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

There is always hope

In October of 2013, South Dakota's cattle producers were leveled by a storm named "Atlas." The western half of South Dakota experienced rain followed by plummeting temperatures and heavy snow. During four days the storm delivered 24 inches of snow to the Rapid City area and 55 inches in Lead, S.D. Winds between 40 and 50 mph drove cattle across pastures, through fences and into ravines.

A thank you

After the wind and snow subsided, the state's ranchers went in search of their herds. The livestock losses they discovered were



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staggering. In one week generations of ranchers were devastated. The defining moment of Atlas began as the snow melted and support began pouring in. Donations, words of encouragement and prayers from fellow cattlemen came to the

farmers and ranchers of South Dakota. Through your support, our state began to rebuild and heal from the loss. Not everything is fixed. Perhaps my state will never be the same, but through the support of others, my livestock family is rebuilding all that was lost.

In this Christmas season I want to thank the hard-working, generous cattlemen who gave so freely to the producers in my state. Your support of South Dakota ranchers is overwhelming. I am extremely proud to be a member of the beef cattle community. I encourage everyone during this holiday season to take a moment to reflect on all you

have to be thankful for. I wish you nothing but the best heading into the New Year! Merry Christmas!

— **Alex Rogen, South Dakota**

Juniors awarded Bronze and Silver awards

Jaden Carlson, Pipestone, Minn.; and **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, Miss., have earned the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, reports Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Carlson, the 19-year-old daughter of Randy and Sue Carlson, attends North Dakota State University and is a member of the NJAA and the Minnesota Junior Angus Association.

Carlson has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), she participated in the photography and livestock judging contests. She also participated in the 2008 mentoring program.

She has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and has consigned cattle at the Minnesota Angus State Sale.

Rone, the 11-year-old daughter of Cammie Rone, attends Pope Junior High and is a member of the NJAA and the Mississippi Junior Angus Association, where she has served as director and currently serves as reporter and royalty.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Rone participated in the photography, graphic design and creative writing contests.

Angus juniors win market beef showmanship divisions at American Royal

Angus juniors **Kyle Piscione**, Burbank, Ohio, and **Austin Vieselmeyer**, Amherst, Colo., won champion and reserve champion intermediate showmanship, respectively, in the market beef showmanship contest at the American Royal. Piscione also won overall showmanship champion.

Innovacyn announces two \$4,000 scholarships for future ag leaders

At the National FFA Convention and Expo, Innovacyn announced the Vetericyn's Future Innovators of Agriculture Scholarships. The company will award two \$4,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a two- or four-year college with the goal of pursuing a career in the field of agriculture.

Applicants, who can apply online or via mail, will be asked to provide answers to five essay questions, as well as a letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor within the agriculture industry. For a full list of requirements and information on how to apply, visit www.vetericyn.com/scholarship. The company is accepting applications now through Jan. 31, 2015, and winners will be announced on March 31, 2015.

The scholarships will be awarded in equal increments over either two or four years, depending on the type of institution chosen by the winner.

"This year, we bumped up the amount of our scholarships and decided to spread them over the college career of the winners. We're committed to supporting these students throughout their academic journey," said Dave Mills, general manager of Innovacyn Inc.

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▣ **Alabama National Fair Jr. Angus Show,**
Oct. 11, Montgomery



► **Reid McGuire** (right), Waverly, receives his Bronze and Silver awards from Ass'n Regional Manager **David Gazda**.

▣ **Mississippi State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 6, Jackson**



► Recognized as Mississippi Angus royalty are (from left) **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo, 2014 princess; **Bethany White**, Morton, 2014 queen; **Hayden Neal**, Forest, 2015 queen; **Courtney Cox**, Ripley, 2015 princess; **Anna Ball**, Terry, 2015 princess; **Camryn Fore**, Picayune, 2015 princess; and **Hannah Beatty**, Pulaski, 2015 junior princess.

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▶ Washington State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Sept. 6, Puyallup, Wash.



▶ **Madison Keller** (right), Tenino, won peewee showmanship honors. Also pictured is Miss Washington Angus Gracie Johnson.



▶ Johnson presents junior showmanship honors to (from left) **Madison Cox**, Eagle Point, Ore., champion; and **Trista Bates**, Manhattan, Mont., reserve champion.



▶ Johnson (center) presents intermediate showmanship honors to **Avery Bates** (left), Manhattan, Mont., champion; and **Corrie Falleur**, Gearhart, Ore., reserve champion.



▶ **Left:** Johnson (center) presents senior showmanship honors to (from left) **Cole Page** (left), Kalama, champion; and **Justin Jones**, Beaver Creek, Ore., reserve champion.

▶ **Right:** Receiving overall showmanship honors are (from left) **Madison Cox**, reserve champion; and **Avery Bates**, champion.



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