



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

## The perfect puzzle

As I sat down to write this postcard, I had one of those surreal moments where I realized my life was about to change. I



Trey Davis

realized that this would be my last postcard in the *Angus Journal*, one of my last acts as a National Junior Angus (NJAA) Board Director, and, ultimately, the closing of the greatest chapter in my life thus far.

I then wondered what exactly it was that had made this experience so life-changing for me. I began to think back over all the things that I had done as both a junior growing up in the NJAA and the experience of being on the Board over the last two years. As all the memories flooded through my mind, the one thing each of these memories had

in common was that special people were a part of each of them. These memories, moments and experiences immortalized in time are what make up the puzzle of each of our lives.

As I thought more about it, the fact that our lives are very much like puzzles really stuck out in my mind. Our lives are merely made up of millions of little moments throughout time. However, instead of going to the store and purchasing a puzzle with pieces already assigned and assorted, we make our own pieces. We decide how each piece will fit and what the final outcome will look like. The puzzle can be as complex or as simple as we choose. The final picture can be one of happiness or sadness and of success or one of failure. It's all in your hands.

Well, at this point I'm sure most of you are wondering exactly what I'm getting at, so I'll fill you in on the rest of my theory.

### LEADERSHIP TIP OF THE MONTH: Leadership is action, not position.

As you travel this summer to shows and conferences, be sure to take advantage of every opportunity that life presents you. Make the little insignificant moments count, and remember that you make your puzzle as fun and expressive as you choose. The opportunities within this association are boundless. Meet no strangers and make as many memorable moments as you can as you go through this summer. Summer is a time where friendships are made and anxieties are forgotten. When August comes and you head back to school you'll want to look back and know that your summer was the "Perfect Puzzle" of special moments.

—Trey Davis, Georgia

### ► NJAA Raising the Bar Officer Training, Reno, Nev., April 25

► These juniors represented six states at the 2009 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Raising the Bar Officer Training, April 25. Pictured are (front row, from left) **Regina** and **Steven Pozzi**, both of Petaluma, Calif.; **Michelle Malson**, Parma, Idaho; **Mallory Trospers**, Hamilton, Mo., NJAA Board member; **Shannon Schmidt**, Othello, Wash.; (second row, from left) **Jessica Schmidt**, Othello, Wash.; **Jena Wagner**, Billings, Mont.; **Ann Blumer**, Chesnee, S.C., NJAA Board member; **Shannon Tower**, Copperopolis, Calif.; Lanette Frye, Three Forks, Mont., junior advisor; (back row, from left) **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, Kan.; Kari Wagner, Billings, Mont., junior advisor; **Walt Stinson**, Talbott, Tenn., NJAA Board member; **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., NJAA Board member; **Michael Wiseman**, Filer, Idaho; **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo.; **Trey Davis**, Doerun, Ga., NJAA Board member; and **Bridget Driscoll**, Williamsburg, Iowa, NJAA Board member.



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**▶ NEXT GENERATION**

**Junior members Raise the Bar in Pennsylvania**

Members of the NJAA came together for the Raising the Bar Officer Training, May 15-17, in Fort Washington, Pa. The conference included 13 attendees from four states, plus four NJAA Board members.

Raising the Bar is highly intensive leadership training for officers to build stronger teams within their state junior associations and develop and utilize regional relationships. Raising the Bar is open to five state officers and two state advisors from each state in that region. It is

provided through financial support from the Angus Foundation.

The workshops, prepared and conducted by the NJAA Board of Directors, included fundraising, public speaking, membership and the mentoring program, parliamentary procedure, and individual officer training. The attendees also participated in team-building and goal-setting activities, which included rock climbing.

This is the third year for Raising the Bar, which allows officers and advisors from

state junior Angus associations to meet regionally.

The NJAA promotes the involvement of young people in raising Angus cattle, while also providing leadership and self-development opportunities for nearly 7,000 active members nationwide. For more information about Raising the Bar Conferences or the NJAA, look online at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info) or call the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100.

**▶ Mississippi Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Raymond, May 1**



▶**Left: Kody Miller**, Mount Olive, and **Clint and Emma Collins**, both of Morton, received Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Achievement Awards. Pictured are (from left) **Melanie Kiani**, Mississippi Angus Auxiliary, Miller, Clint and Emma.

▶**Right: Clint Collins** (right), Morton, receives the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Kiani.



**▶ Western Regional Jr. Angus Show, Reno, Nev., April 25**



▶**Shannon Schmidt**, Othello, Wash., received the Grand Sierra/Western States Angus Auxiliary scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Western States Angus Auxiliary representative **Carla Malson**, Schmidt and auxiliary representative **Elsie Covey**.



▶These junior Angus members received Western States Angus Auxiliary scholarships. Pictured are (from left) **Austin Perry**, Prather, Calif., scholarship recipient; **Danielle Bergeson**, Astoria, Ore., perpetuating memorial scholarship recipient; **Michelle Malson**, Parma, Idaho, scholarship recipient; and Western States Angus Auxiliary representatives **Carla Malson**, **Elsie Covey** and **Kathleen Buchanan**.

**▶ Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Stillwater, May 2**



▶Oklahoma Angus royalty are **Harlie Runner** (left), Perkins, 2009 Miss Oklahoma Angus; and **Kassandra Pfeiffer** (right), Orlando, 2008 Miss Oklahoma Angus.



▶**Kassandra Pfeiffer** (left), Orlando, receives from **Jason Shepard** the Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Junior Traveling Trophy for her owned heifer.



▶**Tessa Stehr** (left), Altus, receives from **Shepard** the Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Junior Traveling Trophy for her bred-and-owned heifer.

