyze your goals, plan for your success and appreciate the learning value presented by the inevitable failures of the year before. I urge you to think about what you wish to accomplish this year and start on it. Amazing resources are at your fingertips, from the staff at the American Angus Association, to the Junior Board and the entire National Junior Angus Association (NJAA).

I wish each and every one of you the very best this upcoming year and show season. I hope your calves excel, and that you achieve your dreams both in and out of the ring. Don't hesitate this year. Throw yourself into your future, but not without first setting your goals and learning from your past.

The last thing I would like to leave you with is a quote by George Burns, a famous comedian, "I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life."

— Robert Myers, Oregon

► **Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Hutchinson, Jan. 23**



► **David Lundgren Jr.** (left), Ottawa, and **Hannah McCabe** (center), Elk City, receive the Bronze and Silver awards from **Matt Caldwell**, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



► **David Lundgren Jr.** (left), Ottawa, receives the **Kenneth and Lorene Moore** scholarship from **Carolyn Perrier**, Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship committee.



► **Kansas Angus Ass'n** royalty are (from left) **Jacinda Dickinson**, Glasco, 2009 Kansas Angus Ambassador; **Ashley Laas**, Brookville, 2008 Miss Kansas Angus; and **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, 2009 Miss Kansas Angus.

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Junior deadlines forthcoming

Juniors should remember May 1 as the deadline for several application forms:

- ▶ Gold Award applications
- ▶ Outstanding Leadership Award applications
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadlines for the Northwest Regional Preview Show
- ▶ Ownership and entry deadlines for the Central Regional Preview Show
- ▶ Angus Foundation scholarship applications
- ▶ Certified Angus Beef LLC/National Junior Angus Association (CAB/NJAA) scholarship applications

May 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show.

June 1 deadlines include:

- ▶ Ownership and entry deadlines for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)
- ▶ Entries for the NJAA writing, photography and graphic design contests
- ▶ Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off
- ▶ Ownership deadline for All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show

For more information contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100 or go to www.njaa.info.

Association can help with junior transfers

If you know of a junior member who has purchased a heifer to show and who has not received the transferred papers, and the ownership deadlines for a specific show are fast approaching, the Association can help. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, however, late

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▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Dec. 27



▶ **Kade Patton** (left), Frankfort, junior champion, and **John Clark** (right), Princeton, intermediate champion, are recognized for winning showmanship awards at the Indiana State Fair Junior Show.



▶ **Kade Patton**, Frankfort, is recognized for winning grand champion heifer and reserve grand champion steer at the Indiana State Fair Show.



▶ Indiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship winners are (from left) **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, and **Adam Leeper**, Argos.

▶ **Right: Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, receives the Jim Singleton Show Heifer of the Year Award for WhispPines Lucy 7022.



▶ Indiana Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (seated, from left) **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, president; **Catherine Knebel**, Winamac, first vice president; **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, third vice president; **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, secretary; **Adam Leeper**, Argos, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Alexis Carmony**, Falmouth, assistant reporter; **Amanda Tresslar**, Franklin, southeast director; **Kyrsten Retherford**, Indianapolis, reporter; **Haylee Cooper**, Liberty, southeast director; and **Madison Butler**, Vincennes, south director.



▶ **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, is recognized for winning the essay contest.

▶ Indiana Angus royalty are (from left) **Madison Butler**, Vincennes, junior princess; **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, princess; and **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, queen.



▶ **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, receives a \$500 Indiana Angus Ass'n Scholarship.

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transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason.

Scholarship applications due May 1

Numerous undergraduate and graduate scholarships will be available this year to Angus youth through the Angus Foundation scholarship program. Applications must be postmarked on or before May 1 to be considered eligible.

Applications and instructions are available at www.angusfoundation.org. Please closely follow the instructions, as incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Note that there are separate applications for the NJAA/CAB scholarship and the graduate student scholarship program that is also offered through the Angus Foundation.

Scholarship program targets veterinary, animal science students

For a second year, the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) and Fort Dodge Animal Health are accepting applications for the Fort Dodge Animal

Health Legacy Scholarship. Through producer participation, Fort Dodge Animal Health sponsors five scholarships of \$5,000 each. Three scholarships will be directed to veterinary school students who have designated an emphasis in beef production. Two scholarships will be directed to undergraduate students enrolled in an animal science program.

The NCF is accepting applications until April 15. Applications are available by visiting the National Cattlemen's Foundation web site, www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org. Winners will be announced at the Cattle Industry Summer Conference in Denver, Colo., July 14-18. For more information, visit the NCF web site.

Cattle producers use their Fort Dodge Animal Health invoices to help support this scholarship program — in turn, helping cattle production and cattle-producing families for the next generation. Producers can contribute to the Legacy Scholarship by purchasing qualifying Fort Dodge Animal Health products.

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▶ Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Harrisburg, Jan. 11



▶ Pennsylvania Angus royalty are (front row, from left) **Shelby Dean**, New Castle, sweetheart; **Jaclyn Upperman**, Chambersburg, 2008 queen; **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, 2009 queen; **Amanda Cole**, Bentleyville, sweetheart; **Elizabeth Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, sweetheart; and princesses (back row, from left) **Lindsay Upperman**, Chambersburg; **Kate Livingston**, Dover; **Heather Cox**, Evans City; **Maria Trowbridge**, Meshoppen; and **Hannah Grim**, East Berlin.



▶ **Katrina Frey**, Quarryville, is the 2009 Pennsylvania Angus queen.

▶ Pennsylvania Junior Angus Ass'n officers are (seated, from left) **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys, secretary; **Kate Livingston**, Dover, president; **Hannah Grim**, East Berlin, vice president; (standing, from left) **Lindsay Upperman**, Chambersburg, news reporter; and **Fred Frey**, Quarryville, treasurer.



▶ The Pennsylvania Junior Angus Ass'n presented to **Kate Livingston** (left), Dover, the Outstanding Girl Award; and to **Andrew Cranmer** (right), Butler, the Outstanding Boy Award.