



JRA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS!

Thorsell Wins "West Virginia Beef Queen"

Katlin Thorsell of Charles Town won the 16th annual West Virginia Beef Queen Contest held on January 20, during the WV Cattlemen's Convention at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown.

To apply, the contestants had to submit an essay on Beef: The American Idol Contestants presented the essay before the judges, WV Cattlemen's Association and guests. Following was a 15 minute question and answer contest on the beef industry, cuts of meat, cooking, health and care of the beef animal and nutritional value of eating beef.

Katlin contributes her success in winning by being active in her local 4-H and FFA chapter and being a member of the Jr. Red Angus Association.

The new queen will be crowned and begin her reign by presiding over the WV Beef Expo to be held April 12-14 at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center. During the year the Beef Queen will represent West Virginia and the Beef Industry by promoting beef at events across the state. She will also receive a \$500 scholarship as well.

Katlin is the daughter of Eric and Deana Thorsell. She will be representing Jefferson County.

Attending the WV Cattlemen's Convention were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stickel from Jane Lew, WV (members) and our own Executive Secretary, Dr. R.L. "Bob" Hough, as a guest speaker.



Minnesota Junior News

Nelson to Serve as Ambassador

Nathan Nelson was selected to be the 2007 Minnesota Junior Red Angus Ambassador. Nathan gave a prepared speech to the adult membership of the Minnesota Red Angus Association during their annual meeting, Nov. 24, 2006 at the McLeod County Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Minnesota. Nathan will represent both the junior and adult memberships at various Red Angus functions throughout the next year and will receive a \$250 scholarship and belt buckle as a result.

New MJRAA Officers

The Minnesota Junior Red Angus Association elected new officers at a meeting on Saturday, Nov. 25 (held in conjunction with the MN Great Northern Sale):

President - **Megan Minten**, New York Mills, MN
Secretary/Treasurer - **Amanda Fehrman**, Lake Benton, MN.

- Sid and Janet Bowman, SJBR Red Angus, Brainerd, MN donated an open heifer calf for the purpose of funding scholarships for Minnesota Juniors. The heifer sold during the 2006 MN Great Northern Auction raising \$1,250 for scholarships. Minnesota Junior Red Angus members, who were members as of 9/1/2006 and were present at the sale, put their names into a hat. Three lucky recipients of scholarships were: Christina Fehrman, Lake Benton, MN (\$450); Megan Minten, New York Mills, MN (\$400) and Amber Leaf, Jacobson, MN (\$400).

- A silent auction was also held during the sale to support Juniors traveling to Round-Up. Members donating items included:

Berg Family Red Angus, Pipestone, MN;

Fehrman Family Red Angus, Lake Benton, MN;

Weber Cattle Co., Lake Benton, MN;

Minten Family Red Angus, New York Mills, MN;

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Shady Oaks Farm Red Angus, Jacobson, MN.

\$182 was raised. Thanks to **Ron Clemetson**, Grand Forks, ND; Taylor and **Julie McCollum**, Bagley, MN; **Kevin**

Schmitz, Sauk Rapids, MN; **Laurel Berg**, Pipestone, MN;

Duane Stradtman, Glencoe, MN; and **Amanda Fehrman**, Lake Benton, MN.

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENTS

March 31	RAAA/JRA Scholarship application deadline. Contact Betty: betty@redangus.org
May 1	Deadline for entries: Essay Contest, Powerpoint Contest, American/Canadian Exchange Program, Merit Award Program (MAP), Graphic Design Contest Contest details available on the web or contact dawn@redangus.org
May 1	Round-Up registration and JRA officer application deadline.
June 9-10	7th annual Wells Fargo Tri-State Cattle Show, Olmstead Fairgrounds, Rochester, MN
June 18-21	Regional Red Angus Show, Red River Valley Fairgrounds, West Fargo, ND
June 26 - 30	Round-Up 2007 - Wyoming-Cowboy Style! Begin in Denver, Colorado
August 1	JRA Photo Contest entry deadline
August 23-26	Minnesota State Fair 4-H competition, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
Sept. 26-29	RAAA National Convention, Dodge City, Kansas
October 18-21	Minnesota Beef Expo, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

FREE MONEY!!!

APPLY TODAY!!!

Red Angus Association of America/Junior Red Angus
and Farm and Ranch Connection
Scholarships!

If you are in high school or college, apply today to receive
one of 7 available scholarships in 2007!!

Contact Betty Grimshaw: 940/387-3502 or betty@redangus.org
Completed applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2007!

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WYOMING - COWBOY STYLE! ROUND-UP 2007

What? A great week of Red Angus tours, national contests and junior Red Angus friends
When? June 26 - July 1, 2007
Where? begin in Denver and travel through northern Colorado and Wyoming
How much? registration is \$275 per junior; \$375 per adult. Discounts given for families.
Deadline for registration is May 1. Registration forms available with this newsletter, in the April issue of the Red Generation or by contacting Dawn Bernhard - dawn@redangus.org.

Abbreviated Schedule:

Tuesday, June 26 welcome ceremonies, t-shirt design contest, Coors Brewery tour, Scrapbook, Print Advertising and Poster contests, picnic in mountain park and JRA Scavenger Hunt.

Wednesday, June 27 **Colorado State University**, Animal and Meat Science depts., presentation by Dr. Temple Grandin - animal behavior specialist, Cowboy College - hands-on cattle activities; Quiz Bowl, Speech contest, Injection Site Lesion demonstration

JAFDIP Ranch, Douglas, WY - Barnyard Olympics, ranch tour, Natural Bridges Park for supper

Thursday, June 28 **Beckton Stock Farm**, the Sal Forbes family, Sheridan, WY - ranch tour, educational programs, Team Sales, Stockman's Quiz

Friday, June 29 **Wagonhound Ranch**, Douglas, WY - large commercial ranch using Red Angus genetics, Meyer Natural Beef program, equine facility tour
von Forell Ranch, Wheatland, WY - cattle evaluation contest, equipment I.D. contest, ranch tour

Saturday, June 30 **White Water Rafting**, Ft. Collins, CO
Ocho Vaca Red Angus, Brent Johnson family, Nunn, CO - ranch tour, injection site lesion demonstration, Pfizer presentation, annual business meeting, officer elections, chinese auction, awards presentation

Sunday, July 1 return home
New Officer Training

JRA National Board of Directors

Positions Open for Election at 2007 Round-Up:

North Plains region - currently Amber Leaf
Great Plains region - currently Casey Mushrush
Northeast region - currently Neil Brawner

Officer applications due May 1

available with this newsletter, in the April Red Generation or by contacting Dawn Bernhard, dawn@redangus.org

Make your plans now to attend!



2007 JUNIOR ROUND-UP, WYOMING REGISTRATION FORM

Please return to: Judy Edwards, RAAA, 4201 N. I-35, Denton, TX
76207

Deadline: May 1, 2007

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Member #: _____ T-Shirt size: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ Grade In School: _____

Name, address, phone, and e-mail of your hometown newspaper: _____

Will you FLY or DRIVE to Round-Up? (Circle one.) Have attended Round-Up before? ___ What year(s)? _____

If flying, please provide airline, flight # and arrival time. _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK FOR \$275/Junior; \$375/Adult
DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES - CONTACT DAWN BERNHARD
MADE PAYABLE TO: Junior Round-Up
-All registrations received after May 5 will be charged a \$25 late fee



NATIONAL JUNIOR RED ANGUS ASSOCIATION OFFICER CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Please return to: Dawn Bernhard, 2003 190th St., Algona, IA 50511, dawn@redangus.org
Deadline: May 1, 2007

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Age: _____ Grade in School: _____

Name, address, phone and e-mail of hometown newspaper: _____

On a separate sheet, typewritten in 100 words or less, briefly describe "Why I Want to Be a JRA National Officer".

On a separate sheet, typewritten, please answer the following questions:

1. What strengths will you bring to the JRA Board?
2. What do you believe is the purpose or function of the JRA and the JRA Board?
3. What are an officer's responsibilities to the JRA membership and to the JRA Board?
4. What areas/programs/contests of the JRA do you want to prioritize and why?