



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

It's the little things ...

As Thanksgiving time quickly approaches, I like to take the time and think about all the things I am thankful for. The usual responses are friends, family, health and, of course, Angus cattle. This year, when this question arose, my first answer was different than previous years; it included my "Angus family."

Throughout the years I have had the opportunity to meet many people at Angus shows and events who have truly become important in my life. However, we tend to get caught up in work, school and other activities, and we put our Angus family on a back burner. When you think about it though, these people who we often place on the back burner will be the first ones lending a helping hand if we ever need anything.

The importance of keeping my Angus family close has always been in the back of my mind, but recently it has surfaced in a way for which I am most appreciative. My first week back at college, I unfortunately

*"If one could only learn to appreciate the little things...
A song that takes you away, for there are those who cannot hear.
The beauty of a sunset, for there are those who cannot see.
The warmth and safety of your home, for there are those who are homeless.
Time spent with good friends, for there are those who are lonely.
A walk along the beach, for there are those who cannot walk.
The little things are what life is all about.
Search your soul and learn to appreciate."*

— Shadi Souferian



Bridget Driscoll

became ill, which resulted in my having an emergency appendectomy. It was a minor surgery, but it made me realize how many of my Angus friends and family were there for me.

When I awoke after surgery, my father had already been on the phone with my Angus advisors. Word had spread from an Angus breeder about my recent hospitalization. By midday, my parents and I had received many calls and text messages from our Angus family, including older friends, juniors and the junior Board. Soon after, the flowers, cards, balloons and people who filled my hospital room were mostly associated with my Angus family.

It is amazing how a breed, such as Angus, can create a strong bond between breeders. I am very thankful for the people I have met along my journey through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). I have come to realize that these are the people who are going to be there for me when I am in

need, and I will always be there for them.

Thank you all for being a part of my Angus family, and I encourage everyone to stay close to their Angus family. It is the little things like a note or card, a quick phone call, a text message or an e-mail to your family that make a difference, because no matter what, these are the people who will always be there for you.

— Bridget Driscoll, Iowa

Bronze and Silver winners

The Bronze and Silver awards are the first two levels of the National Junior Recognition Program (NJRP), which the American Angus Association began in 1972. To receive these honors, junior Angus members must apply for the awards and meet point requirements in many areas of participation. Applicants are evaluated in the areas of junior Angus association activities, participation in showmanship and leadership events, use of performance testing to improve their herds, and progress in producing and merchandising Angus cattle.

James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association, announced the following individuals as winners of both Bronze and Silver awards since publication of the September 2007 issue:

- **Megan Ahearn**, 17, Wills Point, Texas. She is the daughter of Mark and Cindy Ahearn.
- **Krystin Bachman**, 17, Lancaster, Ohio. She is the daughter of Doug and Cheryl Majors.
- **Ashlyn Carter**, 19, Upland, Ind. She is the daughter of Sam Carter and Tamela Grubb.

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- ▶ **Kari Gillespie**, 20, Kevin, Mont. She is the daughter of Wayne and Roxy Gillespie.
- ▶ **David Ownby**, 17, Cleveland, Tenn. He is the son of Randall and Kathy Ownby.
- ▶ **Mandy Richardson**, 18, Louisa, Va. She is the daughter of Ed and Charlta Richardson.
- ▶ **Jena Wagner**, 14, Billings, Mont. She is the daughter of Darryl and Kari Wagner.

products from Sept. 1 through Nov. 30. Producers then simply fax their invoices, and a contribution of 3% of each qualifying invoice (with an overall total of \$25,000) will be made to the scholarship fund.

For more information about the program, including a list of eligible products, visit www.fortdodgelivestock.com.

The NCF will begin accepting applications in February 2008 for the 2009-2010 academic

year. Winners will be announced at the Cattle Industry Summer Conference in Denver, Colo., July 15-19, 2008. In addition to the scholarship, all five recipients will receive an expense-paid trip to attend the 2008 Cattle Industry Summer Conference. More information about scholarship criteria and how to apply will be posted at www.nationalcattlemensfoundation.org.



New scholarship available

The National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) and Fort Dodge Animal Health are offering a new scholarship program — the Fort Dodge Animal Health Legacy Scholarship. Through producer participation, Fort Dodge Animal Health will sponsor five scholarships of \$5,000 each. Three scholarships will be directed to veterinary students who have designated an emphasis in beef production. Two scholarships will be directed to undergraduate students enrolled in an animal science program.

Cattle producers can use their Fort Dodge Animal Health invoices to help support this scholarship program. Contributing to the Legacy Scholarship is as simple as purchasing qualifying Fort Dodge Animal Health

▶ Oregon State Fair Roll of Victory (ROV) Angus Show, Salem, Aug. 26



▶ **Amanda Owings**, Powell Butte, Ore., is crowned the Oregon Angus queen.



▶ **Bailey Anderson**, Buhl, Idaho, is crowned the Oregon Angus princess.