



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights.

What would you do?

If you watch television on Friday nights, you may have viewed the ABC network TV series, "What Would You Do?" The show hosted by John Quinones asks the viewing audience what they would do in a particular situation. The program presents a scenario with actors creating a controversial situation recorded on hidden cameras. The innocent bystander reacts to the social or unethical situation, and the host reveals that the problem was staged to view their reaction. Some examples of the scenarios have been bullying, controversial social behaviors, and different ethnic and economic situations. When watching this show, I am intrigued by the various public reactions both pro and con toward the staged actor.

What would I do?

These different situations make me wonder about my own character and ask, "What should I do?"

What is character? Character is defined as the combination of qualities or features that distinguished one person, group or thing from another. Thinking of character reminds me of my 4-H career and the Pillars of Character. The Pillars of Character consist of six aspects:



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trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

- **Trustworthiness** includes being honest in everything you do; having the courage to do what is right, even when it seems difficult; and being reliable when

you need to do something by following through to accomplish it.

- **Respect** is following the Golden Rule — treating others as you would want to be treated. Understand differences in other people. Be considerate and peaceful in stressful situations.
- **Responsibility** is being accountable for your actions, words and attitudes. Always set a good example. Use self-discipline, self-control and plan ahead.
- **Fairness** includes playing by the rules, being open-minded and listening to others, and treating everyone fairly.
- **Caring** is being kind and compassionate in all your actions.
- **Citizenship** is doing your part to make the community and the world better.

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) has an outstanding junior membership. It's not the quantity but the quality of the juniors that counts. The main

goal of the NJAA is to influence juniors to achieve positive character development and skills through contests and Angus projects and to set a standard for the future of the Angus breed.

We, the junior membership, need to remember our character while showing, competing or representing our association. Encompassing all the six Pillars of Character values help to raise our level of character. However, when we don't utilize our positive character values, our actions can adversely affect our character and possibly create a negative long-lasting blemish on our lives.

In life, your character will affect you. Remember the quote:

Watch your thoughts, for they become words.

Watch your words, for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits.

Watch your habits, for they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.

In trying times, we need to represent ourselves and the association to secure the future of our Angus breed through each of our individual characters. So, will you stand up or look the other way?

— by Jaclyn Upperman, Pennsylvania

► Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, LeCompte, La., March 11



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► Scholarship winners Avery Boone (left), Calhoun, and Daniel McFarland (right), Keithville, receive the Landon Hays Memorial Scholarship presented by Dusty Taylor on behalf of Hays Bros. Angus Ranch.

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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 June 2010 issue. Ages are presented as of March 25, 2011, rather than the day presented.

Earning the Bronze Award are:

Bryanna Hite, 13, Valley Center, Kan., daughter of Joe & Shelly Hite
Chris Kahlenbeck, 16, Union, Mo., son of David & Kathy Bates
Jared Radcliffe, 16, Weston, Wis., son of Renee Radcliffe
Julie Williams, 15, Idalou, Texas, daughter of Kyle & Ann Williams

Earning Bronze and Silver awards are:

Hannah Barton, 20, Dutton, Ala., daughter of Jerry and Melody Barton
Lauren Barker, 18, Monticello, Iowa, daughter of Ruhl & Cheryl Barker
Zach Bartenslager, 18, Lewisburg, W.Va., son of Arthur & Ruth Bartenslager
Beau Bromenshenk, 14, Billings, Mont., son of Paul & Brenda Bromenshenk
Nathan Butler, 19, Midland, Va., son of Greg & Stephanie Butler
Kody Cassidy, 19, Mahomet, Ill., son of Jerry Cassidy
Jacob Coon, 16, Bethel, Mo., son of Russell & Susan Coon
Kathryn Coon, 17, Bethel, Mo., daughter of Russell & Susan Coon
Shelby Eidson, 18, Arnoldsville, Ga., daughter of Greg & Tonya Eidson

Kyle Frye, 12, Three Forks, Mont., son of Ron & Lanette Frye
Randall Frye, 15, Three Forks, Mont., son of Ron & Lanette Frye
Cole Gardiner, 17, Ashland, Kan., son of Mark & Eva Gardiner
Ransom Gardiner, 17, Ashland, Kan., son of Mark & Eva Gardiner
Lauren Herman, 19, Kingman, Kan., daughter of Don & Janice Herman
Judson Hoffschneider, 18, Arlington, Neb., son of Scott & Jennifer Hoffschneider

Catie Hope, 14, Berryville, Va., daughter of Beecher & Gina Hope
Maggie Jasper, 18, Versailles, Ky., daughter of Jim Jasper
Cheyenne Jones, 14, Franklinton, La., daughter of Gail Jones
Dru Kenny, 16, Schaller, Iowa, son of Brian & Sue Kenny
Garrett Knebel, 21, Winamac, Ind., son of Dan and Jennifer Knebel
Colton Kreager, 19, Newark, Ohio, son of Dean & Becky Kreager
Leo Kruse, 17, Rudd, Iowa, son of Terry & Allison Kruse
Mary Mardesen, 18, Oxford, Iowa, daughter of Heath & Shelli Mardesen
Josh May, 20, Hurricane Mills, Tenn., son of Steve & Vivian May
Esther McCabe, 17, Elk City, Kan., daughter of Randy & Varee McCabe
Reed McCormick, 15, Pleasantville, Iowa, son of Chris & Dixie McCormick

Alisha Nord, 21, Wolverton, Minn., daughter of Robert & Amber Nord
Miles Pearson, 18, Scott City, Kan., son of Clint & Lisa Pearson
Jessica Radcliffe, 18, Weston, Wis., daughter of Renee Radcliffe
Alex Rogen, 16, Brandon, S.D., son of Dick & Shally Rogen
Ian Rosenauer, 18, Agency, Mo., son of Cheryl Rosenauer
Callie Smith, 21, Lebanon, Tenn., daughter of Quintin & Vicki Smith
Cally Thomas, 19, Harrold, S.D., daughter of Troy and VeaBea Thomas
Benjamin VanDyke, 20, Bozeman, Mont., son of Ken & Alice VanDyke
Robert Velisek, 20, Gaithersburg, Md., son of Douglas & Pamela Velisek
Clay Williams, 20, Bishop, Ga., son of David & Connie Williams
Samantha Yantis, 19, Bunkie, La., daughter of Brent & Janice Yantis

Earning the Silver Award are:

Hannah Bartholomew, 19, Archie, Mo., daughter of Steve & Tammy Bartholomew
Freddy Frey, 17, Quarryville, Pa., son of Fritz & Nancy Frey
Kyle Glenister, 15, Pulaski, N.Y., son of Paul & Karen Glenister
Spencer Glenister, 15, Pulaski, N.Y., son of Paul & Karen Glenister
Sydney Thummel, 13, Sheridan, Mo., daughter of Jeff & Deb Thummel

► Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Louisville, March 4



► Officers and directors of the Kentucky Jr. Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Ruth Myers**, Harrodsburg, reporter; **Nicole Wheatley**, Springfield, first vice president; **Megan Cole**, Lancaster, president; **Maggie Jasper**, Versailles, secretary; **Amanda Goggin**, Danville, reporter; (standing, from left) **Levi Stephenson**, Carrollton; **Benjamin Conner**, Hodgenville; **Sheldon Burks**, Park City; **Reese Johnson**, Slaughters; **Corbin Cowles**, Rockfield; and **Blake Boyd**, Mayslick, second vice president.



► **Left:** Kentucky Angus royalty are (from left) **Maggie Jasper**, Versailles, queen; and **Emily Johnson**, Slaughters, princess.

► **Right:** Receiving the Junior Belt Buckle award are (front row, from left) **Caleb Stephenson**, Carrollton, owned cow-calf; **Maggie Jasper**, Versailles, steer and bull; and **Roderick White**, Lexington, bred-and-owned heifer. Donors pictured in the back row are (from left) Paul Bradshaw Jr., Myla Edwards, Kevin Perkins, Josh Marksbury and Joe Myers.



► **Maggie Jasper** (center, left), Versailles, receives the Premier Kentucky Jr. Exhibitor award and **Jacob Haught** (center, right), Brandenburg, receives the Premier Kentucky Jr. Breeder award from donors Anne Stewart Clark and James Coffey.



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▶ Iowa Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Des Moines, Feb. 16

▶ **Right:** Receiving Iowa Angus Auxiliary major awards are (front row, from left) **Lauren Barker**, Monticello; **Erin Steele**, Anita; **Courtney Younge**, Ventura; **Ty Ruby**, Greene; **Russell Holmes**, Benton; **Maggie Houglund**, Bloomfield; **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton; **Kiersten Jass**, Garner; **Samantha Schermer**, Latimer; **Taylor Duckett** and **Bryanne Duckett**, both of New Liberty; (back row, from left) **Reed McCormick**, Pleasantville; **Clayton Hester**, New Sharon; **Leo Kruse**, Rudd; **Kyle Greiman**, Garner; **Madison Henderson**, Drakesville; **Kati Cochran**, Oxford; **Austin Brandt**, Corning; and **Tim Mardesen** and **Mary Mardesen**, both of Oxford.



▶ **Kiersten Jass** (center), Garner, receives the Owned Heifer of the Year award from Gov. Terry Branstad (left) and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds.



▶ **Taylor Duckett** (right), New Liberty, receives the Anita Russell Achievement Award from Henry Russell (center). **Bryanne Duckett** (left), New Liberty, is runner-up.



▶ Receiving NJRP awards are (from left) **Leo Kruse**, Rudd, Bronze and Silver awards; **Lauren Barker**, Monticello, Bronze and Silver awards; **Austin Brandt**, presenting; **Madison Henderson**, Drakesville, Gold award; and **Reed McCormick**, Pleasantville, Bronze and Silver awards.



▶ **Left:** Receiving Animal of the Year awards are (from left) **Russell Holmes**, Benton, steer; **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, cow-calf; **Kiersten Jass**, Garner, owned heifer; and **Samantha Schermer**, Latimer, bull.

▶ **Right:** Receiving Auxiliary awards are (from left) **Madison Henderson**, Drakesville; **Kyle Greiman**, Garner; **Mary Mardesen**, Oxford; and **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty.



▶ Illinois Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Springfield, Feb. 27



▶ **Joseph Ring**, Oregon, receives the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Steer Award.



▶ **Lauren Adcock**, Moweaqua, receives the Illinois Auxiliary Scholarship.



▶ **Kody Cassidy**, Mahomet, receives the Bronze and Silver awards.



▶ **Jennifer Ewing**, Rushville, receives the Illinois Outstanding Junior Member award.



▶ Illinois Angus royalty are (from left) **Keegan Cassidy**, Mahomet, princess; **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, princess; **Andrea Hosto**, Alhambra, ebonette; and **Lauren Adcock**, Moweaqua, queen.

► **Missouri Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Columbia, Feb. 26**



► From left, Cody Smith presents NJRP awards to **Sydney Thummel**, Sheridan, Silver Award; **Hannah Bartholomew**, Archie, Silver Award; and **Kathryn Coon** and **Jacob Coon**, both of Bethel, Bronze and Silver awards.



► Curtis Long of Briarwood Farms sponsored premium checks to juniors exhibiting in the junior carcass show at the Missouri State Fair. Pictured are (from left) David Warfield, Briarwood Farms, presenting; **Elizabeth Otte**, Saint Mary; **Reba Colin**, Butler; **Joseph Lolli**, Macon; **Eric Allen**, Marceline; **Zachary Kempf**, Boonville; **Hannah Bartholomew**, Archie; and Long, sponsor.



► **Paige Wallace** (left), Stotts City, receives Show Heifer of the Year and **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, receives the Show Bull of the Year.



► Missouri Angus royalty are (from left) **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo, princess; **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, Miss American Angus; and **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan, Ambassador.



► Officers and directors of the Missouri Jr. Angus Ass'n include (from left) **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan; **Hannah Bartholomew**, Archie; **Sadie Kinne**, Eagleville; **Ashlyn Richardson**, Lincoln; **Shannon Yokley**, Jefferson City; and **Kathryn Coon**, Bethel.



► Receiving scholarships are (from left) **Nathan Eagleburger**, Buffalo; **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City; **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan; and **Hannah Bartholomew**, Archie. Hope Herd presented the awards.

RE M I N D E R

June 1 is the deadline for the NJAA/Angus Journal Photo Contest.

See page 60 of your March Angus Journal for rules and an entry form. Materials are also available at www.njaa.info.

► **Mid-Atlantic Jr. Angus Classic (MAJAC) Regional Preview Show, Harrisonburg, Va., March 12-13**



► **Freddy Frey** (right), Quarryville, Pa., receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Dave Mullins, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



► **Zach Bartenslager** (right), Lewisburg, W.Va., receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Robin Ruff, American Angus Ass'n director of junior activities.

