



Next Generation

► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by Kasey Brown.

Doing it better

“Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation.”

— Ronald Reagan

Opportunities to improve

Our next generation is dependent upon our youth and the foundation we build for them to stand on. This foundation will help develop them into the leaders that will better our industry and allow the Angus breed to continue to be the best in the business.

As a member of the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB), our motto is, “Don’t just do it again, do it better.” That is exactly what we want our next generation to do, and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) provides numerous opportunities to ensure that this happens.



Cory Watt

Many of these opportunities are available to our juniors through the many competitions that are hosted during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) each summer. These contests include career development, public speaking, extemporaneous public speaking and team sales. These competitions help improve juniors’ communication skills, job interview skills, and provide them with the experience of filling out job applications.

There are other contests such as graphic design, photography, video and creative writing that help improve their marketing



and advertising skills. These contests are not all about placing first and receiving the top prize; but, instead, they are designed for these juniors to be evaluated on their hard work and receive feedback from various judges that will help them prepare for upcoming years.

The NJAA also provides many scholarship opportunities through the Angus Foundation. Over the years the cost of living has risen significantly and, unfortunately, so has the cost of a higher education. With this rise in cost, it does make it harder for many students to afford a college education.

However, with generous donations from numerous Angus breeders, the Angus Foundation is able to give away thousands of dollars each year in scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students. All of these scholarships can be found on the Angus website and are all easily accessible. This additional funding for financial aid allows our juniors to continue their education and help prepare them to “do it better” for the next generation.

The NJAA also provides opportunities for the juniors to go out and visit various operations across the nation and improve their knowledge of our breed and the cattle

industry as a whole. Events such as Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD), Raising the Bar and Cattleman’s Boot Camp give our juniors the opportunity to see how different producers manage their operations.

This gives the juniors new ideas to build from and allows them to find ways to improve and further our breed. These events also allow our juniors to meet new people and make connections for the future and friendships that will last a lifetime.

All of these opportunities are great, but it is important that we teach our youth the importance of a strong work ethic because all of these opportunities are useless if no one is willing to turn them into success. We also need to teach them that it is OK to be different and unique, but, most importantly, that it is OK for them to be themselves because life is too short to try to live someone else’s life.

The National Junior Angus Association and the American Angus Association have done a tremendous job through the years

► Missouri Jr. Angus Ass’n Preview Show, June 15, Sedalia



► Missouri Angus Royalty are (from left) **Andrea Larson**, Stella, princess; **Chance Hardy**, Diamond, ambassador; and **Elizabeth Otte**, Saint Mary, queen.

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► Receiving Missouri Angus Auxiliary Scholarships are (from left) **Hannah Moyer**, Lamar, and **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg.

■ **Indiana Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 8, Lebanon**



► **Caleb Smith** (left), Whitestown, and **Haylee Cooper** (right), Liberty, qualified to represent Indiana at the 2014 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



► From left, winning novice showmanship honors are **Kadence Sparks**, Shirley, first; **Neil Ellmore**, Covington, second; and **Schuyler Sparks**, Shirley, third.



► From left, Brooke Langley, Miss Indiana Angus, presents junior showmanship honors to **Hunter Royer**, Westpoint, first; **Grace Schrader**, Columbia City, second; and **Isabella Witte**, Wilkinson, third.

creating remarkable leaders for our industry, but it is important that we continue to create these leaders so that the next generation is always “doing it better.”

— **Cory Watt, South Carolina**

Bronze and Silver awards

Joseph Adams, Union Springs Ala.; Hadley DeHoff, Tonganoxie, Kan.; Bryanna Hite, Valley Center, Kan.; Baxter Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa; and Caleb Mehlhoff, Wing, N.D., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Upperman, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Adams, the 17-year-old son of Rob and Connie Adams, is a member of the NJAA and the Alabama Junior Angus Association, where he has served as reporter and vice president.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Joseph participated in team sales, creative writing, photography and poster contests and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2009 and the 2013 LEAD conference.

Adams has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle in the Southeast Classic Sale.

DeHoff, the 17-year-old daughter of Tim and Cindy DeHoff, attends Tonganoxie High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association, where she has served as historian and director.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, DeHoff participated in the poster, public speaking and quiz bowl contests, as well as the Cook-Off. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2006-2008 and the LEAD conferences in 2010-2013.

Hite, the 16-year-old daughter of Joe Hite and Shelly Dubois-Hite, attends Newton



► From left, winning intermediate showmanship honors are **Kallie Knott**, Laotto, first; **Ryen Kerr**, Bloomington, second; and **Kade Patton**, Frankfort, third.



► From left, winning senior showmanship honors are **Madison Stockdale**, Waynetown, first; **Kory Kovert**, Crothersville, second; and **Maddi Butler**, Vincennes, third.

■ **Minnesota Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, June 14, Fairmont**



► Elected to the Minnesota Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) **Andrew Swanson**, Ivanhoe, vice president; **Chelsey Hiniker**, Pipestone, membership director; **Jasi Borman**, Holland, secretary; **Ellin Stolp**, Oronoco, president; **Alyssa Nesler**, La Crescent, historian; **Wesly Johnson**, Pipestone, treasurer; and **Nick Krog**, Lake Benton, communications director.



► Winning senior showmanship honors are **Jaden Carlson** (left), Pipestone, reserve champion, and **James Knudsen** (right), Peterson, champion.



► Winning top honors in junior showmanship is **Caroline Mayer**, Peterson.



► Winning peewee showmanship is **Cora Mayer**, Peterson.

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High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state and national shows. At the NJAS, Hite participated in the photography and creative writing contests and the Cook-Off. She also participated in the 2011 Raising the Bar conference.

Knapp, the 16-year-old son of Brian and Karla Knapp, attends Davis County High School and is a member of the NJAA and the

Iowa Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows. At the NJAS, Baxter participated in the writing, graphic design and photography contests and the mentoring program in 2010.

Knapp has submitted weight data to AHIR.

Mehlhoff, the 19-year-old son of Blaine and Joy Mehlhoff, attends Bismarck State

College and is a member of the NJAA and the North Dakota Junior Angus Association.

Mehlhoff has participated in local, state and national shows. At the NJAS, he participated in the essay and photo contests. He also participated in the 2012 LEAD conference.

Mehlhoff has submitted weight data to AHIR.

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▶ Pennsylvania Angus Breeders' Jr. Show, June 19-20, Huntingdon



▶ Winning novice showmanship are (from left) **Kiersten Baker**, James Creek, champion; and **Lee Sweitzer**, Wellsville, reserve champion.



▶ Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Samuel Parr**, East Berlin, champion; and **Madison Weaver**, Ephrata, reserve champion.



▶ Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Claudia Hissong**, Greencastle, champion; and **Kyle Livingston**, Dover, reserve champion.



▶ Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Emilie Campbell**, Pennsylvania Furnace, champion; and **Alexis Cash**, York, reserve champion.



▶ Named top showmen overall are (from left) **Emilie Campbell**, Pennsylvania Furnace, reserve champion; and **Claudia Hissong**, Greencastle, champion.



▶ **Andrea Foore** (left), Seven Valleys, won Premier Breeder. Also pictured is Myron Kennedy, judge.

▶ Pennsylvania Breeders' Show, June 21, Huntingdon.



▶ Placing in the boy's division of cattle judging are (from left) **Grant Cash**, York, first; **Eric Shoop**, Dalmatia, second; **Kyle Livingston**, Dover, third; **Hunter Voight**, Fredericksburg, fourth; and **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys, fifth.



▶ Placing in the girl's division of cattle judging are (from left) **Kayce Myers**, Wellsville, first; **Lydia Brown**, Mill Creek, second; **Alana Eisenhour**, Wellsville, third; **Elizabeth Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, fourth; and **Laini Dean**, New Castle, fifth.



▶ **Eric Shoop** (right), receives his Bronze Award from Chris Jeffcoat, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



▶ **Caleb Schmuck** (right), Masontown, receives the Golden Pitchfork award from Dale Rains, Pennsylvania Angus Ass'n director.



▶ **Fred Frey** (left), Drumore, won Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor. He is pictured with his family.

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▶ Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n State Show, June 14-15, Belton



▶ **Left:** From left, winning peewee showmanship honors are **Kensley Free**, Salado, third; **Bayler Smith**, Kirbyville, second; and **Payton Alexander**, Brenham, first.

▶ **Right:** From left, winning junior showmanship honors are (from left) **Dylan Denny**, Lubbock, third; **Cutter Pohlman**, Hereford, second; and **Emma Nowotny**, New Braunfels, first. Also pictured is Wes Hudson, judge.





► From left, winning intermediate showmanship honors are **Calli West**, Paris, second; and **Noah Grounds**, Barry, first. Also pictured is Hudson.



► From left, winning senior showmanship honors are **Madison Lockaby**, Tahoka, third; **Micah Stahlman**, Kaufman, second; and **Haley Herzog**, Robinson, first.



► **Haley Herzog**, Robinson, was named Premier Exhibitor. Pictured are (from left) Hudson; Herzog, recipient; and Catie Parish, Miss Texas Angus.

