

Greetings from Northwest Missouri!

Outside there is three inches of snow on the ground and the sun is shining. It's a pretty sight and a big reminder that winter is right around the corner.

The American Royal was small in numbers, but the quality was top notch. The Champion and Reserve Champion Heifers

were very functional, sound, and cowy which is typical of the Angus breed. It was a great chance to catch up and see many Angus juniors and talk about great cattle.

Next stop is Louisville! Good luck to all exhibitors and we'll see you in Denver!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. 🐾

From your Advisor...

By Jeff & Deb Thummel, MJAA Advisors

Post Thanksgiving greetings to everyone! I'm hoping that you were able to eat your favorite dish sitting with your favorite people. And, I'll add that I hope that you don't wait until next November to be Thankful again!

I'm having a little bit of an Advisor's article writer's block. I do know that at the time of printing that the Foundation Scholarship deadline has passed, so I hope that all of you seniors took the time to submit an application. Our state and national organizations go out of their way to provide opportunities.....I hope you reach out and take advantage of many of them.

I look forward to seeing several of the great Missouri Angus Juniors. at the Missouri Cattlemen's Convention coming up in mid December. Our Angus Juniors are generally well represented in those scholarships as well.

I encourage you also to be thinking about running for an office in a couple of months at the Futurity. Many leadership opportunities are available to those who strive for them.

I want to take this time to commend Paige Wallace on her reign

as Miss American Angus. She handled the position with grace and ease as always.

Thank you for your fine leadership and we wish you continued success. Be sure to catch Paige on "The Angus Report" on RFD-TV.

Good Luck at all of the winter shows! And congratulations to Jake Heimsoth for being named Champion breeding beef showman at the American Royal. Good job!

As Christmas time approaches, I encourage you to consider what you can give to others in terms of your time and talents, more so than you consider what you can get!

Spend some time at the manger and at the Cross as well!

Merry Christmas! 🐾



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of junior programs on the state and national level. They were Iowa Junior Angus Association advisors for 13 years and were honored as NJAA Advisors of the Year in 2006 at the NJAS in Indianapolis, Ind. They were chairpersons for the NJAS in 2000 and 2008.

Darrell Silveira

Darrell, Firebaugh, Calif., has been rooted in the Angus community for more than 38 years. He graduated from Tranquility High School in Tranquility, Calif., and attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he studied agribusiness.

Over the years the operation has grown. Together with his family — which includes his brother, Dudley, an accountant; and Rick Blanchard, operating manager — he owns and operates Silveira Bros., a diversified farming and seedstock operation.

Darrell has served on the board of directors of the California Angus Association and the Western States Angus Association. In 2007, he was inducted into the California Angus Hall of Fame for his years of contributions to the association and to the advancement of the breed. He has served as a delegate to the American Angus Association Annual Convention in Louisville, Ky., for more than two decades.

He served for nearly two decades on the California Crop Im-

provement Association board of directors at the University of California-Davis. He was a director for the local irrigation district and one of the founding members of the National Farmers Organization (NFO) in the San Joaquin Valley. He served as a director and as president of the California Alfalfa Seed Research Board, serving on that board for 15 years.

Jim Sitz

Jim Sitz, Dillon, Mont., graduated from Harrison High School and attended Brigham Young University (BYU)-Rexburg in Idaho, majoring in business and agricultural management. While attending college, his father, Bob Sr., died from injuries in a tractor accident at the ranch. Jim completed college and returned to the ranch to work with his mother, Donna, and brother, Bob Jr., on a full-time basis in the management and operation of Sitz Angus Ranch.

Jim and his wife, Tammi, have four children: Amber, Ashley, Tyler and Tucker.

Jim has been and is very active in regional and state organizations. He has served on the board of directors and was president of the Montana Angus Association for two years. He has previously served as a member of the Montana Beef Council for the Montana Stockgrowers Association and presently serves on the board for Rocky Mountain Supply, a statewide agribusiness. The Sitz Angus operation is well-recognized throughout the state of Montana for their support of both the beef industry and agriculture in general. 🐾