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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

The two wolves

So many times when it gets to be this time of year the “winter blues” catch up with us; we just want summer to be here and for school to be over. We keep reminding ourselves that it is just a few more days until the end of the semester, or maybe all this mud will be gone by next week.

Think positive

By continually thinking about the negative things happening in our lives, we really aren't



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helping ourselves out at all. A couple of weeks ago, I received an e-mail that relieved me of my “winter blues.” I realized that sometimes just by seeing, reading or experiencing one positive incident our attitudes can

completely change, so I wanted to share this with all of you in case anyone else needs a little assistance in thinking positively.

It is called *The Two Wolves*, and it is about the two wolves that are inside us all.

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, “My son, the battle is between ‘two wolves’ inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.” The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf wins?” The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

We may not always realize it, but every little

negative thing we allow ourselves to think about or do is only feeding the evil wolf inside us. The evil wolf does not get full either, it will keep eating and eating until you eventually burst; this is when the evil wolf has won. So to prevent this from happening, don't allow yourself to get brought down by negative things. Try to always see the good in situations, which I know is not always easy to do.

Here is an idea. At times when it is really hard to think positive, maybe you just need to give your good wolf something to snack on instead of an entire meal. It may not make you feel better completely, but it will be a start. Then, when the time comes or when you feel the need to give your good wolf an entire three-course meal, by all means, go right ahead . . . it is okay if the good wolf bursts.

Hopefully, this story has helped to pull you out of any “blues” you may be suffering from, helped you to remember to not let the bad things in life get the best of you, and to only let the good things have an effect on you.

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► Missouri Angus Ass'n Banquet, Columbia, Feb. 21



► Several Missouri juniors received NJAA Bronze and Silver awards. Pictured are (from left) Mallory Trospers, NJAA chairman, presenter; **Sadie Kinne**, Eagleville; **Caleb Sayre**, Stotts City; and **Forrest Thompson** and **Jason Thompson**, both of Mount Vernon.



► Curtis Long of Briarwood Farms sponsored premium checks for exhibitors in the junior carcass show at the Missouri State Fair. Recipients are (from left) **Tanner Drechsel**, Boonville; **Gregory Connell**, Eugene; **Breanna Brinkley**, Milan; **Kellie Alexander**, Linneus; and **Brooke Longstreth**, Moundville.



► Missouri Angus Ass'n scholarships awarded by the Angus Foundation were presented by Curtis Long (left), to (continuing from left) **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie; **Garren Bellis**, Orrick; **Shane Kinne**, Eagleville; and **Emelia Heimsoth**, Lathrop.



► **Rachel Bartholomew** (left), Archie, received the Outstanding Junior Member Award. She is pictured with her parents, Tammy and Steve Bartholomew.

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*. Robin Ruff, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association, announced the following award winners since publication of the September 2008 issue.

Bronze and Silver winners

Lynsey Frey, 21, Granville, N.D. She is the daughter of Arlen and Lois Frey.

Lindsey Grimes, 18, Hillsboro, Ohio. She is the daughter of John and Joan Grimes.

Cassandra Hanson, 18, Enderlin, N.D. She is the daughter of Terry and Cindy Hanson.

Courtney Jentz, 21, Fennimore, Wis. She is the daughter of Gregory and Kim Jentz.

Dylan Kennedy, 12, Nashville, Mich. He is the son of Jeff and Heather Kennedy.

Justin Kennedy, 18, Nashville, Mich. He is the son of Jeff and Heather Kennedy.

Sadie Kinne, 16, Eagleville, Mo. She is the daughter of Keith and Shelly Kinne.

Katie Lents, 19, Eton, Ga. She is the daughter of Joey and Deborah Lents.

David Lundgren Jr., 20, Ottawa, Kan. He is the son of David and Sandy Lundgren.

Hannah McCabe, 17, Elk City, Kan. She is the daughter of Randy and Varea McCabe.

Luke Muncy, 15, Staunton, Va. He is the son of Russell and Julie Muncy.

Mackenza Muncy, 14, Staunton, Va. She is the daughter of Russell and Julie Muncy.

Colby Myers, 16, Harrodsburg, Ky. He is the son of Joe and Toni Myers.

Teasa Nauta, 20, Douglas, Wyo. She is the daughter of Rene Nauta.

Tyler Ottensmeier, 15, McLouth, Kan. He is the son of Ken and Jackie Ottensmeier.

Kelsey Pfeiffer, 20, Orlando, Okla. He is the son of Jerry and Ada Pfeiffer.

Tanner Rayl, 18, Hutchinson, Kan. He is the son of Dennis and Shirley Rayl.

Kelli Retallick, 18, Glen Haven, Wis. She is the daughter of Kevin and Keri Retallick.

Hannah Rowlett, 17, Hurricane Mills, Tenn. She is the daughter of Buddy and Kelley Rowlett.

JanLee Rowlett, 17, Hurricane Mills, Tenn. She is the daughter of Buddy and Kelley Rowlett.

Caleb Sayre, 15, Stotts City, Mo. He is the son of Dan and Connie Sayre.

Samantha Schermer, 17, Latimer, Iowa. She is the daughter of Brad and KaRene Schermer.

Jacob Steph, 15, Tatum, Texas. He is the son of Chris and Melissa Steph.

Forrest Thompson, 17, Mount Vernon, Mo. He is the son of Greg and Cindy Thompson.

Jason Thompson, 14, Mount Vernon, Mo. He is the son of Greg and Cindy Thompson.

Benjamin Tokach, 19, Saint Anthony, N.D. He is the son of Richard and Kathy Tokach.

Katlyn Tunstill, 14, Fayetteville, Ark. She is the daughter of Darrell and Sheri Tunstill.

Kayla Widerman, 15, Good Hope, Ill. She is the daughter of Jeff and Carrie Keeney and Bill Widerman.

► Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Des Moines, Feb. 11



► **Madison Henderson**, Drakesville, receives the 2008 Iowa junior Bull of the Year Award. Madison also accepted Tyler Henderson's award for 2008 Iowa junior Bred-and-Owned Heifer of the Year.



► **Katelyn Holmes** (right), Benton, receives the 2008 Iowa junior Cow-Calf Pair of the Year. Also pictured is Russell Holmes, also of Benton.



► **Caitlin Kuehn**, Durant, receives the 2008 Iowa junior Steer of the Year Award.



► **Leo Kruse**, Rudd, receives the Iowa 2008 junior Owned Heifer of the Year Award.



► Iowa Angus royalty are (from left) **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, princess; **Ashley Kuehn**, Durant, queen; and **Samantha Schermer**, Latimer, princess.



► **Caitlin Kuehn** (left), Durant, receives the 2008 Anita Russell Achievement Award from Henry Russell.



► Iowa Angus Auxiliary major award winners are (front row, from left) **Sophie Hansen**, Adel; **Jeremy Arends**, Ackley; **Leo Kruse**, Rudd; (second row, from left) **Erin Steele**, Anita; **Lauren Barker**, Monticello; **Madison Henderson**, Drakesville; **Caitlin Kuehn**, Durant; (third row, from left) **Samantha Schermer**, Latimer; **Jordan Paulsrud**, Danbury; **Lauren Schroeder**, Clarence; **Wesley Ruby**, Greene; and **Austin Brandt**, Corning.



► **Lauren Schroeder** (left), Clarence, receives the Gold Award from Bruce Kiesewetter.



► **Ashley Kuehn** (left), Durant, receives the 2008 runner-up Anita Russell Achievement Award from Henry Russell.

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▶ Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Louisville, March 6



▶The Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n board of directors includes (seated, from left) **Maggie Jasper**, Midway; **Nicole Wheatley**, Springfield, secretary; **Megan Cole**, Lancaster, second vice president; **Ruth Myers**, Harrodsburg; **Nikki Bugg**, Burgin, first vice president; **Taylor Flach**, Harrodsburg; (standing, from left) **Caleb Sadler**, Carlisle; **Colby Myers**, Harrodsburg; **Joshua Wheatley**, Springfield, president; **Blake Boyd**, Mays Lick; **Logan Goggin**, Danville, treasurer; **Ramsey Johnson**, Winchester; **Samuel Brown**, Woodburn; and **Brendan Sadler**, Carlisle.



▶The Kentucky Angus Ass'n presented its Outstanding Junior awards to **Lauren Moss** (left), Lancaster, and **Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg.



▶Kentucky Angus royalty are (from left) **Megan Cole**, Lancaster, queen; and **Katie Dick**, Russell Springs, princess.



▶Left: The Kentucky Junior Angus Ass'n presented **Maggie Jasper** (right), Midway, with multiple awards. She is pictured with Anne Clark, Kentucky Angus Ass'n secretary, receiving the Premier Exhibitor Award, the Cow-Calf Pair of the Year, Owned Heifer of the Year and Steer of the Year awards.



▶Left: **Lauren Moss** (right), Lancaster, receives the Premier Breeder and the Show Heifer of the Year awards with James Coffey, receiving the Premier Breeder Award.

▶ Alabama Junior Beef Expo Angus Show, Montgomery, March 8

▶**Baily Anderson** (left), Tuskegee, receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Richard Dyar, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



▶ Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Lecompte, March 13

▶**Jess Roussel** (left), Gramercy, and **Samantha Bickham** (right), Saint Francisville, receive the Landon Hays Memorial Scholarship from Patti Hymel, Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n advisor.



KILE Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship now available

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Beef Committee has announced the availability of the 2009 KILE Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship. The Committee will award two cash scholarships — in the amount of \$500 and \$1,000 — to outstanding youth who have previously exhibited beef cattle at KILE. A percentage of the funds raised from the Youth Beef Benefit Auction at the 2008 KILE have been dedicated to the Junior Beef Exhibitor Scholarship. This is the third year the scholarship will be awarded, and all eligible youth are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must have exhibited beef cattle in the Junior Beef Show at KILE in 2006 or later and must be enrolled in a degree (undergraduate or graduate) or certification program at a post-secondary educational institution. Awards will be based on academics, community leadership, agricultural activities, and KILE involvement.

The two recipients will be recognized at the 2009 Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Youth Beef Benefit Auction. This year's KILE will take place Sept. 29-Oct. 4 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, Pa.

Applications are available on the KILE web site at www.agriculture.state.pa.us/kile or can be obtained by contacting Jim Sharp at 717-787-2905. Applications must be completed in full, be accompanied by the required documentation, and be postmarked no later than June 15, 2009.

▶ Tennessee Angus Ass'n Show & Sale, Murfreesboro, March 14



▶**Hannah Rowlett** (left), and **JanLee Rowlett**, both of Hurricane Mills, receive Silver awards.



► **Danielle Foster** (left), Niles, receives the Outstanding Junior Member Award from Patricia Vaassen.



► **Dylan Kennedy** (left), Nashville, receives the Outstanding Junior Member Award from Justin Ruggles.



► Michigan Angus royalty are (from left) **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston, 2008 queen; **Hope Bordner**, Sturgis, 2009 queen; **Dee Anne Merriman**, Lowell, ebonette; and **Tabitha Grochowalski**, Ada, ebonette.



► Michigan Angus queens are **Chelsea Ruggles** (left), Kingston, 2008 Miss Michigan Angus; and **Hope Bordner**, Sturgis, 2009 Miss Michigan Angus.



► Michigan Premier Exhibitor award winners include (seated, from left) **Danielle Foster**, Niles, first; **Tabitha Grochowalski**, Ada, second; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, third; **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston, fourth; **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, fifth; (standing, from left) honorable mentions include **Kollin Johnson**, Quincy; **Julie Thelen**, Saline; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville; **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville; and **Dee Anne Merriman**, Lowell.



► Michigan Premier Breeder award winners include (seated, from left) **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, first; **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, second; **Kollin Johnson**, Quincy, third; **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston, fourth; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, fifth; (standing, from left) honorable mentions include **Julie Thelen**, Saline; **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville; and **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville.



► **Left:** Winning Certificates of Achievement are (front row, from left) **Claudia Albrecht** and **Hayley Albrecht**, both of Kingston; (second row, from left) **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville; **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Tabitha Grochowalski**, Ada; **Rachel Reid**, Eaton Rapids; (standing, from left) **Hope Bordner**, Sturgis; **Julie Thelen**, Saline; **Kollin Johnson**, Quincy; **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston; **Danielle Foster**, Niles; **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor; **Kyle Ruggles**, Kingston; **Dee Anne Merriman** and **Kendra Merriman**, both of Lowell; and **Katie Reid**, Eaton Rapids.

► **Daniel** (right) and **Sharon Vaassen** (left), Ann Arbor, receive the Outstanding Junior Advisor Award from Danielle Foster.



► Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n officers and directors include (seated, from left) **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville, president; **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston, vice president; **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, secretary; **Tabitha Grochowalski**, Ada, treasurer; **Rachel Reid**, Eaton Rapids, director of awards; (standing, from left) **Kollin Johnson**, Quincy; **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston, junior livestock director; **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville; **Dee Anne Merriman**, Lowell, co-reporter/historian; **Kyle Ruggles**, Kingston; **Katie Reid**, Eaton Rapids; and **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, co-reporter/historian. **AJ**