



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Authentic leadership

*“Stand alone;
Live fearlessly;
Act heroically;
Take unconditional responsibility for oneself;
Face everything and avoid nothing; and
Live for a higher purpose”*

— Andrew Cohen

As I sat in my last core curriculum class of my undergraduate career, those deep words hit me hard. The professor continued to describe authentic leadership and what it truly meant. It occurred to me in that very moment that authentic leadership is something the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) can strive for in all that we do.

Authentic leadership is knowing, and acting on, what is true and real inside yourself, your team and your organization; as well as knowing and acting on what is true and real in the world. This type of leadership requires people to stand alone and live fearlessly, to act heroically and take unconditional responsibility for oneself. Finally, it encourages us to face everything and avoid nothing, living for a higher purpose.

With these things in mind, I want to challenge you to be authentic in all that you do. Find your own set of core values and live by them each and every day. Discover your strengths and capitalize on them. As young leaders in the industry, begin to set the standards of standing for

what you believe in. Take responsibility for your actions and work together with other passionate young people to hold each other accountable. Without a doubt you will encounter multiple obstacles along the way. The peace you gain from living authentically through these trials is like none other.

There are many times junior Angus members are challenged to make the right choices and continue to perpetuate the breed in the right direction. You are the future of the breed and the future of this great and mighty organization. Live authentically and I assure you the rest will take care of itself.

— Jennifer Ann Smith, Texas



Jennifer Ann Smith

► Illinois Jr. Angus Field Day, Bloomington, June 12



► **Abbie Sperry**, Roseville, was the winner of the *Angus Topics* photo contest and donated her prize money to the Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n (IJAA). Pictured are (from left) Abbie Sperry; Gretchen Frost, IJAA president; and Ernie Bingman, *Angus Topics*.



► **Jennifer Ewing** (left), Rushville, was named Outstanding Junior Member and receives the Joseph Bessler trophy from Frost.



► Illinois Angus royalty are (from left) **Heather Kiner**, Mendota, 2010 Illinois Angus queen; **Casey Adamick**, Highland, ebouette; **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse, princess; **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, princess; **Leandra Hermes**, New Berlin, ebouette; and **Andrea Hosto**, Alhambra, ebouette.

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► **Atlantic Nat'l Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show**, Timonium, Md., May 28-29

► **Robert Velisek** (left), Gaithersburg, Md., receives the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards from Robin Ruff, American Angus Ass'n junior activities director. The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the NJAA Recognition Program. Juniors must apply for the awards and then meet point requirements in many areas of participation before receiving them.



► **Florida Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day**, High Springs, May 8



► Florida Angus royalty are (from left) **Brandais Austrino**, Dade City, 2009 princess; **Kallee Cook**, Plant City, 2010 princess; **Katelyn Ludington**, Morriston, 2010 queen; and **Katie Quincey**, High Springs, 2009 queen.

► **California Jr. Angus Preview Show**, Turlock, May 30



► California Jr. Angus Ass'n board members are (from left) **Ashley Judge**, San Luis Obispo, president; **Savannah Levisay**, Creston, vice president; **Macy Perry**, Prather, secretary; **Sydney Schnoor**, Chowchilla, treasurer; and **Madeline Wisecarver**, Hanford, reporter.

► **Southern Nat'l Jr. Angus Show**, Perry, Ga., June 4



► **Clay Williams** (right), Bishop, Ga., receives the Georgia Angus Ass'n Scholarship from Carolyn Gazda, Georgia Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.

► **Missouri Jr. Angus Preview Show**, Sedalia, June 12



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

► **Iowa Angus Summer Jr. Show**, Bloomfield, June 19



► Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n directors are (front row, from left) **Audra Haglund**, Boone; **Lauren Barker**, Monticello; **Russell Holmes**, Benton; **Reed McCormick**, Pleasantville; **Ty Ruby**, Greene; (back row, from left) **Kale Kiesewetter**, Letts; **Michael Vajgrt**, Atkins; **Tyler Becker**, Diagonal; **Zachary Peterson**, Kent; **Weston Brandt**, Corning; **Leo Kruse**, Rudd; and **Tyler Steele**, Anita.



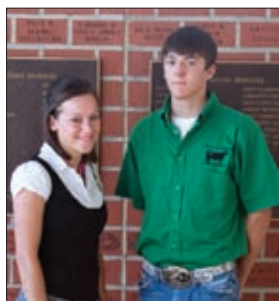
► Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n officers are (front row, from left) **Cassidy Becker**, Diagonal, historian; **Madison Skarda**, Afton, historian; **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, historian; (back row, from left) **Mary Kate Mardesen**, Oxford, president; **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, first vice president; **Erin Steele**, Anita, second vice president; **Tim Mardesen**, Oxford, secretary; and **Cole Greiman**, Garner, treasurer.



► Representing Iowa as voting delegates at the NJAS are (from left) **Madison Henderson**, Drakesville; **Mary Kate Mardesen**, Oxford; **Kyle Greiman**, Garner; and **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty.



► **Caitlin Kuehn** (right), Durant, receives the Bronze and Silver awards from Wes Tiemann, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



► **Bryanne Duckett** (left), New Liberty, and **Zachary Peterson**, Kent, receive scholarships.



► **Caitlin Kuehn** (left), Durant, second place, and **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, first place, receive the girls' scholarships.

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▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, Lebanon, June 19



▶ First-time exhibitors include (from left) **Nicholas Innis**, Milroy; **Kallie Knott**, Garrett; **Kiersten Hayes**, Crawfordsville; **Caroline Gabehart**, Franklin; **Skylar Clifford**, Greencastle; and **Cecily Jester**, New Castle.



▶ **Katelyn Wilson** (right), Orleans, receives the Silver Tray Award from Carol Jefferies, representing the Indiana Angus Ass'n Auxiliary; and Indiana Angus queen Casey Butler.



▶ **Garrett Knebel** (left), Winamac, receives the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards from Jerry Cassady, regional manager of the American Angus Ass'n.

▶ Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n Golden Trend Show, Larkspur, June 12

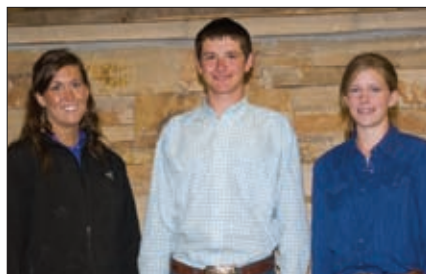


▶ Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Holly Heckendorf**, Fort Collins; **Maguire Rohr**, Elbert; **Jessica Harrison**, Laporte; (back row, from left) **Morgan Penner**, Lafayette, vice president; **Aeriel Belk**, Fort Collins, secretary; **Jayce Tapp**, Stoneham, reporter; **Andrew Schafer**, Dolores, president; **Kelsey Belk**, Fort Collins, treasurer; Keith Belk, Fort Collins, advisor; and Arlene Penner, Lafayette, advisor.



▶ Winning the photo contest are (front row, from left) **Andrew Schafer**, Dolores, second-place senior; **Aeriel Belk**, Fort Collins, second-place intermediate; **Jessica Harrison**, Laporte, second-place junior; (back row, from left) **Kati Keys**, Loma, first-place senior; **Morgan Penner**, Lafayette, first-place intermediate; and **Stratton Wotowey**, Fort Collins, first-place junior.

▶ Winning the speech contest are (from left) **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, first-place senior; **Jayce Tapp**, Stoneham, first-place intermediate; and **Aeriel Belk**, Fort Collins, second-place intermediate.



▶ Winning the poster contest are (from left) **Morgan Penner**, Lafayette, first-place intermediate; **Holly Heckendorf**, Fort Collins, first-place junior; **Jessica Harrison**, Laporte, second-place junior; and **Aeriel Belk**, Fort Collins, second-place intermediate.



▶ **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, placed first in the senior division of the graphic design contest.



▶ **Britney Creamer** (left), Montrose, was named Premier Exhibitor; **Morgan Penner** (right), Lafayette, was runner-up Premier Exhibitor.



▶ Winning Herdsmanship Awards are (from left) **Molly Cooksey**, Roggen, first place; and **Cashley Ahlberg**, Longmont, second place.

▶ Wisconsin Spring Jr. Angus Preview Show, Jefferson, June 12



▶ The **Wisconsin Jr. Angus Ass'n** conducted its first-ever food drive for their local food pantry.

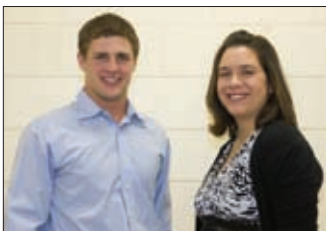
► **Nebraska Jr. Angus Preview Show, Broken Bow, June 20**



► Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Justine Nelson**, Lincoln, historian; **Savannah Schafer**, Nehawka, director; **Claire Volk**, Bennington, first vice president; **Michaela Clowser**, Milford, secretary-treasurer (back row, from left) **Hannah Uden**, Franklin, director; **Melissa Keyes**, Springfield, director; **Judson Hoffschneider**, Arlington, second vice president; and **Ryan Nelson**, Lincoln, president.



► Receiving Certificates of Achievement are (front row, from left) **Garrett Jacobs-Smith**, Osceola; **Ellen Hoffschneider**, Arlington; **Cassie Nelson**, Ansley; **Lane Eggers**, Columbus; (back row, from left) **Jessica Clowser**, Milford; **Hannah Uden**, Franklin; **Michaela Clowser**, Milford; **Justine Nelson**, Lincoln; **Savannah Schafer**, Nehawka; **Ryan Nelson**, Lincoln; and **Judson Hoffschneider**, Arlington.



► **Warner Phipps** (left), Kearney, and **Ellen Hoffschneider** (right), Arlington, are scholarship winners.



► **Left: Michaela Clowser** (left), Arlington, receives her Silver Award from Mathew Printz, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



► **Right: Nebraska Angus royalty** are (from left) **Katie Nelson**, Ansley, 2010-2011 queen; and **Victoria Armstrong**, Brule, 2009-2010 queen.

► **Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day & Jr. Preview Show, Boaz, June 4**



► Alabama Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and board members are (front row, from left) **Hannah Barton**, Dutton, president; **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond, vice president; **Hannah Whitecotton**, Pisgah, secretary; **Carly Lindstrom**, Huntsville, reporter; (seated, back row, from left) **Will Pinyan** and **Andrew Pinyan**, both of Auburn; **Paige Crowell**, Elrod; **Clayton McGuire**, Waverly; and **Houston Jones**, Blountsville.



► Winning the coloring contest are **John Evans Thrower** and **Jacqueline Thrower**, both of Arab; **Sarah Beth Logan**, Guntersville; **Aspen Adams**, Union Springs; **Makala Holland**, Sardis; **Greyson Cooke**, Decatur; **Layton Adams**, Union Springs; and **Chelsea Langley**, Camp Hill.



► Representing Alabama as voting delegates at the NJAS are (from left) **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond, delegate; **Hannah Barton**, Dutton, delegate; and **Carly Lindstrom**, Huntsville, first alternate.



► Alabama Jr. Angus Ambassadors are (from left) **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond; and **Andrew Pinyan**, Auburn.



► **Amie Hill** (left), Holly Pond, receives the Alabama Women's Angus Ass'n scholarship from Mary Richburg.



► Receiving Richard Dyar scholarships are (from left) presenter, Richard Dyar, American Angus Ass'n regional manager; **Amie Hill**; and **Tyler Wood**, both of Holly Pond.

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▶ Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview, Greenwood, May 24



▶ Representing Arkansas as voting delegates at the NJAS are (from left) **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, first alternate; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, second alternate.



▶ Arkansas Angus royalty are (from left) **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville, state princess; **Emma Jumper**, Paragould, district princess; and **Laykyn Rainbolt**, Leslie, district princess.



▶ Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (from left) **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, president; **Christine Taylor**, Lavaca, vice president; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, financial director; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, membership director; **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca, communications director; (standing, from left) **Jessica Fritts**, Huntsville, senior director; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, senior director; **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville, associate director; and **Laykyn Rainbolt**, Leslie, associate director.



▶ Winning the pop tab contest are (from left) **Laykyn Rainbolt**, Leslie, first, collecting 40 lb. 6 oz.; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, second, collecting 18 lb. 4 oz.; and **Matthew Boecker**, Bentonville, collecting 8 lb. 3 oz.



▶ Winning the photography-landscape contest are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, junior champion; **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, intermediate champion; and **Jessica Fritts**, Huntsville, senior champion.



▶ Left: Winning the photography-cattle contest are (from left) **Laykyn Rainbolt**, Leslie, junior champion; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, intermediate champion; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, senior champion.



▶ Winning the photography-people contest are (from left) **Dakota Fritts**, Huntsville, junior champion; **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca, intermediate champion; and **Jessica Fritts**, Huntsville, senior champion.



▶ Winning the photography-around the farm contest are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, junior champion; **Madeline Taylor**, Lavaca, intermediate champion; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, senior champion.



▶ Winning the creative essay contest are (from left) **Laykyn Rainbolt**, Leslie, junior champion; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, intermediate champion.



▶ Winning the graphic design contest are (from left) **Laykyn Rainbolt**, Leslie, junior champion; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, intermediate champion; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, senior champion.



▶ Winning the poster competition—herd advertisement division are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, junior champion; and **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, intermediate champion.



▶ Winning the poster competition—membership recruitment division are (from left) **Dakota Fritts**, Huntsville, junior champion; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, intermediate champion.



▶ Winning the poster competition—breed promotion division are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, junior champion; and **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, intermediate champion.



▶ Winning the team fitting competition are (from left) **Matthew Boecker**, Bentonville; **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville; and **Caitlin Haley**, Quitman.



►Winning the team sales competition are (from left) **Taylor LaCour**, Berryville; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove.



►Winning the quiz bowl competition are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, junior champion; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, intermediate champion; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, senior champion.



►Winning the public speaking competition are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, prepared speaking and **Will Pohlman**, extemporaneous speaking, both of Prairie Grove; and **Emma Jumper**, Paragould, prepared speaking.



►**Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, receives the Career Development Award.



►**Hunter LaCour**, Berryville, received the Jane Morelock Rookie of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Hailey Roye, granddaughter of Jane Morelock; LaCour, and Leslie Morelock Roye, daughter of Jane.



►**Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, was named Exhibitor of the Year and Showman of the Year.



►**Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, was named Breeder of the Year.

►**Right:** Herdsmanship winners are (from left) **January Tweedy**, Imboden, junior champion; **Jaden Tweedy**, Imboden, peewee champion; **Caitlin Haley**, Quitman, intermediate champion; **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, senior champion; and **Jake Tweedy**, Imboden, peewee champion.

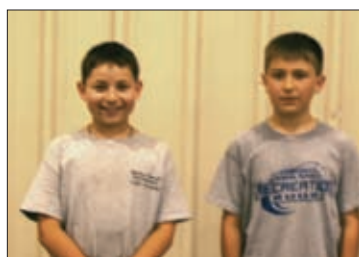


►**Left: Olen & Marilyn Price**, Barling, donated the draw-down heifer to the Arkansas Jr. Angus Foundation with the drawing held at the 2010 Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview Show. Pictured are (from left) Paige Tribble, Marilyn & Olen Price; Taylor LaCour, Arkansas Angus princess; Kevin Rieff; and Hailey Roye at the halter. Not pictured is **Emily Rehm**, New Blaine, winner of the heifer.

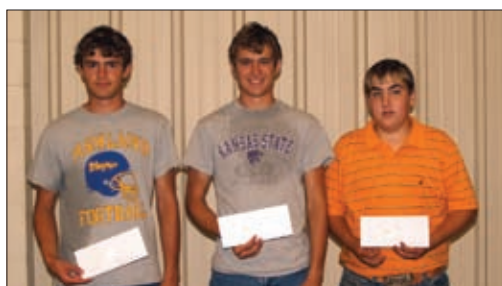
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▶ Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n Preview Show, Hutchinson, June 5

▶ **Right:** Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) **Courtenay DeHoff**, Tonganoxie, president; **Meghan Blythe**, White City, president-elect; **Megan Fink**, Randolph, first vice president; **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, second vice president; **Allison Blythe**, White City, treasurer; **MacKenzie Flory**, Baldwin City, secretary; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, past president; (second row, from left) **Clinton Lafflin**, Olsburg, NJAA board member; **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth, reporter; **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, historian; **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth, and **Trenton Blythe**, White City, membership directors; (third row, from left) **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, district 2; **Lauren Herman**, Kingman, district 6; **Miles Pearson**, Scott City, district 7; **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, district 8; **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, at large; and **Jackson Wingert**, Ottawa, at large.



▶ Winning the junior sales contest are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, second; and **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, first.



▶ Winning the intermediate sales contest are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, second; and **Reid Shipman**, Manhattan, third.



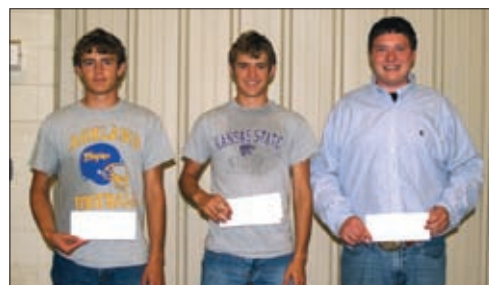
▶ Winning the junior division of the prepared public speaking contest are (from right) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, first; **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, second; and **Claire Wingert**, Ottawa, third.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of the prepared public speaking contest are (from left) **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, first; and **Jackson Wingert**, Ottawa, second.



▶ Winning the junior division of the extemporaneous speaking contest are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, first; **Grady Dickerson**, Paradise, second; and **Marshall Fike**, Westmoreland, third.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of the extemporaneous speaking contest are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, second; and **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth, third.

▶ **Right:** Winning the junior division of the quiz bowl contest are (from left) **Quanah Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Megan Green**, Leavenworth, second; and **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, fourth.



▶ **Left:** Winning the intermediate division of the quiz bowl contest are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, first; **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, second; **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth, third; and **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, fourth.



► **Left:** Winning the senior division of the quiz bowl contest are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, first; **Meghan Blythe**, White City, and **Jacinda Dickinson**, Glasco, tied for second; and **Ethan McCabe**, Elk City, third.



► **Right:** Winning the peewee division of the quiz bowl contest are (from left) **Britt Bair**, Hutchinson, and **Carter Lampe**, Bowling Green, Ohio, tied for first; **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, second; and **Clay Pelton**, Paradise, third.



► Winning the coloring contest are (from left) **Carter Lampe**, Bowling Green, Ohio; **Tanner Hite**, Valley Center; **Chesnie Dickinson**, Glasco, second place; **Clay Pelton**, Paradise; **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, first place; and **Britt Bair**, Hutchinson.



► **Tanner Rayl** (right), Hutchinson, receives the Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship from Karen Santee, scholarship chairperson.



► **Ransom Gardiner** (right), Ashland, receives the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Challenge Award from Sandra Lundgren, Kansas Angus Auxiliary vice president. 