



Next Generation

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

Building your own heritage

There are many different types of heritages, from that of your family to your cultural heritage. Alice Temperley once said, "You have to stay true to your heritage; that's what your brand is about." There is a lot of truth in this quote, because as I think about my Angus heritage, I think about what it means to represent this breed and the herds many different breeders have continued to build over many decades.

Angus heritage

My Angus heritage is something that I keep close to my heart. In the early 1990s, my family purchased their first set of Angus cows. As my dad and grandfather developed their herd, it eventually grew to be a majority Angus. Since then, there have been many different paths my family has taken and objectives that kept us honest.



Braden Henricks

However, because of my family's continued love and support for Angus cattle, it has encouraged me to continue my family's heritage in the Angus breed.

I know with today's decreasing cattle market, it will be tough to continue my family's heritage. On the other hand, as I grow older, I know I will put in the hard work to gain the knowledge and wisdom that so many Angus breeders possess themselves. The point is: You don't have to have the fancy cattle, the name or the money to build your own heritage. Just like anything you try to accomplish and build, it takes hard work,

dedication and heart to create an uplifting heritage.

I want to encourage not only the juniors, but all Angus breeders, to work hard every day and put all your heart into your operation. You don't have to be like the next guy, because every operation has its own quirks and ways of building its unique heritage to pass down from generation to generation. Go out there and build your own Angus heritage.

— **Braden Henricks, Oklahoma**

Junior Angus member rallies community to feed families in need

Center of the Plate, a local nonprofit, public charity, donated more than 1,200 pounds of beef and pork to four families in need in Dripping Springs, Texas. Through combined efforts with their community, Dripping Springs FFA and 4-H members are driving Center of the Plate energies to provide essential meat protein to 22 family members.

"Our desire with this initiative is to have a deep impact on multiple families in our community," said **Grace Baxter**, co-founder of Center of the Plate and National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member.

"Providing over 300 pounds to each family will result in meat on the table for at least four months."

Five market hogs and one market steer were donated by FFA and 4-H members to Center of the Plate for processing into pork and beef. The steer was an Angus-cross donated by Baxter from her own herd.

Wilson AC & Appliance, a local retail merchant, donated two freezers and provided two at cost to support Center of the Plate. Dripping Springs Presbyterian Church is housing these freezers for the families at its central location and covering electrical costs for the freezers.

Collaborating with existing local meal-service providers School's Out, Food's In (SOFI) and Tiger Totes, Center of the Plate identified specific families to help. "Center of the Plate offers a unique service to the underserved of Dripping Springs. Meat protein is costly and often omitted from the food budgets of families we serve," said Mandi McNutt with School's Out, Food's In. "Their efforts complement the SOFI mission . . . by providing nutritional foods to children, [and] instilling into the next generation an understanding of community responsibility and loving their neighbors well."

In addition to the beef and pork provided, Dripping Springs FFA and 4-H members worked with beef and pork industry organizations like the Texas Beef Council to provide families with recipes and safe-handling preparation information.

One of the key objectives for Center of the Plate is to establish a blueprint for similar initiatives in other communities.

"We're capturing everything we're doing and then sharing via social media so that other people can bring a project like Center of the Plate to their community," said Hannah Fults, Drippings Springs FFA member and director of communications for Center of the Plate. "You need everyone pulling in the same direction with a common goal to make everything come together. When it does, it's magic!"

Center of the Plate is designed to be a long-term sustainable initiative. To do so, community support is essential. A total of 11 sponsors in the Dripping Springs community are supporting FFA and 4-H members driving Center of the Plate.

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Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview Show, April 30, Little Rock



►Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Emily Woodard**, Black Rock, first; **Ross Wingert**, Rose Bud, second; **Carson Cole**, Russellville, third; **Sawyer Henderson**, Greenbrier, fourth; and **Alyson Woodard**, Black Rock, fifth.



►Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **January Tweedy**, Imboden, first; **Conner Cole**, Russellville, second; **Allie Martin**, Paragould, third; and **Allyson Sellers**, Vilonia, fourth.

Multiple funding opportunities exist in the community, and Center of the Plate has secured support from a funding request to the Dripping Springs Wild Game Dinner managed by the United Methodist Men's Group. This support for the fall 2016 Center of the Plate campaign will cover the beef- and pork-processing costs.

"This project is a great example of how the future leaders of agriculture in this community are giving back in a way that is unique to their passion — raising livestock that eventually ends up in the center of the plate as beef and pork protein," said Jordan Blount, Dripping Springs FFA Advisor.

For more information on Center of the Plate and photos, check out the article in the *May Angus Beef Bulletin EXTRA* at <http://angusbeefbulletin.com/extra/2016/05may16/0516fp-center-plate.html>.

NJAA Recognition Program

Abby Collison, Rockwell City, Iowa, and **Lydia Dance**, Hillsboro, Ohio, have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaelyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association.

Collison, the 20-year-old daughter of Tim and Lori Collison, attends Iowa State

University and is a member of the NJAA and the Iowa Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Abby participated in the quiz bowl and livestock judging contests.

She also received several awards for her involvement with her local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

Dance, the 16-year-old daughter of Henry and Barbara Dance, attends Hillsboro High School and Southern State Community College and is a member of the NJAA and the

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Ohio Junior Angus Association, which she has served as treasurer.

She has participated in local, state and regional shows. In 2014 Lydia participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference.

She also received several awards for her involvement with her local 4-H club and FFA chapter.

Angus juniors recognized as BEST winners

The 2015-2016 Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) Beef Exhibitor Show Total (BEST) Program wrapped up May 7 with its annual awards banquet hosted at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus.

Several representatives from program sponsors Bob Evans Farms, Burroughs Frazier Farms, Farm Credit Mid-America, M.H. Eby, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Weaver Livestock were on hand to help present awards totaling more than \$50,000 in belt buckles, luggage, show materials and other awards.

This year's BEST program featured 15 sanctioned shows that weaved its way across the state with more than 550 youth participants showing 740 head of market animals and heifers.

The champion Angus heifer was exhibited by **Neveah Powers** of Fulton County. She also clenched the reserve champion novice

heifer title. Neveah is the daughter of Ryan and Amy Powers.

Michelle Bockelman of Henry County was awarded the reserve champion Angus heifer. She also earned the title of 4th overall bred & owned heifer. Michelle is the daughter of Patty Bockelman.

Earning the 3rd overall spot in the Angus heifers was **Jacob LeBrun** of Scioto County. Jacob is the son of Daren LeBrun of Lucasville.

The 4th overall Angus heifer went to **Ellie Kidwell** from Knox County. Ellie is the daughter of Kelly Kidwell from Walhonding.

The 5th overall Angus heifer was exhibited by **Baylee Carey** from Highland County. Baylee is the daughter of Brandon Vance from Hillsboro.

Carly Sanders of Highland County exhibited the champion Angus steer. Carly is the daughter of Dave and Mindy Sanders.

The reserve champion Angus steer award went to **Jacob LeBrun**. Jacob was also awarded the 3rd overall novice market animal.

A belt buckle was awarded to these Angus juniors. The case for their belt buckle was sponsored by the Ohio Angus Association.

BEST is a youth program of the OCA that recognizes Ohio's junior beef exhibitors through a series of shows. Juniors who participate in these sanctioned shows earn points for their placing at each show. The

OCA BEST program promotes educating Ohio's juniors about the beef industry's issues and rewards the successful accomplishments and hard work of those junior beef producers.

FCS Financial awards \$52,500 in scholarships

FCS Financial recently selected 35 recipients to each receive a \$1,500 scholarship to assist with the cost of higher education. Among the recipients is NJAA member **Carrie Otte**, Saint Mary, Mo. Since 2004, nearly \$464,000 has been distributed through the FCS Financial Scholarship Program. The program is designed to encourage and support higher education for relatives of FCS Financial members.

The 2017 Scholarship Application will be available at www.myfcsfinancial.com by September 2016.

FCS Financial serves 102 counties through 21 offices in Missouri. FCS Financial is a member of the Farm Credit System. The system is a nationwide network of cooperative lending institutions that provides credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers, rural residents and agribusinesses. With 100 years of ag lending experience, the Farm Credit System is the largest single provider of ag credit in the United States.

▶ Louisiana Jr. Angus Field Day, May 22, Jennings



▶Peewee showmanship winners are (from left) **Jackson Baham**, Loranger; and **Jimmy Sibille**, Ethel.



▶Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Saylor Baham**, Loranger, first; **Baylie Romero**, Plaquemine, second; and **Christian Corsentino**, Denham Springs, third.



▶Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Kara LeBeouf**, Deridder, first; **Lani LeBeouf**, Deridder, second; **Emma Olsen**, Saint Francisville, third; **Payton Shepherd**, Lake Charles, fourth; and **Lexie Martin**, Loranger, fifth.



▶Left: Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Abigail Jenkins**, Bush, first; **Faith Guice**, Downsville, second; **Gracie Romero**, Plaquemine, third; **Kenedi Darbonne**, Opelousas, fourth; and **Olivia Shepherd**, Lake Charles, fifth.

▶Right: **Abigail Jenkins** was named the overall showmanship winner. Pictured are (from left) Faith Guice, Miss Louisiana Angus; Wayne Oubre, judge; Jenkins, recipient; and Lani LeBeouf, Louisiana Angus princess.



Second annual Lallemand Forward Scholarship to be awarded for fall 2016

In continued support of the future of animal agriculture, Lallemand Animal Nutrition will once again award five Lallemand Forward scholarships to North American students. Three \$2,500 undergraduate scholarships, one \$3,000 master's scholarship and one \$3,000 doctoral scholarship will be awarded to students who are excelling in their agriculture studies in the United States, Mexico or Canada.

Undergraduate students who hold junior

status or higher and have a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent, are asked to submit a résumé, along with a 500-word essay describing "What's the biggest challenge agriculture is faced with today?" Master's and doctoral students who are enrolled in an agricultural graduate program, and who have a cumulative GPA of a 3.0 out of 4.0 or equivalent, are asked to submit a synopsis of their current work/project, along with their résumé.

The scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of the fall 2016 semester, and applications are due July 25, 2016.

For more information, visit <http://lallemandanimalnutrition.com/news/lallemand-animal-nutrition-continues-to-support-the-future-of-agriculture/>.

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