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

Rennylea Angus: A look into an Australian Angus ranch

Every year the Australian Collegiate Meats Judging Team invites a U.S. team to compete in their contest in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, in July. This spring, my meats judging team at Oklahoma State University received the news that we were headed to the Land Down Under. Eleven of us, including eight team members and three coaches, flew out of Los Angeles on a 14-hour flight Saturday, June 27. We landed in Sydney June 29, and that day we started our journey southwest towards Albury. On our way there we made a stop in the South West Slopes to visit Rennylea Angus.

Focus on advancement

Rennylea is a 3,000-head operation with 1,200 record cows on almost 7,000 acres.



Macy Perry

The ranch has been in the Corrigan family since 1868, where it originally started as a sheep operation. It is currently operated by Bryan and Lucinda Corrigan and family. Rennylea has been a commercial cattle operation since 1952.

Bryan remains focused on balancing “free traits” and “cost traits.” Free traits include

temperament, fertility, structural soundness, calving ease and marbling. Cost traits refer to milk, muscle, fat, growth and yield. Rennylea strives to provide elite genetics that lead to a quality product for the customer, resulting in high profitability for the ranch. Rennylea accomplishes this vision by optimum performance, an efficient cow herd that is functional and fertile, and meeting top market specifications.

Rennylea has been utilizing artificial insemination (AI) since 1974. The ranch also includes the use of embryo transfer (ET) in the cow herd with an 85% pregnancy rate, achieving an average between 300 and 400 ET calves born every year. Rennylea hosts



two bull sales a year in March and August where they market a total of 500 bulls. Rennylea also contracts their bulls, leases them for four years or sells by private treaty. However, before selling their bulls, Rennylea makes sure they are tested for structural and reproductive soundness.

Rennylea aims for an end product that will be of the highest quality for their customers. They strive for a top 5% eye muscle area, positive fat cover and a positive percentage of intramuscular fat. Rennylea’s Angus cattle are finished on both grain and grass and are able to regularly market a carcass weight of 620-660 pounds (lb.) when finished on grass.

In 2004, Rennylea was the first beef business in Australia to host a video sale. Video sales are now very common in Australia, and Rennylea continues to use the system. Rennylea also stays ahead of the industry by the recent implementation of a DNA genotyping system. They will then be able to use phenotypes and genotypes to produce more accurate estimated breeding values (EBVs). By doing this, Rennylea will be able to locate superior animals within the herd earlier and with better accuracy.

As an Angus producer in the United States, it was an amazing experience to see how the breed performs across the world. Rennylea is a leading Angus operation in Australia, and I expect them to continue leading their industry for years to come.

Bryan notes, “For Rennylea, our real point of difference is developing a seedstock herd in a high-profit production system and understanding how genetics and EBVs are designed to fit that system. We produce carcass and fertility Angus genetics that are second-to-none in the Australian industry.”

— Macy Perry, California



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Western Idaho Fair Jr. Angus Show, Aug. 21, Boise



►Winning peewee showmanship are **Zane Nichols** (left) and **Emma Malson** (right), both of Parma.



►Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Liz Shaw**, Caldwell, Idaho, reserve champion; and **Mackenzie Malson**, Parma, Idaho, champion.



►Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Chance Greene**, Powell Butte, Ore., reserve champion; and **Trista Bates**, Manhattan, Mont., champion.



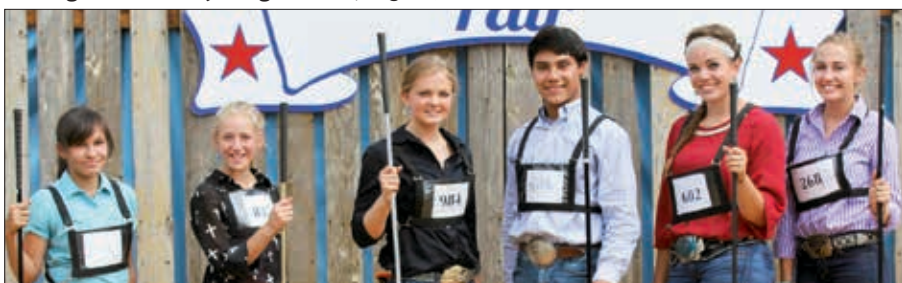
►Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Mariam Horton**, Christmas Valley, Ore., reserve champion; and **Auguste Curtis**, Twin Falls, Idaho, champion.

Missouri State Fair 4-H Angus Show, Aug. 13, Sedalia



►Winning showmanship are (from left) **Alexis Koelling**, Laddonia, reserve champion; and **Ciara Raitel**, Mexico, champion.

Oregon State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Aug. 28, Salem



►Winning showmanship are (from left) **Betsie Garcia**, Bend, junior champion; **Taylor Olson**, Scio, reserve junior champion; **Hailey Traynham**, Maxwell, Calif., intermediate champion; **Andrew Nunez**, Healdsburg, Calif., reserve intermediate champion; **Mariam Horton**, Christmas Valley, senior champion; and **Ashley Cox**, Eagle Point, reserve senior champion.

Washington State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Sept. 11, Puyallup



►Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Matt Rosman**, Creston, reserve champion; and **Trista Bates**, Manhattan, Mont., champion and overall champion showman.



►Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Gracie Johnson**, Stanwood, champion; and **Corrie Falleur**, Gearhart, Ore., reserve champion and reserve overall champion showman.



►Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Andrew Toth**, Anacortes, reserve champion; and **Mariam Horton**, Christmas Valley, Ore., champion.

Kentucky State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Aug. 27, Louisville



►**Kaitlin Fouts**, London, receives her Bronze and Silver awards.

NJAA announces new age rule for competition

Eight-year-old members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) are now eligible to show at Angus-sponsored competitions across the country. The new age rule, approved by the American Angus Association Board of Directors and the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), takes effect Jan. 1, 2016.

“The recent change to age requirements will allow Angus juniors who are 8 years old on Jan. 1 to be eligible to compete at our nationwide shows,” says Jaclyn Clark, Association director of events and education.

The NJAA sponsored more than 50

junior shows during the past year, involving nearly 5,000 Angus youth. According to the new rule, an exhibitor’s birth date must fall between Jan. 1, 1995, and Dec. 31, 2007, to compete and be either a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association.

Major NJAA-sponsored competitions include the Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC), Western Regional Junior Angus Show, Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show, Atlantic Nationals, Northwest Preview, the All-American Angus Breeders’ Futurity and the National Junior Angus Show.

However, the Association cannot guarantee this will occur at all upcoming

events, depending on planning stages of the shows. If you have questions, contact the show office directly.

For a complete listing of upcoming shows and events, entry deadlines and requirements, visit www.angus.org or contact the Association’s events and education department by calling 816-383-5100.

Bronze and Silver Awards received

Dawson Dal Porto, Brentwood, Calif., and **Sarah Innis**, Milroy, Ind., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark. **Hayley DeHaan**, McMinnville, Ore., has earned the Bronze Award.

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Dal Porto, the 17-year-old son of David and Jeanene Dal Porto, attends Liberty High School and is a member of the NJAA and the California Junior Angus Association, which he has served as treasurer and currently serves as vice president.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Dawson participated in quiz bowl and the mentoring program in 2010, 2012 and 2013. He was also a participant in the Leaders Engaged In Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2013 and 2015.

He has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle in the California Angus Days sale, Denim and Diamonds sale, Dal Porto Livestock Rancho Casino sale and Red Bluff Bull sale. Dawson is actively involved with his local 4-H and FFA chapter.

Innis, the 18-year-old daughter of Jeff and Julie Innis, attends Purdue University and is a member of the NJAA and the Indiana Junior Angus Association, which she has served as communications director, secretary and currently serves as president.

She has participated in local, state, and

national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Sarah participated in the quiz bowl, team sales, creative writing, extemporaneous speaking and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. In 2009 she participated in the mentoring program.

Sarah is also involved with her local FFA and 4-H club.

DeHaan, the 17-year-old daughter of Pete and Jennifer DeHaan, attends Western Mennonite School and is a member of the NJAA, the Oregon Junior Angus Association and the California Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state, and regional shows and showmanship contests. In 2014 Hayley served as the Oregon Angus Association queen and currently serves as Western States Association queen.

Stockmen's Foundation names scholarship recipients

North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation (NDSF) President Jason Zahn presented the 2015 Stockmen's Foundation scholarships to this year's winners during the North Dakota Stockmen's Association's (NDSA) 86th Annual Convention & Trade Show, "Here

for the Long Haul," Sept. 26 in Bismarck, N.D.

The NDSF awarded a \$500 Legacy scholarship to NJAA member **Renae Tokach** of Saint Anthony.

Tokach is the daughter of Richard and Kathy Tokach. In her time at Kansas State University, she was involved in the Block and Bridle club, the Collegiate CattleWomen, Sigma Alpha Professional Agriculture Sorority, Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow and the College of Agriculture Student Council. In her junior year, Tokach is majoring in animal sciences and agricultural communications at North Dakota State University (NDSU). After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in agricultural communications with a livestock organization or agribusiness.

The NDSF is offering scholarships again in 2016. For more information visit www.ndstockmen.org. The scholarship application deadline is March 1.

The NDSF was established in 2008 to support beef-related research, education, promotion, building and leadership objectives in North Dakota.

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▶ Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, June 13, Belton



▶Winning junior quiz bowl were (from left) **Cutter Pohlman**, Hereford, first; **Emma Nowotny**, New Braunfels, and **Jett Henefey**, D'Hanis, tied for second; and **Colter Pohlman**, Hereford, and **Jeremiah Steph**, Tatum, tied for third.



▶Winning intermediate quiz bowl were (from left) **Hanna Steph**, Tatum, first; **Georgia Blackwell**, Venus, second; and **Kristen Massingill**, Hamilton, and **Will Shaw**, Wichita Falls, tied for third.



▶Winning senior quiz bowl were (from left) **Catie Parish**, Arlington, first; **Tanner Hash**, Archer City, second; and **Chloe Norman**, Arlington, fourth.



▶Junior sales talk was won by (from left) **Colter Pohlman**, first; **Cutter Pohlman**, second; **Emma Travland**, Fredericksburg, third; and **Brayden DeBorde**, Bardwell, fourth.



▶Intermediate sales talk was won by (from left) **Kaydee Free**, Salado, first; **Dylan Denny**, Lubbock, second; **Hannah Steph**, third; and **Lexi Stevenson**, Bedford, fourth.



▶Senior sales talk was won by (from left) **Robert Dolson**, Hico, first; **Tanner Hash**, second; and **Emily Stovall**, Corsicana, third.



▶Qualifying to represent Texas in the team fitting contest at the National Junior Angus Show were (from left) **Emma Nowotny**; **Kaitlyn Kindt**, Somerville; **Kristen Massingill**; and **Tanner Hash**.



▶**Emily Stovall** received the Texas Angus Ass'n Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Alford Echols, Texas Angus Ass'n president; Stovall, recipient; and Barbara Eitredge, Texas Angus Auxiliary.



▶**Kenneth Dolson** (right), Hico, receives the Heyser Award for outstanding service to the Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n from Derek Wolf (left), Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n board member.



▶**Emory Geye** (right), Rising Star, receives the Mike Christian Spirit Scholarship from Mike Christian (left).



▶**Emily Stovall** (left) earned her Bronze Award, and **Emma Nowotny** (right) earned her Bronze and Silver awards.



▶These young Angus enthusiasts placed in the coloring contest.

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▶ Creative writing winners are (from left) **Faith Massingill**, Hamilton, first-place intermediate; and **Kristen Massingill**, second-place intermediate.



▶ Graphic design winners are (from left) **Catie Parish**, senior champion; **Georgia Blackwell**, intermediate champion; and **Morgan Christian**, Hico, peewee champion.



▶ Peewee division of photography — Angus cattle winners are (from left) **Brenlen Humpert**, Scotland, first; and **Payton Alexander**, Brenham, second.



▶ Peewee division of photography — around the farm or ranch winners are (from left) **Payton Alexander**, first; and **Morgan Christian**, second.



▶ Winning first in the peewee division of photography — landscape is **Brenlen Humpert**.



▶ Peewee division of photography — people winners are (from left) **Brenlen Humpert**, first; and **Morgan Christian**, second.



▶ Junior division of photography — Angus cattle winners are (from left) **Jett Henefey**, first; **Kaden Morris**, Wills Point, second; and **Taylor Criswell**, Idalou, third.



▶ Junior division of photography — around the farm or ranch winners are (from left) **Kaden Morris**, first; and **Karsen Smoot**, Argyle, third. Kaden also won overall champion in the around the farm or ranch category.



▶ Junior division of photography — landscape winners are (from left) **Kaden Morris**, first; and **Karsen Smoot**, second.



▶ **Left:** Winning first place in the junior division of photography — people is **Kaden Morris**. He also won overall champion in the people category.

▶ **Right:** Winning the intermediate division of photography — Angus cattle are (from left) **Georgia Blackwell**, first; **Kristen Massingill**, second; and **Derek Wolf**, Windhorst, third. Blackwell also won overall champion in the Angus cattle category and won the Texas Angus Ass'n Directory Photo Contest.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of photography — around the farm or ranch are (from left) **Faith Massingill**, first; **Lexi Stevenson**, second; and **Logan Morris**, Wills Point, third.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of photography — landscape are (from left) **Georgia Blackwell**, first; **Logan Morris**, second; and **Lexi Stevenson**, third. Blackwell also won overall champion in the landscape category.



▶ Winning the intermediate division of photography — people are (from left) **Derek Wolf**, first; **Kristen Massingill**, second; and **Dylan Denny**, third.

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▶Winning the senior division of photography — Angus cattle are (from left) **Brooke Denton**, Grand Saline, first; and **Emily Stovall**, second.



▶Winning the senior division of photography — around the farm or ranch are (from left) **Emily Stovall**, first; and **Catie Parish**, second.



▶Winning the senior division of photography — landscape are (from left) **Emily Stovall**, first; and **Catie Parish**, second.



▶Winning the senior division of photography — people is **Catie Parish**.



▶Winning junior poster honors are (from left) **Morgan Christian**, membership; and **Brenlen Humpert**, breed promotion.

▶ Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n State Show, June 13-14, Belton



▶**Brooke Adams** (left), Terrell, receives the Premier Exhibitor award from **Randy Daniel** (right), judge.



▶Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Payton Alexander**, Brenham, third; **Morgan Christian**, Hico, second; and **Kaylan Kiser**, Proctor, first.



▶Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Rylie Philipello**, Bryan, third; **Emma Nowotny**, New Braunfels, second; and **Cutter Pohlman**, Hereford, first. Also pictured is Daniel.



▶Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Hannah Steph**, Tatum, third; **Noah Grounds**, Barry, second; and **Calli West**, Paris, first. Also pictured is Daniel.



▶Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Richard DeMoss**, Bowie, third; **Brooke Adams**, second; and **Macee Mathis**, Ben Wheeler, first. Also pictured is Daniel.



▶Qualifying to represent Texas at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (pictured from left with Daniel) **Catie Parish**, Arlington, alternate; **Stephanie Lastovica**, Salado, alternate; **Richard DeMoss**, Bowie, contestant; and **Wade Wells**, Hamilton, contestant.

