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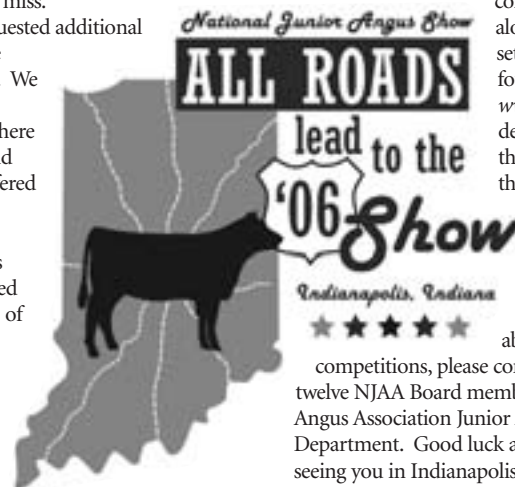
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## All Roads Lead to the '06 Show

With another National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) just around the corner, it is time to get your plans rolling toward the "All Roads Lead to the '06 Show!" The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors has been working hard along with the Indiana juniors to create a schedule of events that you will not want to miss.

You have requested additional contests, and we have responded. We are proud to announce that there will be two brand new contests offered this year. First, a cattle judging contest, which is being coordinated by the host state of Indiana, will be held at noon on Tuesday. Secondly, a fitting contest has been added to the schedule.



Since these are both new competitions, you will need to view the rules at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info).

In addition to the new competitions, all of the existing contests will still be a part of the week's activities.

Your NJAA directors have worked hard to revise the guidelines and rules for various contests. The changes, along with a complete set of rules, can be found by going to [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info). We are dedicated to ensuring that each participant at the 2006 NJAS has ample opportunity to display his or her talents. If you have more questions about NJAS

competitions, please contact any of the twelve NJAA Board members or the American Angus Association Junior Activities Department. Good luck and I look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis!

—Alicia Kramer

## Tee Off in Indianapolis



One of the most highly anticipated events of the National Junior Angus Show for juniors and adults alike is the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. Since its inception, Angus enthusiasts of all ages have joined together for a day of golf and fun while raising money to support the Angus Foundation.

The 6th annual tournament will be on July 11, 2006 in Indianapolis, Ind., at the Prairie View Golf Club. A \$75 registration fee for junior members and \$100 for adults allows golfers to be a part of the fun. The registration fee will cover 18 holes of golf, cart fees, a Certified Angus Beef® lunch, and awards.

If you would like to participate in this year's tournament, you may contact any of the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors or the Angus Foundation at (816) 383-5100. The registration deadline is June 15. We hope to see you there!

—Alicia Kramer

# Meet the Queen

Mallory Trosper, Hamilton, Mo., was crowned 2006 Miss American Angus in November during the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Mallory's journey to the crown began at the 2005 National Junior Angus Show when she was one of five outstanding young women chosen to receive an American Angus Auxiliary scholarship.

After receiving the Auxiliary scholarship, these five young women began their journey, each with their eye on the trademark "red blazer" and crown with the little black calf on it. Mallory, along with the four other talented young women, began preparing for the competition in Louisville. It consisted of a written exam to test their knowledge of the Angus industry, an interview with a panel of distinguished judges, answering impromptu questions before an audience, and giving a speech on a designated topic. This year's speech topic was "Winning Strategies."

After the queen's competition, only one young lady, Mallory Trosper, would continue the journey as Miss American Angus. Mallory was raised in Hamilton with her two sisters, Lindsey and Whitney. Her parents are Steve

and Sandy Trosper. Mallory has been actively involved in the Missouri Junior Angus Association and showing Angus cattle for ten years.

Mallory, 19, is a freshman at the University of Missouri, Columbia majoring in Biochemistry. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field while remaining actively involved in the Angus industry.

"Because both of my sisters have served as Miss American Angus, it was something I looked forward to competing in," said Mallory about her being crowned Miss American Angus. "I was excited when my name was announced, and I feel honored to hold this special position."

As for the next year serving as an ambassador for the Angus breed, Mallory plans to attend shows and sales as well as to go into restaurants to promote Angus beef. She also plans to visit area elementary schools promoting Angus cattle and the nutritional value of Angus beef.

Congratulations, Mallory! Best of luck as you continue your journey for the upcoming year as the 2006 Miss American Angus.

— *Kindra Wood*



**Mallory Trosper**

## Chairman's Perspective: *Remember to say THANK YOU*

*"To educate yourself for the feeling of gratitude means to take nothing for granted, but to always seek out and value the kind that will stand behind the action. Nothing that is done for you is a matter of course. Everything originates in a will for the good, which is directed at you. Train yourself never to put off the word or action for the expression of gratitude."*

~ Albert Schweitzer ~

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) is an ever changing organization that continues to grow by leaps and bounds each year, in both number of members and quality of events. The success of our organization and its events can be directly attributed to a very dedicated assembly of juniors and an endless list of sponsors,

donors, advisors, mentors, parents, and other individuals dedicated to the success of youth.

Each of us has had a devoted parent, teacher, advisor or friend that has helped us at some point in time to achieve success in the showing or in one of the numerous contests offered at a NJAA sponsored event. We often get caught up in our success or caught up in our own excitement, and we forget how we actually got to the positions we are in. We forget to say what I think can be two of the most important words — "Thank you." Please take time to show your appreciation to these people that donate their time, money, resources, and knowledge to the NJAA and to each of us, individually.

Furthermore, it is likely that you became

involved in the NJAA due to the recommendation of a friend. Take time to return the favor and mentor someone younger than you, or recruit a friend that may not know of the benefits of our junior organization. By helping a younger junior or recruiting a friend, you are strengthening the future of our organization.

So take the time to acknowledge those people in your life who have made it possible for you to experience the highlights of the NJAA, whether in the showing or beyond. It is these selfless individuals that make it possible for us as junior members to have the opportunities to meet new friends, compete on a national level, and perfect the skills we will use throughout our lives.

— *Jake Tiedeman*

# Get to Know Your Officer Team

## Chairman

**Name:** Jake Tiedeman

**Hometown:** North Platte, Neb.

**School info (location, major, year):**  
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Animal Science/ Ag Econ, Senior

**Career Aspirations:** I hope to attend law school and either pursue agricultural law or enter the real estate industry

**Favorite NJAA Memory:** Showing and competing at 10 National Junior Angus Shows (NJAS) and attending 8 Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conferences

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

**Hobbies:** Raising, exhibiting and selling Angus cattle, hunting, fishing, golf and traveling

**Favorite Song:** *Simple Man* by Lynyrd Skynyrd and *Hells Bells* by AC/DC



## Vice-Chairman

**Name:** Casey Jentz

**Hometown:** Fennimore, Wis.

**School info (location, major, year):**  
University of Wisconsin—Madison, Animal Science, Senior

**Career Aspirations:** To find a career in the livestock industry (hopefully the Angus business) and raise a family on an Angus farm

**Favorite NJAA Memory:** Getting selected as one of the top 15 showman at the NJAS

**Favorite cut of steak:** Tenderloin

**Hobbies:** Sports (wrestling), showing cattle, eating junk food, being a big Badger fan

**Favorite Song:** *Whats Your Fantasy* by Ludicrous



## Foundation Director

**Name:** Curtis Bryant

**Hometown:** Monkton, Md.

**School info (location, major, year):**  
Animal Science, December 2005 graduate of Oklahoma State University

**Career Aspirations:** Managing Lovell Cattle Company, Union Bridge, Md.

**Favorite NJAA Memory:** 2005 Spring NJAA Board Meeting

**Favorite cut of steak:** T-Bone

**Hobbies:** Playing guitar, sports

**Favorite Song:** #41 by Dave Matthews Band



## Membership Director

**Name:** Heath McPherson

**Hometown:** Snow Camp, N.C.

**School info (location, major, year):**  
Iowa State University, Animal Science, expected Graduation Fall of 2006

**Career Aspirations:** Livestock marketing and consulting, seedstock production

**Favorite NJAA Memory:** Being a mentor in Kansas City in 2004

**Favorite cut of steak:** New York Strip

**Hobbies:** Photography, horse racing, TV and Cattle-Wise.com

**Favorite Song:** *Almost* by Bowling for Soup; *Crazy Game of Poker* by OAR



## Communications Director

**Name:** Alicia Kramer

**Hometown:** Farina, Ill.

**School info (location, major, year):**  
University of Illinois, Agribusiness Farm & Financial Management, Senior

**Career Aspirations:** Career in Ag Leadership or Professional Farm Management.

**Favorite NJAA Memory:** There are so many, but probably the 2004 NJAS!

**Favorite cut of steak:** Sirloin

**Hobbies:** Cooking/baking, laughing with friends

**Favorite Song:** *Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)* by Green Day



## Leadership Director

**Name:** Renee Thelen

**Hometown:** Saline, Mich.

**School info (location, major, year):**  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., Agribusiness Management Major, Animal Science Specialization, Senior

**Career Aspirations:** Work in the agriculture industry in marketing or public relations and continue to have Angus cattle.

**Favorite NJAA Memory:** I have had so many great opportunities while being on the Board and enjoyed working the ring at the shows. My favorite part has been interacting with juniors from around the country and building lasting friendships.

**Favorite cut of steak:** Filet

**Hobbies:** being an avid Big 10 sports fan, scrapbooking, traveling, spending time with friends, showing cattle

**Favorite Song:** *Live Like You Were Dying* by Tim McGraw



# Understanding EPDs

EPDs are an integral part of the American Angus Association. There has been a great deal of genetic progress resulting from the use of EPDs. However, many people still use EPDs incorrectly. EPDs are typically expressed in units of measure for the trait. It is crucial to know the units for each trait that you are considering. Interim EPDs may appear on young animals when their performance has yet to be incorporated into the American Angus Association National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) procedures conducted in the fall and spring each year. This EPD will be preceded by an "I".

When using EPDs, we must compare animals. The analysis takes into account the differences expressed in each herd in which the bulls were used. For example, bull A has a weaning EPD of +30 lbs. and bull B has a weaning EPD of +20 lbs. If you randomly mate these bulls in your herd to comparable females, you could expect bull A's calves to weigh, on average, 10 lbs. more at weaning than bull B's progeny ( $30 - 20 = 10$ ). It is often a misconception that the calves of bull A will be 30 lbs. heavier at weaning than the rest of your calves and bull B's calves would be 20 lbs. heavier than the rest of your calves. This is not correct.

It would take several pages to go through all of the EPDs and the units for each trait. I will briefly go through a few of them. The birth weight EPD (BW), weaning weight EPD (WW), and yearling weight EPD (YW) are all expressed in pounds. Calving Ease Direct (CED) is expressed as a difference in percentage of unassisted births, with a higher value indicating greater calving ease in first-calf heifers. It predicts the average difference in ease with which a sire's calves will be born when he is bred to first-calf heifers. We will compare bulls A and B again. Let us say bull A has a CED of +10 and bull B has a CED of +5. We could expect the calves of bull A to be born with 5% more unassisted births than the calves of bull B when mated to first-calf heifers.

The last EPD that

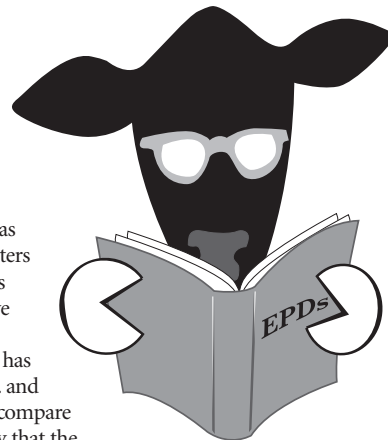
I will discuss is the milk EPD. This EPD is given in pounds of weaning weight and is a predictor of a sire's genetic merit for milk and mothering ability as expressed in his daughters compared to daughters of other sires. Again, we will use bulls A and B.

We will say that bull A has a milk EPD of +20 lbs. and bull B's is +25 lbs. To compare these two we would say that the daughters of bull B would be expected to wean off 5 lb. heavier calves compared to the calves out of daughters of bull A because of more milk and mothering ability as expressed in weaning weight.

EPDs are often accompanied by a number preceded by a decimal. That is the accuracy of the EPD. Accuracy is the reliability that can be placed on the EPD. An accuracy of close to 1.0 indicates higher reliability. Accuracy is impacted by the number of progeny and ancestral records included in the analysis.

For a complete list of EPDs and the units in which they are expressed you may go to the Web site: <http://www.angus.org/sireeval/howto.html>.

— Zeb Gray



## AngusSource® Verifies Angus Genetics



As the demand for black hided cattle increases, so has the number of breeds that are black. Twenty years ago Angus cattle were basically the only solid black breed, but now it seems as if all breeds are solid black. As a result, when you go to your local stockyards it comes to no surprise that a majority of the cattle are black and that black Simmental and black Limousin cattle may receive the same premium that our Angus-based cattle have received for many years.

Our product, on the outside anyway, is pretty much the same as everyone else's product, but everyone knows however that the real difference is on the inside. With this in mind, the American Angus Association started a program to not only distinguish the Angus-sired cattle from other black hided cattle, but more importantly to increase the demand for our bulls and our product while helping commercial costumers get more money out of their Angus-sired cattle.

Thus, the AngusSource® Program, which documents age, source and genetics, was born. This program was developed with the intent to identify Angus-sired cattle in the marketplace and help potential buyers recognize that the cattle have met requirements outlined by the USDA Process Verified Program. To enroll cattle in the program, the producer must contact the American Angus Association, be able to verify the ownership of the registered bull (accommodations are made for leased bulls and bulls used by A.I.), and have records that verify the age of the group. The cattle can only be enrolled in the program by the rancher who produced them and he must keep the records on file. The cattle that are enrolled are issued a unique ear tag identifying them as AngusSource® cattle that also includes the animal number, the state where they were born and the farm identification number. This new and innovative program not only helps the purebred breeder by creating demand for his bulls, but it also aids the commercial cattlemen, which helps secure our position in the beef cattle industry.

— Alex Tolbert

# Join Us in Oklahoma

Plan to join the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors as we help you with “Wranglin’ Up Your Future” at this year’s Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. Mark your calendars for August 3-6 to join more than one hundred junior Angus members and advisors in Oklahoma City, Okla. The schedule is packed with fun activities that will challenge, excite and involve all participants.

Conference highlights will include a tour of the Stockyards area and Express Ranches, 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.

However, LEAD is not all about listening to speakers and working, there are several fun activities planned to allow participants to get

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to know each other and develop lifelong friendships. We will have games, vespers, a dance, and the opportunity to attend a local sporting event.

LEAD is open to all NJAA members who are 14 years or older, state junior advisors and chaperones. You are encouraged to come and participate in this exciting Conference. It is a great chance to learn more about cattle and business in this part of the country. Please look for more details on our Web site at [www.njaa.info](http://www.njaa.info). Make sure to sign up early to guarantee your spot as space is limited. We look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City while we wrangle up your future!

— Renee Thelen

## Be a Mentor

The mentoring program has become one of the most popular programs that juniors have participated in at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). This program helps juniors who are attending the NJAS for the first or second time by helping them meet people. These junior members are paired with an experienced junior who serves as their mentor for the week. The mentors answer any questions and help the younger members meet new people. Not only is this a great experience for the younger members, but it’s also an important opportunity for the older members.

Dana May from Mineral Point, Wis., describes her time as a mentor as one of the most rewarding experiences she has had as

a junior member. “The excitement that each of the little kids show is what this program is all about. They get the chance to meet people like Paul Hill and realize that leaders in the Angus industry take time to talk to kids and care about what each kid has to say.”

Dana also said that she enjoys the opportunity to mingle with all the mentors and kids at the beginning of the week. “This is a great way for the mentors to meet the next generation of leaders in the National Junior Angus Association.” She continued that she thinks that this is a great program and she can’t wait to be a mentor again this year.

To get involved with the mentoring program at the 2006 NJAS in Indianapolis, be sure to attend the mentor orientation program at the beginning of the week.

— Casey Jentz

## Pit Stops to Take in Indianapolis

This year the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) leads us in a race to Indianapolis, Ind., July 9 - 15. As the NJAS races closer and closer we would like to give you a head start on the best “pit stops” in the Indianapolis area.

The “Crossroads of America” is the home to great sports, legendary history, and good old Hoosier hospitality. If you’re looking for a break during NJAS there’s plenty to do around Indy.

Home of the world’s fastest car races, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosts the Indianapolis 500 and Allstate 400 (Brickyard 400). Be sure to swing by and take a ride around the track and pay a visit to the museum that traces race car history.

Now, if you’re interested in other sports Indianapolis is the place to be. Take a stroll through the stadiums of the renowned Indianapolis Colts and Pacers or on the other hand grab a seat at an Indians baseball game, Indianapolis’ amateur team.

The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis is the largest in the world urging children to get their hands on and into everything that this museum’s five floors have to offer.

White River State Park is located in the heart of the city and hosts a number of museums including the NCAA Hall of Champions. It also has multiple gardens and is the location of the Indiana Zoo. The zoo offers more than 360 different species of animals and the world’s largest enclosed dolphin show. It also has a roller-coaster suitable for all ages. One can even relax at Hollywood Filmworks and see a movie the way it was meant to be seen.

Shoppers can find treasures in Circle Centre, known for its unique architecture and glass enclosed Arts Gardens with free musical performances. This part of the neighborhood also houses the homes of poet James Whitcomb Riley and President Benjamin Harrison.

Now if you’re looking for an excellent steak



Motor Speedway Hall of Fame

house, there are a couple that are highly recommended. St. Elmo’s Steak House, voted best steak house in Indianapolis, is known for its tender steaks and delicious sides. Also, Sullivan’s Steakhouse hosts live music and serves a mouthwatering steak.

These are just a few of the many “pit stops” to take while spending your time at the NJAS. I can’t wait to see all of you in Indianapolis where “All Roads lead to the ’06 Show.” If you have any questions about sights or events that are going on please go to [www.indy.org](http://www.indy.org).

— Tracee Veenstra

## James Junction: *Getting the Right People on the Bus*

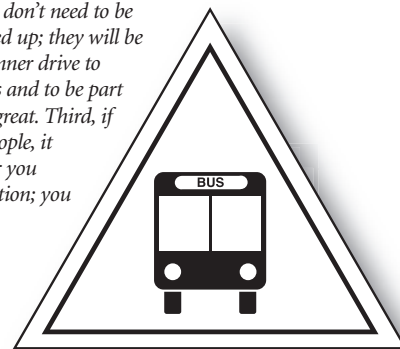
To take a state association from good to great it is important that you get the right people on the bus. What do I mean by this statement?

As we ponder this question let's look at some information that I was told about by former NJAA Board leadership director Britney Burns from Illinois. Britney encouraged me to look at the Jim Collins Web site which can be found at [www.jimcollins.com](http://www.jimcollins.com). On the Web site Mr. Collins writes:

*The executives who ignited the transformations from good to great did not first figure out where to drive the bus and then get people to take it there. No, they first got the right people on the bus (and the wrong people off the bus) and then figured out where to drive it. They said, in essence, "Look, I don't really know where we should take this bus. But I know this much: If we get the right people on the bus, the right people in the right seats, and the wrong people off the bus, then we'll figure out how to take it someplace great."*

*The good-to-great leaders understood three simple truths. First, if you begin with "who," rather than "what," you can more easily adapt to a changing world. If people join the bus primarily because of where it is going, what happens if you get ten miles down the road and you need to change direction? You've got a problem. But if people are on the bus because of who else is on the bus, then it's much easier to change direction: "Hey, I got on this bus because of who else is on it; if we need to change direction to be more successful, fine with me." Second, if you have the right people on the bus, the problem of how to motivate and manage people largely goes*

*away. The right people don't need to be tightly managed or fired up; they will be self-motivated by the inner drive to produce the best results and to be part of creating something great. Third, if you have the wrong people, it doesn't matter whether you discover the right direction; you still won't have a great company. Great vision without great people is irrelevant.*



So what does this mean for the NJAA and state junior Angus associations? It means we need to get the right people on the bus. But how do we do that? We develop an organization that is inclusive, that provides an opportunity for people to be involved and creates a desire for them to be active. We get people who are excited about the possibilities, but are not focused on what is going on in the immediate future, but what the long-term future may hold! The real question is what possibilities does your state association hold?

— James Fisher

## Foundation Female Shatters Record

Those who were attending the 100th National Western Stock Show on January 12, 2006 and were able to see the Angus Foundation Heifer Package sell, will understand when I say "it was truly an amazing experience." As B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214 made her way through the crowd of eager cattlemen and Angus supporters to enter the packed auction arena, there was a sense of excitement in everyone's eyes.

Bill and Barb Rishel of Rishel Angus, North Platte, Neb., donated an outstanding daughter of Twin Valley Precision E161. She was due to calve in early February to Ironwood New Level. Other donors to the package include American Live Stock Insurance, Lathrop

Livestock Transportation and Trans Ova Genetics.

We express our greatest appreciation to Canyon Creek Angus LLC, owned by Ronald and Myki Simek of Genoa, Nev., and Ben and Lindsey Simek and their family of Cody, Wyo., who generously purchased the bred heifer for a record breaking \$250,000. The experience would not be possible without the help of the contending bidders including Fox Run Farms LLC, Mexico, Mo., and Shoulderbone Plantation, White Plains, Ga.

Not only would I like to again thank the Rishel's and Canyon Creek, but also Milford Jenkins, the National Junior Angus Association Board and everyone that helped with the Angus Foundation Heifer Package. It is events like this, which not only help to continue our great youth programs, but also maintain the Angus breed's status in the cattle industry. The 2006 Foundation Heifer has created a new era in the Angus Foundation.

— Curtis Bryant



B/R Ruby of Tiffany 4214

## Angus Foundation Celebrates 25 Years

On November 12, 2005, in Louisville, Ky. the Angus Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary at the third annual donor recognition event. The night was filled with several enjoyable events.

The first event was a generous gift of \$25,000 from Blanford and Joan Pierce of Creston, Ill. The Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship Endowment Fund will permanently carry the legacy of this historical Angus herd of 125 years. The donation is the first of its kind to the Angus Foundation and is supported by one individual Angus breeder. The first Woodlawn Farms Scholarship will be presented at the 2006 National Junior Angus Show in Indianapolis, Ind. We are very grateful to Blanford and Joan for their generous gift that will carry on the heritage of Woodlawn Farm.

The next thrilling event to mark the 25th year of the Angus Foundation was the auction of a one-of-a-kind Winchester 30-30 rifle. The rifle was an amazing piece to see, with its silver barrel and its intricate Angus artwork on the beautiful wooden stock. The David McMahan family of Belle Point Ranch purchased the unique rifle for \$10,000.

The night concluded with Doug Dalton leading the crowd of Angus enthusiasts and supporters of the Foundation to a toast. He commended the Angus Foundation on an outstanding first 25 years.

— Curtis Bryant

# American Angus Auxiliary Update

The American Angus Auxiliary is looking forward to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) this summer in Indianapolis, Ind. We will have our regular mid-year meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13. With the jam-packed week that everyone has our meeting will be short but informative and fun.

At the NJAS we will be involved in our regular activities of providing the silver Revere bowls to the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest winners and will be coordinating the All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off Contest. The Glen Grote Family will be sponsoring the Pat Grote LEAD Scholarship Award to members of the top team in the intermediate fresh meats category. Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe co-chair the contest and can answer any questions you may have. Contact Anne Patton Schubert at (502) 477-2637 or Anne Lampe at (620) 872-3391.

Other awards being sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary during the NJAS are the Crystal Award, Silver Pitcher Award, Richard L. Spader and Pat Grote Extemporaneous Speech Awards.

I would like to encourage all juniors to apply for the Certificate of Achievement Award given by the Auxiliary for outstanding achievement at national, state and district levels. These certificates will be beneficial when applying for the bronze, silver and gold awards through the National Junior Angus Association along with the American Angus Auxiliary scholarships. The certificates need to be applied for by November 1, 2006. The application is available on our Web site and our chairwoman is Sonja Martin, Lavaca, Ark. Sonja can be reached at epaangus@cei.net or (479) 674-2510 if you have any questions about the application.

The Auxiliary will be awarding ten

scholarships this year to outstanding seniors in high school during the awards ceremony on Friday night at the NJAS. A total of \$10,000.00 will be awarded to the winners. Five boy and five girl winners will receive the amounts of \$1,200, \$1,050, \$1,000, \$900 and \$850 for first through fifth place. For more information about the Auxiliary scholarship contact your state scholarship chairperson or the national scholarship chairman, Mary Greiman at (641) 923-2235 or email at tmkcg@ncn.net. The application and directions are also located on the American Angus Auxiliary Web site, [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com). The deadline for submitting the national application is May 10, 2006. Your state deadline may be earlier.

The American Angus Auxiliary looks forward to a great NJAS in Indianapolis!

— *Sharee Sankey, Auxiliary President*

## Atlantic National Celebrates 20th Anniversary

I'm not quite sure if it is the beautiful flowers and greenery which line the show ring, the fantastic weather each Memorial Day weekend in Timonium, Md., or the warm Northeast hospitality which welcomes the visitors that make the Atlantic National one of the most unique regional preview junior Angus shows and Super Point Roll of Victory Shows.

One of the many factors that make the Atlantic National so special is the Atlantic National Junior Council. The council is composed of junior exhibitors who work as officers and representatives from each state that attend the show each year. Amanda Lickey from Middleburg, Va. is serving her second year as president of the council. Lickey and the officers work all year preparing activities for the juniors such as scavenger hunts, three-on-three basketball tournaments,



and even an adult showmanship contest.

Each year, the Atlantic National also rewards several Merit Awards (scholarships) to high school seniors and college student applicants. The students submit an essay with their application and complete an interview with a panel of judges. The top applicant receives an additional \$1,000 in memory of Greg Krueger, long-time Atlantic National organizer.

Another distinctive feature of the Atlantic National is the junior showmanship contest. Unlike any other national showmanship competition, the overall winner is asked to serve as the "dummy" judge the following year. The next year, if the winner chooses so, they have the privilege to be one of the three actual judges. The 2004 winner, Andrew Foster, will be one of the three judges at the

2006 show, along with his father Scott Foster and Kevin Rose.

This year, the Atlantic National will celebrate its 20th Anniversary. The show staff and junior council is working hard to make this Atlantic National very extraordinary. Bruce Stertzbach will evaluate the open cattle and Quintin Smith will judge the junior's. The entry and ownership deadline for the junior show is April 15, so make your entries today. You can get entry information by contacting Bobbi McMullen, show secretary at (717) 786-8060 or at bobbi@epix.net. The 2006 show will surely be an event you won't want to miss!

So take the time this Memorial Day weekend to join us in Maryland for stunning scenery, beautiful Angus cattle, Northeastern hospitality, and the company of both old and new friends for the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of The Atlantic National Angus Show!

— *Kristen Oaks*

**Attention:** The Eastern Regional headquarter hotel is the Holiday Inn in Harrisonburg, Va. The phone number is (540) 433-2521. This is a correction from the entry booklet printing.

**And also:** The Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show entry deadline is May 1, 2006. This was printed incorrectly in one spot in the Green Entry booklet, but has been posted correctly in all other publications.

## Important dates and deadlines for juniors

### MARCH 2006

- 1 Ownership & Entry deadline Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- 1 Ownership & Entry deadline North Central Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- 15 Ownership & Entry deadline Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show
- 26-27 Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.

### JUNE 2006

- 1 Ownership & Entry deadline National Junior Angus Show
- 1 Ownership deadline American Angus Breeders Futurity Junior Angus Show
- 1 Entry deadline for NJAA Creative Writing, NJAA/AJ Photography, and NJAA Graphic Design Contests
- 1 Entry & Recipe deadline for 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)

### APRIL 2006

- 1-2 Regional LEAD Conference, Fargo, N.D.
- 15 Ownership and entry deadline for the Atlantic National Junior Angus Show
- 22-24 Western Regional, Reno, Nev.

### MAY 2006

- 1 CAB/NJAA scholarship applications due
- 1 Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- 1 Deadline for Gold Award applications
- 1 Outstanding Leadership Award applications due

- 15-17 North Central Regional Preview Show, Sioux Falls, SD
- 18-21 Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show, Filer, Idaho
- 20 Entry deadline American Angus Breeders Futurity Junior Angus Show
- 23-25 Eastern Regional, Harrisonburg, Va.
- 25 Deadline for NJAA Public Speaking Contest speech outlines

### JULY 2006

- 9-15 National Junior Angus Show, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 28-30 The American Breeders Futurity Junior Preview Show, Louisville, Ky.

### AUGUST 2006

- 1 Ownership deadline (issue date) for NAILE Junior Show and American Royal Junior Show
- 3-6 LEAD Conference, Oklahoma City, Okla.

### SEPTEMBER 2006

- 1 Entry deadline for American Royal Junior Heifer Show
- TBA NJAA Board Meeting, St. Joseph, Mo.

### OCTOBER 2006

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

### NOVEMBER 2006

- 1 Ownership deadline (issue date) for National Western Stock Show – Junior Competition
- 15 Entry deadline National Western Stock Show
- 12-14 NAILE, Louisville, Ky.

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

### 2007 Dates and Sites

- July 2007**
- 1-7 National Junior Angus Show, Tulsa, Okla.
- TBA Western Regional, Reno, Nev.
- 22-24 Eastern Regional, Harrisburg, Pa.

### 2008 Dates & Sites

- July 13-19 National Jr. Angus Show, Des Moines, Iowa

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