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The LEAD schedule is packed with fun activities that will challenge, excite and involve all participants. This group from last year's conference practices being a bird to reinforce the speaker's lesson that sometimes you have to do things that scare the feathers out of you.

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# Strike It Rich

Come join the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors as we help you discover your potential and "strike it rich" at this year's Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. On August 4-7 more than one hundred junior Angus members and advisors will join us in Boise, Idaho.

The schedule is packed with fun activities that will challenge, excite and involve all participants. Conference highlights will include a tour of the Old Idaho Penitentiary, workshops and presentations by the NJAA Board and guest speakers. There will also be time set aside for roundtable discussions to allow participants to exchange ideas with members from other states and Board members.

Of course LEAD isn't all work and

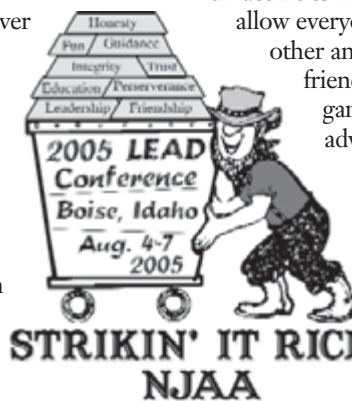
listening to speakers. There are plenty of fun activities in this year's schedule to allow everyone to get to know each other and develop lifetime friendships. There will be games, vespers and adventures, including a float trip down the Payette River.

LEAD is open to all NJAA members who are 14 years or older, and in recent years the number of parents and state advisors attending

has increased. You are encouraged to come and participate in the fun-filled conference.

Look for more details in the green entry booklet or on the Web site at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info). Sign up early to guarantee your spot. Hope to see all of you in Boise while we are "Strikin' it Rich."

—Tyler Grissom



# The Gavel Dropped at \$97,500

Members of the National Junior Angus Association Board gather with Stan Thomas of Three Trees Ranch, Sharpsburg, Ga., and Duane Pankratz of LaGrand Angus Ranch, Freeman, S.D., after the purchase of the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package. Also pictured are Milford Jenkins (far left), director of development for the Angus Foundation, and Paul Hill (far right), Bidwell, Ohio, chairman of the Angus Foundation.



## Heifer package donors

- ◆ Three Trees Blackbird 4485, donated by Three Trees Ranch Inc., Sharpsburg, Ga.
- ◆ Thirty days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.
- ◆ Free transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.
- ◆ A flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipient cows from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa
- ◆ A semen package from Genex
- ◆ Ivomec® provided by Merial
- ◆ An Angus Information Management Software (AIMS) package from the Association AIMS Department
- ◆ A banner ad from the Angus Productions Inc. (API) Web Marketing Department
- ◆ GeneStar® DNA testing donated by Bovigen Solutions LLC

The Angus Foundation is proud to report that the 2005 Angus Foundation Heifer Package was a great success. Before the crowd on hand attending the National Western Stock Show bull sale, Angus breeders bid on Three Trees Blackbird 4485, until the gavel dropped at \$97,500 with her new home being LaGrand Angus Ranch, Freeman, S.D. The Angus Foundation extends its thanks to Three Trees Ranch, Georgia; LaGrand; and the contending bidder, Shoulderbone Plantation, Georgia.

This event is a highlight of the year for the Angus Foundation, but I remind you not to forget about the other Foundation-sponsored events that include the silent auction and the annual golf tournament at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

—Kyle Conley



Chelsey Warfield

## Meet the Queen

Each year a new Miss American Angus is crowned at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The 2005 queen is Miss Chelsey Warfield of Andersonville, Tenn. Chelsey is the daughter of Philip and Darla Warfield. She was chosen from five outstanding candidates who participated in the contest, which consisted of a written test, an interview, an impromptu question and a prepared speech.

Chelsey will be busy this year as she assumes the role of Miss American Angus while going to school at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She is currently a freshman majoring in Food Science and Technology and plans on pursuing a master's degree in Food Science and Technology from the University of Tennessee. Chelsey has answered some questions to help us get to know her.

### What was the most challenging part of becoming Miss American Angus?

The most challenging part was the scholarship process. The application is very detailed and it was hard to keep up with everything I did. It is a huge honor just to be in the top five. After that, it's all about being yourself and having fun!

### What do you plan to accomplish as Miss American Angus?

I plan to promote the Angus industry wherever I go. I hope to do some radio and television promotion as well as speaking to groups and writing articles about Angus cattle and Certified Angus Beef® products.

I want to speak to elementary school students about Angus cattle and Angus beef products. This is one good way of getting to their parents as well. I will also do all I can to promote National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) membership and junior activities.

### What is your favorite activity at the National Junior Angus Show?

My favorite activities are the public speaking activities: prepared public speaking and extemporaneous public speaking. They are really great activities to be involved in to develop your public speaking skills. This skill has come in handy on many occasions!

The team sales contest is another fun activity that develops speaking skills.

### Who is your role model and why?

I have many role models in my life, but my parents are the biggest role models. They have taught me the love of Angus cattle and encouraged not only my brother and me, but also other junior members as well to be involved with the NJAA as well as many other organizations. All of the previous Miss American Angus' are also my role models. They have done such a great job of promoting the Angus breed.

### Why did you want to become Miss American Angus?

One of the reasons I wanted to become Miss American Angus was so I could have the opportunity to promote the NJAA. The NJAA has made such a positive difference in my life. I want to make younger people aware of the benefits of being a member in the NJAA. I want to encourage those juniors who already are members to be more involved and excited about the NJAA. It will make a difference in their lives.

—Casey Jentz

## Meet Your Board of Directors:

# The Retiring Six Green Jackets

The following six members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors have given the past two years of their lives to serve the members of the NJAA. They are dedicated leaders who have made an impact on the Association. Now you can find out a little bit more about the six Board members who will be retiring this August.

### Kyle Conley

**Hometown:** Clarksdale, Mo.

**School info (location, year, major):** Oklahoma State University; Senior; Animal Science

**Career aspirations:** To obtain a job in the purebred Angus cattle industry.

**Favorite NJAA memory:** Champion Owned Female at the 1993 National Junior Angus Show in Wichita.

**Favorite cut of steak:** Ribeye

**Hobbies:** Sports, showing cattle



### Tyler Grissom

**Hometown:** Prague, Okla.

**Nickname(s):** Some people call me 'Lil Vic' after my dad.

**School info (location, year, major):** Oklahoma State University; Junior; Marketing

**Career aspirations:** Find a job and someday be involved in Angus cattle and John Deere.

**Favorite NJAA memory:** Being elected to the Board and having the opportunity to meet and get to know everyone that I have.

**Favorite cut of steak:** Ribeye

**Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends and doing random things



### Jarrett Martin

**Hometown:** Lavaca, Ark.

**Nickname(s):** Angus

**School info (location, year, major):** NASCAR Technical Institute, Mooresville, N.C. — Graduated in Fall of 2004; Fall of 2005 will attend University of Arkansas to major in Electrical Engineering

**Career aspirations:** Electrical engineer for automotive industry specializing in advanced diagnostics.

**Favorite NJAA memory:** 2004 Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic

**Favorite cut of steak:** CAB® Bone-in Ribeye

**Favorite song:** "The Dance" by Garth Brooks

**Hobbies:** Woodworking for furniture; sheet metal fabrication; advanced chassis fabrication



### Joanna Olson

**Hometown:** Hereford, Texas

**Nickname(s):** Jo

**School info (location, year, major):** Texas A&M University; Junior; Animal Science major, Business minor

**Career aspirations:** To apply to graduate school and receive a master's in agribusiness.

**Favorite NJAA memory:** Attending the Atlantic National.

**Favorite cut of steak:** Tenderloin

**Favorite song:** "Texas Angel" by Honeybrowne

**Hobbies:** Riding horses



### Jennifer Ourso

**Hometown:** Donaldsonville, La.

**Nickname(s):** Fer

**School info (location, year, major):** Louisiana State University; Junior; Biological Sciences major, Spanish minor

**Career aspirations:** To attend medical school to be an oncologist.

**Favorite NJAA memory:** There are so many great memories — from the serious ones to the ridiculous ones. The greatest are the wonderful relationships that I have built the last two years.

**Favorite cut of steak:** Filet Mignon

**Favorite song:** "I Cross My Heart" by George Strait

**Hobbies:** Traveling, shopping, learning Spanish, reading



### Jeana Sankey

**Hometown:** Council Grove, Kan.

**Nickname(s):** Jeana Maree

**School info (location, year, major):** Oklahoma State University; Junior; Double Major of Ag Communications and Animal Science

**Career aspirations:** To stay active in the livestock industry as either a junior activities director (maybe James will retire) or working with a breed publication in advertising.

**Favorite NJAA memory:** Being able to travel and meet junior members all over the U.S.

**Favorite cut of steak:** Filet

**Favorite song:** "LaGrange" by ZZ Top

**Hobbies:** Showing cattle, hanging out with friends, and having a good time



—Alicia Kramer

“Action without vision just passes the time.”

— Joel Barker

**“Adversity is not bad – it’s inconvenient, uncomfortable and sometimes painful – but it’s the most powerful catalyst for positive change and growth.”**  
**— Jim Whitt**

## Go Global: Be Well-Rounded!

In today’s global environment, it’s not enough to be focused solely on one event ... you have to go the extra mile and make it your business to develop a well-rounded attitude and portfolio. The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is a multifaceted organization that can provide opportunities for growth and expansion of knowledge on many levels. Getting involved can take the form of exhibiting your prize show heifer or representing your state in a regional showmanship contest. But did you know that there is more to the NJAA? The opportunities are virtually endless.

Every year at the National Junior Angus Show, hundreds of juniors from around the United States prepare for competitions that may include grilling a steak for the *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) Cook-Off, competing in a team sales scenario, exhibiting their latest photographs, presenting a prepared speech, or testing their knowledge of the Angus breed. Some juniors can be seen participating in the mentoring program that pairs a young protégé with a seasoned junior mentor. Regardless of

the event that you may choose, the NJAA makes the time and effort spent preparing worth every moment.

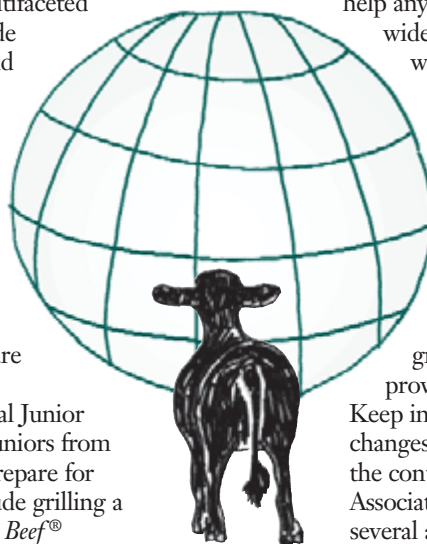
Speaking from experience, I can say that the rewards for participating in the events will help any junior member to develop a wider view of the Association as a whole. The people you meet will quickly develop into some of your closest and dearest friends because of the sharing and caring attitudes of the members.

As you prepare for the next show season, remember to set some time aside to participate in the great activities that the NJAA provides to all junior members.

Keep in mind that from year to year changes and updates are important to the continued success of the Association. This year, there are several additions that will be of interest to those who wish to expand their knowledge of the Angus world.

So, don’t forget to check out the new updates and guidelines of the NJAA at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info). Take a chance, explore your options, look to new horizons and GO GLOBAL.

— *Jarrett Martin*



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## James' Junction — It's More Than What You Win

As I write this article, summer plans for the National Junior Angus Association are quickly taking shape, and the excitement of looking forward to these events is growing with each day of preparation. When you read this newsletter, the 2005 Mid-Atlantic Junior Angus Classic (MAJAC) Show will be history, and the Western Regional Junior Angus Show will be just a few days away from taking place. Many of the final plans for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference and other summer shows and events will be in place and the anticipation of seeing old friends and making new ones will be consuming us.

A love for Angus cattle is the common bond that we have in our involvement in the junior Angus programs and in all of the activities of the American Angus Association. But that love of Angus cattle is simply the starting point for the junior Angus programs and activities. The life of the junior programs comes from you as one of the 10,000-plus junior members and your personal involvement in the Association programs on the local, state, regional and national level. It comes

from you exhibiting your Angus cattle at shows and fairs, attending Association and individual farm and ranch field days, going to leadership and industry events, and competing in the contests offered by your Association.

The benefits of participation in the programs extend well beyond the awards you win. They are in the growth you make as an individual, the life skills you learn by participating and the frustration you feel when things don't go as you would have desired. The benefits come from traveling with your family and friends to attend a show as well as when you step out by yourself to participate in a contest, go to a leadership conference or attend a beef industry seminar even though you may not know anyone else attending.

The real benefit from the junior programs can only be achieved by complete involvement. I encourage you to immerse yourself in the programs provided and give your time both in participation personally and in encouraging other juniors to participate as well. Make the most of your involvement and grasp each opportunity.

— *James Fisher*



## THE CHAIRMAN'S PERSPECTIVE: Helping Others

Last January, I decided that it was time for me to begin working or gaining some medical experience since I will be applying for medical school next year. A friend of mine recommended volunteering at the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Baton Rouge, La. She said that she enjoyed her experience, so I called Mary Bird and began volunteering on Tuesday mornings. Little did I know then, how much of an impact those three hours each week would have on my life.

My duties at the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center include everything from making coffee to wheeling patients to the doctor's office. But essentially, my job is to greet the patients and their families and make them feel as comfortable as possible as they battle cancer. A simple "hello," or "how are you feeling today?" can make their experience in the waiting room a lot easier. I am there to help the patients, but I enjoy talking with them so much that I feel

they do just as much for me as I do for them.

When people who have terminal cancer can walk through doors cracking jokes and have a positive attitude, your outlook on life changes. I have learned so much from volunteering and helping other people this past year. The importance of a smile, relationships, and life itself is truly taken for granted. The staff, volunteers, and especially the patients of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center have helped put my life into perspective.

Volunteering has definitely taught me more than any job has. It is so easy to get caught up in our daily activities and what is going on in our own little world, but I challenge you to find the time in your schedule to help other people. Whatever it is, it's worth it; for you as well as for whom you are helping.

—Jennifer Ourso

**“It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.”**  
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Angus Foundation

### ‘Builds Upon the Vision’

### in Grand Fashion

The room was filled with excitement and Angus enthusiasm as more than 150 donors and guests attended the 2nd Annual Angus Foundation Donor Recognition Reception in Louisville, Ky., on Saturday, November 13, 2004, to honor those donors to the Angus Foundation of \$250 or more. The reception's theme, "Building Upon the Vision," expanded upon the ideals of the inaugural reception entitled "Celebrating the Vision." This year's reception attendees enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres and were treated to several outstanding Angus family speakers. Jennifer Ourso, Wravenna Phipps, Eddie Sydenstricker and Jenni Beck all shared their experiences in relation to the Foundation and highlighted many aspects of it. Chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors Paul Hill served as the master of ceremonies and provided an inspirational presentation on the importance

*The audience applauds as the 15,000,000 registration number sells to Belle Point Ranch, Express Ranches and Circle A Angus for \$25,000.*

of the Angus Foundation and the crucial role that it plays in advancing the Angus breed and the agricultural industry.

In addition to the motivational speeches and great fellowship, attendees enjoyed a video presentation of the recent Angus Foundation's "That Old Black Magic" Gala and Auction hosted by Fred and Betty Johnson at Summitcrest Farms in Summitville, Ohio, on October 31 that grossed more than \$73,000. The excitement continued as the Angus Foundation officially unveiled its new logo at the reception as the Angus Foundation's new director of development, Milford Jenkins reminded everyone about the goals of education, youth and research programs.



*Jenni Beck explains why her family is willing to invest in the programs funded through the Angus Foundation.*

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the auctioning of the American Angus Association's 15,000,000 registration number. Belle Point, Express Ranches, and Circle A were the winning bidders at \$25,000 for this prestigious piece of Angus history.

According to Jenkins, "Every gift to the Angus Foundation, regardless of amount, and its generous donor are both making an indelible impact and difference on the Angus Foundation's ability to support education, youth and research for the advancement of the Angus breed and the agricultural industry, and each of these donors is recognized accordingly for their respective levels of giving."

With a new look and a great deal of motivation, the Angus Foundation is more exciting than ever. As Foundation events take place throughout the year, from the heifer sale to the silent auction at the National Junior Angus Show, enthusiasm for the Angus Foundation and the Angus breed can reach new and greater heights.

—Renee Thelen

## A look at a past NJAA Board member —

### Jamie Meyer

From 1999 to 2001 Jamie Meyer of Douglass, Kan., served the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) as a director and then as the Membership Chairman. She also served the Association as the 1998 Miss American Angus. Jamie grew up being very active in the Kansas Junior Angus Association holding many offices such as treasurer, vice president, and president. She also served as Miss Kansas Angus in 1997.

Meyer is currently attending Texas A&M where she is working on her Master's of Science in Human Resource Management. She plans on graduating in December of 2005. She says that her most memorable moment on the NJAA Board was when she and Chairman Sonya Smith did a state LEAD in California. She says, "The juniors and adults were welcoming and enthusiastic about the NJAA."

She says that the most important thing that being on the Board taught her was how to work with other personalities. She says that junior members should take advantage of all the opportunities that the NJAA provides. They are excellent tools for success!

As a past board member Jamie is always up to helping current juniors in any way possible, she feels that it is important to stay active in the Angus industry because this was an industry that helped her become the person she is today.

—*Jeana Sankey*

## American Angus Auxiliary Update

We're here for YOU!

The American Angus Auxiliary's role in the mix of Angus organizations is very clearly one of support. Since 1952, when this women's group was founded, our members across the country have focused an enormous amount of time and effort on five basic goals:

- ◆ encouraging the promotion and consumption of beef
- ◆ facilitating education
- ◆ developing Angus youth
- ◆ promoting the Angus breed
- ◆ organizing social programs and activities



You've seen and have benefited from the work of Auxiliary women at every Angus activity that happens at your state level, and at national events too. We're most well-known for awarding state and national scholarships and achievement awards, sponsoring Miss American Angus and organizing the *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off each year at the National Junior Angus Show. You may also see us selling fun and creative Angus merchandise at the "Angus Sale Barn" which helps fund our projects that support you! (And maybe you've even been a customer ... thanks!)

Fifty-three years is a long time for a support organization to exist. That certainly doesn't happen successfully if we don't keep working to stay current with the times. We're always on the lookout for new projects and methods to accomplish the five goals outlined above.

One new idea being developed is the Auxiliary's "Angus Ambassador" program – it's a "bull's-eye" on the first four goals all wrapped up in one program! A committee has been working steadily on the guidelines and selection process and we plan to be ready to launch the first competition for this title in 2006.

We see the ambassador's role as a spokesperson for the American Angus Association and National Junior Angus Association. An ambassador will possess

excellent communication skills, be highly organized and must have a superior knowledge of the Angus breed, Association activities and the beef industry.

Both young men and young women between the ages of 18 and 21 are eligible to serve as "Angus Ambassador." The competition will not be tied to the scholarship program (as it is with Miss American Angus), instead the communication skills of applicants will be evaluated through a combination of written essays, a video presentation, a personal interview and a prepared public presentation.

Duties of an "Angus Ambassador" will be varied and may include assisting the Association's regional managers at major shows and regional events, representing state and national associations at industry trade shows, presenting information and ideas through media interviews, and providing communication skills for technical and topical workshops for juniors and adults.

Our Auxiliary committee is still putting the finishing touches on the selection process, developing the "Angus Ambassador's Code of Ethics," and publishing a handbook of industry reading material for applicants.

If you have an idea you'd like to see incorporated into this new program, please get in touch with me and I'll pass it on! Contact me by e-mail at [williamsfair Oaks@aol.com](mailto:williamsfair Oaks@aol.com).

"Angus Ambassador" is a brand new idea that will offer a unique learning experience for many Angus youth in the future. It's an achievement that you can begin planning and practicing for NOW, no matter what your age or level of knowledge. It's a title that will take on the prestige of the outstanding young people who hold it. Watch the Angus Web site for more information on how to prepare for and apply to be one of the very first official Ambassadors for the Angus breed.

—*Shirley Williams*

## Drive – Slice – Chip – Putt

Do you like a friendly, fun and competitive game of golf? How about signing up to play in the 2005 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament? Juniors, parents and all Angus enthusiasts are invited to participate in the 5th Annual Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

Teams of four will play in a best-ball tournament at 6:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 19, at Thorncreek Golf Course in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show. The entry fee

for the tournament is \$75 per junior member player and \$100 per individual adult player.

An exciting tournament will be held with special prizes offered throughout including longest drives, longest putts, a hole-in-one and many more. An awards luncheon that will feature a *Certified Angus Beef*® steak will be held where individual as well as team awards will be presented.

If you can't play in the tournament but are

interested in being a tournament sponsor, various levels of sponsorship are available for the tournament. Proceeds for the tournament will benefit the projects and programs sponsored by the Angus Foundation.

For more information about the tournament go to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) or call (816) 383-5100.

—*James Fisher*

*Meet the Angus  
Foundation director of  
development —*

**Milford  
Jenkins**



Many changes have taken place at the American Angus Association over the past year. Along with the EPDs and marketing programs that are new to the Angus industry, so are a few new faces. The addition of a director of development for the Angus Foundation has brought a new face that will become well known by many juniors. Milford Jenkins has joined the Angus staff with impeccable credentials paired with an infectious enthusiasm for the advancement of the Angus breed.

Hailing from Shattuck, Okla., Milford was born and raised on his family's Angus operation. Milford attributes his successes to the sound foundation established on the family farm. He stated his parents and surroundings provided, "An incredible work ethic, high level of integrity, unquestionable character, Christian moral values, and a love for God's natural resources, especially the soil, water, air, and Angus cattle." Milford expounded upon this foundation through involvement in FFA and 4-H, and served as state president of Oklahoma FFA. More recently, he served as the senior director of development for the College of Animal Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University.

As the director of development for the Angus Foundation, Milford will serve as the key fundraiser and financial advisor for the Angus Foundation. He will manage the current donors, organize fundraising events, and establish corporate sponsors for Angus education, youth and research programs. The Angus Foundation funds many events and activities for juniors each year, as well as provides scholarships to individuals seeking higher education. The addition of Milford Jenkins to the American Angus Association staff will prove invaluable to the future of the Angus industry.

—*Jake Tiedeman*

**“Destiny is not a matter of chance. It is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.”**

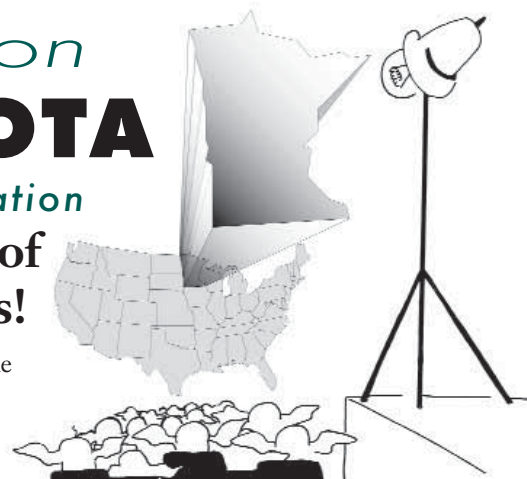
**—William Jennings Bryan**

*Spotlight on*  
**MINNESOTA**  
*Junior Angus Association*  
**Minnesota, a state of  
endless possibilities!**

The first automatic pop-up toaster, the first canned ham — Spam, Greyhound Lines (the first bus line), and TONKA® trucks have all left their mark on our society. What do they have in common? They all originated from the state of Minnesota. These names of fame would not be complete, however, if I did not mention the Minnesota Junior Angus Association (MJAA). The MJAA is a strong 55-member organization that prides itself in producing promising futures for the leaders of tomorrow. The association faces a bright future under the leadership of 4 officers, 7 directors, and 2 queens who devote time and effort to make sure that their members reach their fullest potential not only within the association but throughout life as well. The membership meets three times a year to discuss the future activities of their association and simply get to know other members from across the state.

The rewards of being involved in state junior Angus associations like this are endless. Katelyn Scharpe, president of the MJAA says, "Being president of the MJAA has improved my leadership skills and given me the opportunity to meet new people around the state and nation."

Members are encouraged to not only contribute to their state association, but also take part in national activities and contests as well. The state auxiliary recognizes members for their achievements by offering a \$10 bonus with a limit of \$30 to each



junior who participates in the educational contests at the National Junior Angus Show. Through the adult leadership of Jim and Myrna Scharpe, LeAnn and Bruce Waugh, Randy and Karen Mitteness, and many supportive parents, the junior association has excelled in National Junior Angus Association educational contests. These contests allow the juniors to enhance their knowledge of the American Angus Association and the cattle industry as a whole.

"It has truly been an honor to work with Minnesota junior members!" says Jim and Myrna Scharpe, "We have had the opportunity to watch kids, not just our own, learn and grow and achieve their goals. We have watched as members have improved their skills, not just in the showing but also as becoming capable adults who are now taking an active role in college, on the job or in community activities."

The MJAA has definitely proven to be an asset to all members who choose to take part in this great organization. I am sure that the members of the MJAA would agree that involvement in the association has given them endless possibilities!

—*Joanna Olson*

## Important dates and deadlines for juniors

### APRIL 2005

- 15 Ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show
- 22-23 Western Regional, Reno, Nev.

### MAY 2005

- 1 Deadline for Gold Award applications
- 1 Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- 1 Ownership and entry deadline for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- 15 Ownership and entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show
- 15 CAB/NJAA scholarship applications due
- 15 Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- 27-29 Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.

### JUNE 2005

- 1 Ownership and entry deadline for the National Junior Angus Show

- 1 Ownership deadline for The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show
- 1 Entry deadline for NJAA Creative Writing, NJAA/AJ Photography, and NJAA Graphic Design Contests
- 1 Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off
- 15 Deadline for submitting names of state candidates and delegates for NJAA elections
- 15 LEAD registrations due (early registration deadline)
- 17-19 Eastern Regional, West Springfield, Mass.
- 20-22 Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Ellensburg, Wash.
- 25 Deadline for NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines

### JULY 2005

- 17-23 National Junior Angus Show, Denver, Colo.

- 29-31 The All-American Breeders' Futurity Junior Preview Show, Louisville, Ky.

### AUGUST 2005

- 1 Ownership deadline (issue date) for the NAILE Junior Show and the American Royal Junior Show
- 4-7 LEAD Conference, Boise, Idaho

### SEPTEMBER 2005

- TBA NJAA Board Meeting, Saint Joseph, Mo.
- 20 Entry deadline for the American Royal Junior Heifer Show

### OCTOBER 2005

- 1 Entry deadline for the NAILE Junior Heifer Show
- 23 American Royal Junior Show, Kansas City, Mo.
- 24 American Royal Open Show, Kansas City, Mo.



### NOVEMBER 2005

- 1 Ownership deadline (issue date) for the National Western Stock Show – Junior Competition
- 15 Entry deadline for the National Western Stock Show
- 13-15 NAILE, Louisville, Ky.

*Note: American Royal, NAILE, & the National Western ownership deadlines are ISSUE DATES. All other deadlines are POSTMARK DATES.*

### 2006 Dates and Sites

- April Western Regional, Reno, Nev.
- June 15-17 North Central Regional Preview Show, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- June 23-25 Eastern Regional, Harrisonburg, Va.
- July 9-15 National Junior Angus Show, Indianapolis, Ind.

### 2007 Dates and Sites

- July 1-7 National Junior Angus Show, Tulsa, Okla.

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