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POSTCARD FROM A JUNIOR



Madison Butler

Cool, calm, collected

The first thing I learned when I started showing was that if I got worked up, so would my heifer. Throughout all of my years, I know this holds true. If I got nervous, so would my heifer. I know that when I stayed calm, so would my heifer. Thus, my heifer would look better in the showing.

The key to being a successful showman is staying calm and collected. Staying calm and collected not only keeps your heifer calm, but it makes you look more professional and confident.

My favorite question to ask young showmen is, “Why do we show cattle?” Their answer usually follows with, “I don’t know.” My response is and always will be, “We show cattle to have fun. Now, go have fun!”

Of course there is nothing we all love more than the champion slap, when all of your hard work pays off. We all started, and continue to show cattle, because we enjoy it.

Remaining calm is a part of the key to success to being in the showing. Throughout all of the competition, we cannot forget to have fun. Remember, stay calm, cool and collected.

— **Madison Butler, Indiana**

Bronze and Silver Awards

Katie Brock, Stilesville, Ind.; **Sydney Cutler**, Philipsburg, Mont.; **Alisa Friesen**, Arnett, Okla.; **Hailey Jentz**, Belmont, Wis.; **Kavina Johnson**, Quincy, Mich.; **Carrie Otte**, Saint Mary, Mo.; **Blake Pillars**, Martin, Mich.; and **Claire Stevenson**, Hobson, Mont.; have earned the National Junior Angus Association’s

(NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association. **Charlotte Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., has earned the NJAA Bronze Award.

Eric Schafer, Owaneco, Ill.; **Austin Pillars**, Martin, Mich., and **Ava Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., have earned the NJAA Silver awards. Their information has been posted in earlier *Angus Journals* when they won their Bronze awards.

Katie Brock, the 18-year-old daughter of David and Kris Brock, attends Danville High and is a member of the NJAA and the Indiana Junior Angus Association, which she has served as president, second vice president, historian, secretary and royalty.

At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Katie participated in the quiz bowl contest and served as a voting delegate in 2016.

Sydney Cutler, the 18-year-old daughter of Mike and Jody Cutler, attends Granite High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Montana Junior Angus Association, which she has served as director and currently serves as reporter.

She has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program.

Alisa Friesen, the 18-year-old daughter of Scot and Lisa Friesen, attends Arnett Public School and is a member of the NJAA and the Oklahoma Junior Angus Association, which she has served as director, secretary and reporter.

At the NJAS, Alisa participated in quiz bowl and livestock judging and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef®* (CAB®) Cook-Off.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle to the Bases Loaded and Seldom Rest Farms Production sales.

Hailey Jentz, the 13-year-old daughter of Craig Jentz and Samantha Gempler, attends Belmont Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association.

At the NJAS, Hailey participated in quiz bowl, livestock judging, team fitting and poster contests and the CAB Cook-Off. She participated in the mentoring program in 2014-2016. She was also a participant in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference in 2016 and 2017.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and is actively involved with her local 4-H club.

Kavina Johnson, the 18-year-old daughter of Kevin and Heidi Johnson,

Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Jan. 27, London



Sydney Sanders, Leesburg, received the Junior Silver Show Award sponsored by Paradise Cattle Co. This award is presented annually to a junior exhibitor.



Emily Wogan (right), Hebron, received the Girls' Bred-and-Owned Silver Show Award, presented by Dan Wells.



Emily Wogan (right) received the Girls' Silver Show Award, presented by Joy Bauman.



Kacey Felumlee, Newark, received the Boys' Silver Show Award. Pictured are (from left) Kacey Felumlee, recipient; and Addison, Allen and Griffin Gahler, presenting.



Kacey Felumlee (right) received the Boys' Bred-and-Owned Silver Award presented by Kelvin Egner.



Kristina Scheurman, Warsaw, was crowned Miss Ohio Angus.

Right: Elected to serve as officers on the Ohio Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) McKayla Raines, Seaman, president; Keri Felumlee, Newark, vice president; Sarah Millikan, Napoleon, secretary; and Kristina Scheurman, treasurer.



attends Quincy High School and Branch Area Career Center and is a member of the NJAA and the Michigan Junior Angus Association, which she has served as director and royalty.

At the NJAS, Kavina participated in the CAB Cook-Off.

Carrie Otte, the 20-year-old daughter of Tom and Mary Otte, attends College of the Ozarks where she studies agricultural business and is a member of the NJAA and the

Missouri Junior Angus Association, which she has served as assistant secretary/newsletter, director and royalty.

At the NJAS, Carrie participated in livestock judging, quiz bowl and team marketing contests and the CAB Cook-Off. She served as a voting delegate in 2017. She was also a participant in the LEAD conference in 2012-2017.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle to the

Heartland Genetic Blend sale.

Blake Pillars, the 13-year-old son of Rodney and Lori Pillars, attends Martin Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the Michigan Junior Angus Association, which he has served as director and treasurer.

At the NJAS, Blake participated in the photography, livestock judging, team fitting, quiz bowl, and creative writing contests. He also participated

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in the CAB Cook-Off.

Claire Stevenson, the 16-year-old daughter of Darrell and Sara Stevenson, attends Hobson High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Montana Junior Angus Association, which she has served as director and royalty.

At the NJAS, Claire participated in the public speaking contest.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle to the Stevenson Angus F17 sale.

Charlotte Wood, the 11-year-old daughter of Robbie and Kathy Wood, attends McGees Crossroads Middle School and is a member of the NJAA and the North Carolina Junior Angus

Association. At the NJAS, Charlotte participated in livestock judging and team fitting. She is also involved with her local 4-H club.

Angus youth win Missouri Cattlemen scholarships, speaking contest

Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation awarded scholarships to 27 high school seniors and college students at the 50th Annual Missouri Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show, including **Sara Gholson**, Jackson, Mo.

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on excellent

communication, leadership and scholastic achievement, as well as involvement in their communities and the agricultural industry. Each selected student received a \$1,000 scholarship funded by Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation and its many supporters. Several were endowed scholarships that were established to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to Missouri's beef cattle industry.

Matthew Morgan, Lamar, Mo., earned second in the Missouri Cattle Industry FFA Public Speaking Contest after having won his district competition.

Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Feb. 14, Gonzales



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Selected as royalty for the Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n are (from left) Baylie Romero, Plaquemine, 2017 Louisiana Angus princess; Elizabeth Benoit, Addis, 2018 Louisiana Angus princess; Olivia Shepherd, Lake Charles, 2018 Miss Louisiana Angus; and Lily Gisclair, Longville, 2017 Miss Louisiana Angus.



Serving on the Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (sitting, from left) Kara LeBeouf, Deridder, president; Lily Gisclair, vice president; Lani LeBeouf, Deridder; second vice president; Olivia Shepherd, secretary; Austin Purpera, Plaquemine, historian; Baylie Romero, Plaquemine, shadow historian; directors (standing, from left) Mackenzie Triche and Emma Olsen, both of Saint Francisville; Emma Sarradet, Addis; Miranda Graves, Abita Springs; Payton Shepherd, Lake Charles; Luke Gisclair, Longville; Christian Corsentino, Denham Springs; and John Benoit III, Addis.



Selected as voting delegates for this year's NJAS in Madison, Wis., are (from left) Kara LeBeouf, first alternate; Lily Gisclair, delegate; Morgan Fruge, Jennings, delegate; and Olivia Shepherd, second alternate.



Austin Purpera (left) receives the Rookie of the Year award from Lana Myers, Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n advisor.



Honored with the Certificate of Achievement award are (from left) Christian Corsentino; Courtney Dietch, Louisiana Angus Auxiliary president, presenting; Lily Gisclair and Luke Gisclair.

Louisiana State University AgCenter Livestock Show Jr. Angus Show, Feb. 15, Gonzales



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Left: Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) Emma Lejeune, Elton; Jackson Baham, Loranger; and Madelyn Purpera, Plaquemine.



Right: Winning junior showmanship are (from left) Grant Delahoussaye, New Iberia, first; John Benoit III, Addis, second; Wyatt Olsen, Saint Francisville, third; Elise Meche, Morganza, fourth; and Luke Gisclair, Longville, fifth. Presenting is Olivia Shepherd, Miss Louisiana Angus.



Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) Ben Forbes, Zachary, first; Trey Delahoussaye, New Iberia, second; Saylor Baham, Loranger, third; Lani LeBeouf, Deridder, fourth; and Emma Olsen, Saint Francisville, fifth. Presenting is Elizabeth Benoit, Louisiana Angus princess.



Winning senior showmanship are (from left) Payton Shepherd, first, and Olivia Shepherd, second, both of Lake Charles; Kara LeBeouf, Deridder, third; Gracie Romero, Plaquemine, fourth; and Colt Dutruch, Covington, fifth. Presenting is Benoit.



Ben Forbes (center), Zachary, was the overall showmanship winner. Pictured presenting the award are Benoit (left) and Shepherd.

Young Angus breeders receive Henry C. Gardiner scholarships

Kansas State University (K-State) students and Angus youth Dean Klahr, Holton, Kan., and Cameron Hayden, Cassopolis, Mich., were recently awarded Henry C. Gardiner Scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year.

Henry C. Gardiner scholarship applicants complete applications and participate in a thorough interview process conducted by a panel of K-State faculty and industry leaders. Students selected are examples of the best and brightest animal science and industry undergraduates enrolled at K-State and already have relevant work history. Their academic standing, community service, work ethic and future goals are taken into consideration by the panel.

Dean Klahr, a young seedstock producer and former

National Junior Angus Association member, plans to continue his education to graduate school with a future goal of a post-

graduate degree in agricultural economics. Cameron Hayden is also a young producer and plans to pursue a graduate degree in beef cattle breeding and production.

Henry C. Gardiner Scholarships are awarded annually to rising junior or senior K-State animal science students meeting the criteria and exhibiting a passion to improve the beef industry. The scholarship is made possible through generous contributions of Gardiner customers, friends and family continuing the legacy of Henry Gardiner. Since inception, 22 undergraduate scholars

have received \$100,000 in scholarships.

— compiled by Katy Holdener, Angus Communications



Henry C. Gardiner Scholarships were awarded to the following K-State students for the 2018-2019 school year (from left) Cameron Hayden, Whitney Whitaker, Wyatt Durst and Dean Klahr.

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Young producers gather in Topeka for first session

Young cattlemen and women from across Kansas met in Topeka Feb. 12-13 for the first installment of the 2018 Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA). Merck Animal Health is again partnering with the association to host these members for an in-depth look into KLA and the beef industry. A series of four seminars will be hosted throughout the year in various locations in Kansas.

During this session, the 20 attendees learned about the array of member services provided by KLA, heard about the importance of being an advocate for the livestock industry, saw KLA lobbyists in action at the state capitol and took part in the KLA Legislative Meeting. In addition, YSA members attended a Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee meeting at the




Members of the 2018 YSA class are (back row, from left) Linden Stueve, Barrett Simon, Jared Seeley, Cole Gardiner, Bracey Lerner, Rusty Wiggs, Scott Jones, Ethan Horne, Justin Reeve, Ben Wheaton, (front row, from left) Laura Klenda, Rochelle Smart, Rossie Stephens, Gretchen Stroberg, Megan Ludwig, Megan Larson, Jill Carr, Marisa Rose, Jacquelyne Leffler and Katelyn Steffens.

capitol and participated in a financial planning seminar conducted by KCoe Isom.

As part of an interactive training session led by KLA staff, White City rancher and beef advocate Debbie Lyons-Blythe and WIBW-Topeka farm broadcaster Greg Akagi, the

group was given an overview of various media outlets available to help tell the beef production story. Lyons-Blythe shared how she has implemented advocacy into her daily routine through the use of her blog, "Kids, Cows and Grass."

Members of the 2018 YSA class are Jill Carr, Dwight; Cole Gardiner, Ashland; Ethan Horne, Marquette; Scott Jones, Melvern; Laura Klenda, Marion; Megan Larson, Olsburg; Jacquelyne Leffler, Americus; Bracey Lerner, Manhattan; Megan Ludwig, Pratt; Justin Reeve, Garden City; Marisa Rose, Russell; Jared Seeley, Eureka; Barrett Simon, Beloit; Rochelle Smart, Iola; Katelyn Steffens, Dighton; Rossie Stephens, Grinnell; Gretchen Stroberg, Hutchinson; Linden Stueve, Olpe; Ben Wheaton, Lewis; and Rusty Wiggs, Topeka.

The second session for the YSA class will be hosted in May. Members will have the opportunity to learn more about the agribusiness and retail beef industries. More information about YSA can be found at www.kla.org. 

Important dates and deadlines

APRIL 2018

- 12-15** Western Regional, Reno, Nev.
- 19-22** Raising the Bar, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 15** Ownership & entry deadline for the Atlantic National Jr. Show

MAY 2018

- 1** Deadline for Gold Award applications
- 1** Outstanding Leadership Award applications due
- 1** Ownership & entry deadline for All-American Angus Breeder's Futurity
- 1** Ownership & entry deadline for Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show
- 1** Ownership & entry deadline for Northwest Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show
- 1** CAB/NJAA scholarship applications due
- 1** Angus Foundation scholarship applications due
- 15** Ownership & early entry deadline for National Junior Angus Show
- 15** Entry deadline for NJAA Creative Writing, NJAA/Angus Journal Photography, and NJAA Graphic Design Contests
- 15** Entry & recipe deadline for All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off

Certificates of Achievement

The American Angus Auxiliary has awarded the 2017 Certificates of Achievement to qualifying junior members. The Certificate of Achievement is issued for outstanding achievements at national, state and district (tri-county) levels. County-level achievements are not eligible. In a given year, a qualifying junior Angus member will receive one certificate in recognition of their achievement record as reported during the fiscal year (from Oct. 1 of the previous year to Sept. 30 of the current year). Achievements that qualify include champion or reserve champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all competitions recognized by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time.

COLORADO

Molly Cooksey
Kutter Fornstrom
Tally Harthun
Taylin Harthun
Madalyn Rohr
Maquire Rohr
Alex Vieselmeyer

IDAHO

Kassidy Moore

INDIANA

Izabella Bear
Bryce Hofing
Rosalind Kidwell
Kallie Knott
Hunter Royer
Sophia Royer

IOWA

Cassidy Becker
Kassidy Bremer
Grady Claussen
Garrett Coffland
Abby Collison
Catie Collison
Madison Collison
Brooklyn Curtin
Tanner Curtin
Julia Deppe
Andy Driscoll
Erica Driscoll
Erin Driscoll
Taylor Duckett
Katelyn Holmes
Cale Jensen
Jordan Johnson
Olivia Johnson
Tim Mardesen

Ryland McCormick

Jude Moser
Korey Moser
Lucas Moser
Hannah Rogers
Landon Siek
Sara Sullivan
Emma Troyer
Maddy Udell

Rowdi Van Zee

Courtney Younge

KANSAS

Nicholas Siemens

LOUISIANA

Christian Corsentino
Lily Gisclair
Luke Gisclair
Emma Olsen
Wyatt Olsen

MICHIGAN

Kylie Bates
Hunter Brown
Jaycie Brown
Mike Brown
John (Jack) Reid
Kavina Johnson
Amanda Kosal
Kristopher Kosal
Matthew MacMaster
Lindsey Mogg
Austin Pillars
Blake Pillars
Sterling Reichenbach
Maggie Reid
Brady Zellmer
Paige Zellmer
Thea Zellmer

MINNESOTA

David Hassing

MISSOURI

Josey Meier
Lauren Parks
Paighton Witt

MONTANA

Madelynn Albin
Avery Bates
Trista Bates
Bayley Becker
Beau Bromenshenk
Garrett Bromenshenk
T.J. Brown
Wes Brown
Conner Cook
Jake Cook
Parker Cook
Jager Flesch
Preslee Flesch
Kade Friede
Morgan Friede
Kyle Frye
Leighton Green
Rilee Green
Ryan Green
Jordan Grindheim
Levi Kramer
Abby Leachman
Wade Leachman
Isabelle Lowry
Bentley McCullough
Jonna McCullough
Grace Mosher
Josey Motichka
Claire Murnin
Kane Olson
Abigail Stevenson

Carson Stevenson

Claire Stevenson
Faith Stevenson
Nicole Stevenson
Rachael Stevenson
Tanner Vanek
Kristen Vincent
Jordyn Wagner

NEBRASKA

Colton Hewgley
Kloee Hewgley
Dakota Lovett
Montana Lovett
Kasey Meyer
Kyra Meyer
Nicole Nichols
Savannah Schafer
Reagan Skow
Rachel Smith
Wyatt Smith

NORTH CAROLINA

Lynae Bowman
J. Caleb Heath
Cara Smith
Thomas Smith

NORTH DAKOTA

Andrea Arnold
Jacob Arnold
Rylee Erdmann

OHIO

Lydia Dance
Kacey Felumlee
Keri Felumlee
Hannah Millikan
Sarah Millikan

PENNSYLVANIA

Michael Butz
Grant Fitzgerald
Conner Grim
Samuel Parr
Daniel Rohrbaugh
Carrie Rutledge
James Voight
Elizabeth Voight
F. Hayden Weaver
Madison Weaver

SOUTH DAKOTA

Madison Styles
Sawyer Styles

TEXAS

Colter Pohlman
Cutter Pohlman

VIRGINIA

Ryan Borer
Jenna Hamilton