



# Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by Kasey Brown.

## Power of a neighbor

*One of the most important life lessons I've learned from my parents growing up is the value of always treating others the way you want to be treated, or as we call it, by "The Golden Rule." It doesn't take long to realize that the Golden Rule's message goes far beyond a saying; it's a way of life. When reflecting on the ways of the West, I'm proud to say that I've been raised to serve and respect others by following the Golden Rule and have experienced firsthand how much of an impact it can make on a ranching community.*

### Give and receive

When we make an effort to help others without expecting materialistic rewards, the world is a little better place, and the



Shane Kerner

hardships that may arise in our industry are a little easier to get through. Whether it be comforting those who experience a loved one's loss, sickness or injury by providing them with a home-cooked meal, or helping mend

damages from a storm, the power of a good neighbor is simply unmatched.

Ranching is different than any other business. My father always told me, "Cowboys and cattle don't get holidays." He's right. Tending the land and livestock always comes first. Unlike those who work in the hustle and bustle of town life, we seldom get to pick our work hours, days off or an annual vacation destination. We start our days before the sun rises and are willing and able to run on few hours of sleep during



those calving months, but we do it because we love it.

The more I travel, the more I appreciate the people in the cattle industry. There's something about how gracious and kind we are to one another. The give-and-receive relationship we've formed with neighbors simply makes the work more enjoyable. I couldn't imagine branding season without the whole neighborhood coming out to help us work calves and enjoy the company of each other. It goes without saying, there's no paycheck at the end of the day, just a home-cooked meal and return of a favor.

I think the true beauty that sets our industry apart from others is that we are always there for one another. Through celebration or turmoil we rely on one another, and to me, that's something to be proud of.

— Shane Kerner, Idaho

### National Junior Recognition Program

**Cody Boden**, Clear Brook, Va.; **Mary Oliver**, Union City, Tenn.; and **Tyler Steele**, Anita, Iowa, have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. **Robert Nixon III**, Rapidan, Va., has earned the NJAA Silver award.

Boden, the 17-year-old son of Mike and Ruth Boden attends James Wood High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association, which he serves as reporter and has also served as director, and the Northern Virginia Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Cody participated in quiz bowl, extemporaneous speaking, team sales, team fitting, photography, livestock judging and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. He served as a voting delegate in 2014. In 2012 and 2013 he participated in the Raising the Bar conferences. He also participated in the Mini Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2010 and 2011.

Cody has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle at the MC Livestock Sale. He is actively involved with his local 4-H club and FFA.

Oliver, the 18-year-old daughter of Al and Laura Oliver, attends Union City High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Tennessee Junior Angus Association, which she serves as royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Mary participated in quiz bowl and livestock judging. She will also be serving as a voting delegate this July.

Steele, the 19-year-old son of Douglas and Lynette Steele, attends CAM High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association, which he serves as director.

He has participated in local and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Tyler participated in quiz bowl, extemporaneous speaking, team sales and

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► Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 19, Gonzales

► **Right:** The American Angus Auxiliary's Certificate of Achievement award was presented to (from left) **Olivia Shepherd** and **Payton Shepherd**, both of Lake Charles; **Lani LeBeouf**, Deridder; Courtney Deitch, Louisiana Angus Auxiliary; **Lily Gisclair**, Longville; **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton; and **Kara LeBeouf**, Deridder.



► **Trey Dela Houssaye** (right), New Iberia, receives the Rookie of the Year award from Bridgett Gisclair, junior advisor.



► **Lani LeBeouf** (right), Deridder, receives the Friendship Award from Association Regional Manager Radeale Tiner.



► **Kara LeBeouf** (right), Deridder, receives her Bronze Award from Tiner.



► **Lani LeBeouf** (right), Deridder, receives her Bronze Award from Tiner.



► **Isaac McFarland** (right), Keithville, receives his Silver Award from Tiner.



► **Lee Hymel**, Vacherie, and **Isaac McFarland**, Keithville, received the Louisiana Angus Auxiliary Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) **Angie LeBeouf**, Louisiana Angus Auxiliary, presenting; Hymel, recipient; Deitch, presenting; and McFarland, recipient. Hymel and McFarland also were recipients of the Landon Hays Memorial Scholarship.

► **Right: Morgan Fruge** (center), Jennings, was crowned Miss Louisiana Angus queen by Courtney Deitch (left), Louisiana Angus Auxiliary, and Cheyenne Jones, 2014 Miss Louisiana Angus queen.



► **Left: Kara LeBeouf** (center) was crowned Louisiana Angus princess by Deitch (left) and Olivia Shepherd, 2014 Louisiana Angus princess.

livestock judging. He also participated in the All-American CAB Cook-Off and the 2006 mentoring program. In 2011 and 2012 he participated in the LEAD conferences.

Tyler has submitted weight data to AHIR.

Nixon, the 18-year-old son of Tom and Kim Nixon, attends Eastern View High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Virginia Junior Angus Association where he has served as reporter, director and historian.

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



▶ **Elizabeth Rone** (right), Courtland, receives her Bronze and Silver Awards from Melanie Kiani, American Angus Auxiliary region 4 director.



▶ **Hayden Neal** (left) receives the Mississippi Jr. Angus Ass'n Scholarship from Gabrielle Simpson (right).



▶ **Left:** These juniors won belt buckle awards for their Mississippi-bred champions. Pictured are (from left) **Philip Ball**, Terry, reserve champion bull at State Fair of Mississippi; **Elizabeth Rone**, reserve champion bull and reserve champion female at the Dixie National; **Haley Walker**, Potts Camp, champion heifer at the State Fair of Mississippi; and **Will Manning**, New Albany, champion bull at the Dixie National.



▶ Receiving the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement Award are (front row, from left) **Kristopher Beatty**, Pulaski; **Elizabeth Rone**; **Haley Walker**; **Will Manning**; **Bethany White**, Morton; (back row, from left) **Nicholas Beatty**, Pulaski; **Jacob Carpenter**, Potts Camp; **Hayden Neal**; **Philip Ball**; **Eli Wilkerson** and **Sophie Wilkerson**, both of Pulaski; and **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo. Also pictured are Kiani and Collins, presenting.



▶ **Hayden Neal** (center), Forest, receives the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Kiani, and Emma Collins (right), Auxiliary historian.

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He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Nixon participated in quiz bowl, team sales, career development and livestock judging. He also participated in the All-American CAB Cook-Off.

Nixon has submitted weight data to AHIR and is actively involved with his local 4-H club and FFA.

### **Kansas State Fair accepting applications for Holland scholarship**

The Kansas State Fair is now accepting applications for the 2015 Ron and Carolyn Holland Scholarship. Applicants for the Holland Scholarship are required to be a high school senior during the 2015-2016

academic year and a current or past 4-H/FFA member planning to enter an accredited college academic program majoring in an agriculture-related field of study.

Applications are due Aug. 1 to the Kansas State Fair. A selection committee will evaluate candidates with the recipient to be named Sept. 12 during The Grand Drive and Gala at the Prairie Pavilion on the Fairgrounds. The winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship that will be equally divided over a four-year period.

The Ron and Carolyn Holland Scholarship was established in 2013 by Ron Holland in honor of his late wife, Carolyn. Ron and Carolyn have a lengthy relationship with the Kansas State Fair, including

supervising the open beef cattle shows.

“During my work at the Kansas State Fair, I had the opportunity to witness Kansas youth at their best. We wanted to be able to provide financial support to a well-deserving Kansas youth involved in agriculture,” said Ron Holland.

Applications are available online at [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com) or by contacting the competitive exhibits department by emailing [ssankey@kansasstatefair.com](mailto:ssankey@kansasstatefair.com) or calling 620-669-3614.



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