



# Angus Stakes

► by *Shauna Rose Hermel*, editor

## Building confidence to try

*"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."*

— *Henry David Thoreau*

### Positive environment

As we sort through the pictures and quotes of the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind., it's encouraging to revisit what a wonderful opportunity our junior programs provide youth to learn ... to explore ... to grow. All the essentials were in Indianapolis to create a situation in which our youth could dare to dream, discover and develop skills, and gain the confidence that will help them succeed in life.

One of the cornerstones that makes the experience so valuable is the family interaction. From hosting the show to packing the trailer to come home, the NJAS is an activity that encourages participation by the whole family. In the midst of family, faith and time, opportunities will abound.

Never underestimate the value of our junior programs. And never underestimate the value of your participation in those programs.

### Welcome, new team members

This month we want to welcome our two newest team members to the *Angus Journal* editorial staff.

**Abby White** joins us as assistant editor.



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Abby hails from Salina, Kan., where she grew up on a farm raising buffalo and training Quarter horses.

She obtained her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University (K-State) in May, carrying a dual major in agricultural communications and journalism, and animal sciences and industry. She was named Outstanding Senior in both departments.

Before graduating, Abby served as co-editor of the *Kansas State Agriculturist* magazine and, as part of her ag honors project, developed the *Agriculturist* for the Web. A member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, she was president of Ag REPS/Ambassadors, a member of the K-State Horse Judging Team, and Telefund co-chair for Ag Council.

We initiated Abby to the team by sending her to the NJAS, so watch for her first articles and photos in this issue. Among her responsibilities, Abby will oversee the "Next Generation," "Repro Tracks," "Market

Advisor," "Outside the Box" and "Angus Link" columns in the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin*. She will be traveling to attend meetings and conduct interviews for both publications as well as assist in our online coverage of Angus and industry events.

**Linda Robbins** joins our team as an editorial assistant/proofreader. Linda has been with API since 2001, working as a proofreader in the Special Services Department. She has a bachelor's degree in English/communications and a master's



**Linda Robbins**

degree in English from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

Before coming to API in 2001, she worked for Quaker Oats Co. of Saint Joseph, Mo., where she served as a communications team leader, laboratory technician and certified trainer during the course of a 24-year career. She also worked as a freelance reporter for *Atchison Magazine* of Rushville, Mo.

Linda will oversee the "Association Highlights," "Angus Advisor," "New Products," "Newsmakers," "Salering Summary" and "Almanac" columns in the *Angus Journal* and the *Angus Beef Bulletin*. She will oversee our Angus International topic Web site and will assist Micky Wilson in compiling *Showring* inserts.

Both Abby and Linda are already proving themselves outstanding additions to the editorial team.

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