

# PICTURE YOURSELF aWINNER

Annual contest spotlights NAAn members' photography skills and creativity



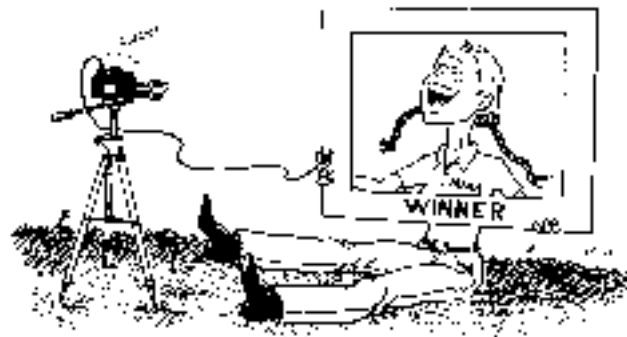
Winners in the junior division landscape category are (from left) **Ethan Holly**, Decatur, Ark., first; **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., second; and **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind., third.



Winners in the junior division animal category are (from left) **Beth Hooker**, Luther, Mont., first; **Katrina Dubs**, Billings, Mont., second; and **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, Wis., third.



Winners in the junior division people category are (from left) **Chase Kliewer**, Henderson, Neb., first; **Kerri McMahon**, Central City, Ark., second; and **Annie Miller**, Muscotah, Kan., third.



**J**unior Angus members entered a total of 192 photographs in the 2000 NJAA/*Angus Journal* photo contest. This year, the contest rules were amended to include three new categories in each age division: animals, landscapes and people. The photos were evaluated on creativity, composition and technical quality.

Additionally, each photo must carry a general Angus theme.

Serving as judges were Richard "Dick" Spader, executive vice president for the American Angus Association; Susan Waters, director of public relations for the Association; and Jerilyn Johnson, editor of *Beef Today*.

Overall winners within each age division follow.

## Junior division

"Bring Us Another Calf"

Chase Kliewer, Henderson, Neb.

## Intermediate division

"Crushin' in the Sun"

Joey Greenberg, Napa, Calif.

## Senior division

"Amber Waves of Hay"

Abby Janssen, Bloomfield, Iowa

The contest was sponsored by the *Angus Journal*.



Winners in the intermediate division landscape category are (from left) **Chelsea Frost**, Tallula, Ill., second; and **Donika Knop**, Ida Grove, Iowa, third.



Winners in the senior division landscape category are (from left) **Lana Myers**, Jennings, La., first; and **Craig Jentz**, Fennimore, Wis., second.



Winners in the intermediate division animal category are (from left) **Joanna Olson**, Hereford, Texas, first; **Chelsea Frost**, Tallula, Ill., second; and **Cody Knop**, Ida Grove, Iowa, third.



Winners in the senior division animal category are (from left) **Deborah Furtado**, Turlock, Calif., first; **Jennifer Scharpe**, Arlington, Minn., second; and **Brian Howell**, Union City, Ind., third.



Winners in the intermediate division people category are (from left) **Joey Greenberg**, Napa, Calif., first; and **Cody Knop**, Ida Grove, Iowa, third.



Winners in the senior division people category are (from left) **Brian Howell**, Union City, Ind., first; and **Jessica Maxwell**, Ponder, Texas, second.

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JUNIOR DIVISION (AGES 9-13)



People Category

**1st — Chase Kliever, Henderson, Neb.**

**1st overall, junior division**

Title: Bring Us Another Calf!

Judges' comments: "It is evident the photographer worked hard to get this shot, and got close and low, which makes a better picture. Photo could have been improved if the cowboys' faces were shown more. A good 'get into the middle of the action' photograph."

**2nd — Kerri McMahon, Central City, Ark.**

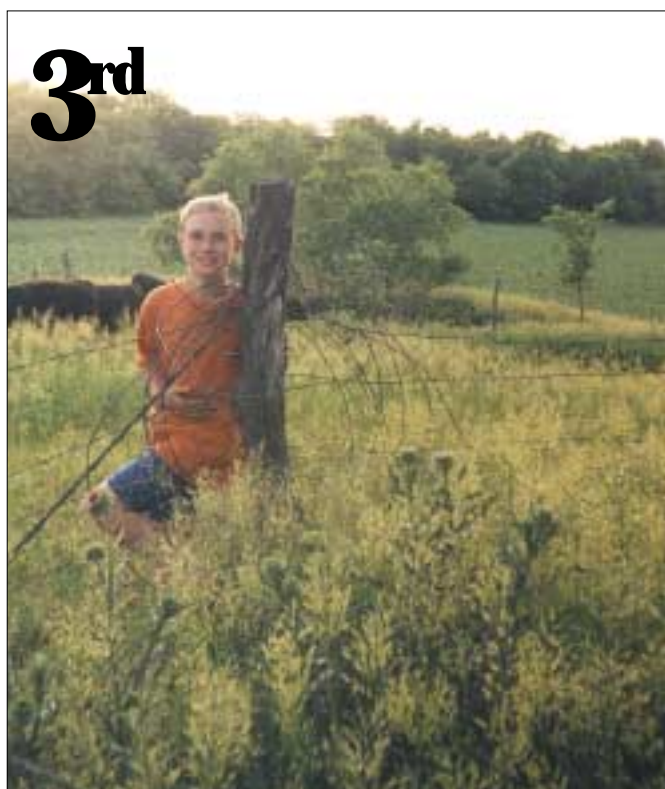
Title: Free Cow Wash

Judges' comments: "A fun, colorful photo. The photographer caught this young girl's charm and wash-rack chore-time fun. Good cropping."

**3rd — Annie Miller, Muscotah, Kan.**

Title: Black Acres Is the Place to Be!

Judges' comments: "A nice, serene portrait of a young Angus breeder. The texture and soft colors work well together. It could have been improved by getting the subject to relax more and by coming in a little closer."





**Animals Category**

**1st — Beth Hooker, Luther, Mont.**

Title: Aspen Meadow

Judges' comments: "A nice, creative angle with strong depth of field. The springtime colors and texture of trees add to the picture."

**2nd — Katrina Dubs, Billings, Mont.**

Title: You May Look Different, But You Smell the Same!

Judges' comments: "A fun 'catch-the-moment' photo that portrays the whimsical side of cattle behavior. Good caption!"

**3rd — Courtney Jentz, Fennimore, Wis.**

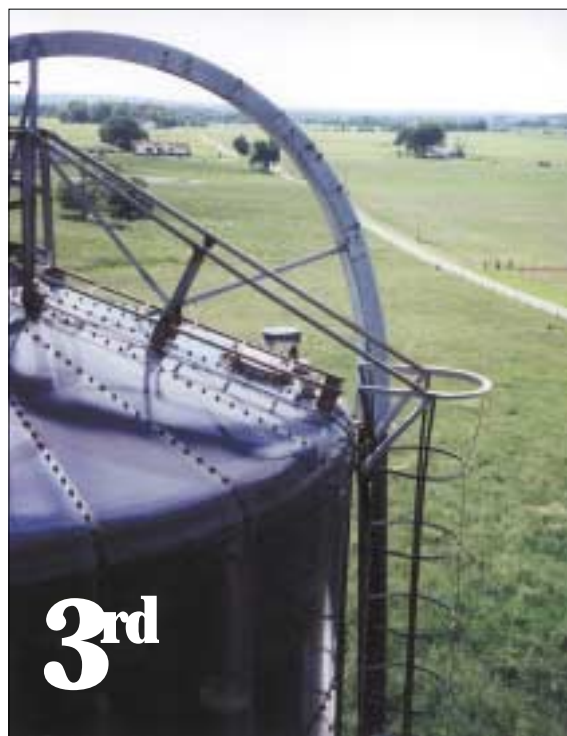
Title: Sweet Petunias

Judges' comments: "This close-up brings to life a calf's curiosity. It has nice colors and sharpness. Please avoid setting up shots (using the hidden milk bottle). Try to capture the natural moments."

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#### Landscape Category

**1st — Ethan Holly, Decatur, Ark.**

Title: This Old Barn

Judges' comments: "The photographer effectively caught the rustic charm of this old barn. It could have been improved by trying a different angle."

**2nd — Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo.**

Title: Western Nights

Judges' comments: "A nice, scenic sunset depicting the Colorado range. It could have been improved with sharper focus. Perhaps use a tripod or fence post to hold the camera steady in this low light."

**3rd — Kara Wilson, Orleans, Ind.**

Title: Soaring to Great Heights

Judges' comments: "A daring, creative shot of a farmstead. Nice cropping and angle."



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People Category

**1st — Joey Greenberg, Napa, Calif.**

**1st overall, intermediate division**

Title: Crushin' in the Sun

Judges' comments: "The lighting is what sets this photo apart from the rest. The angle and subject matter are both creative and well-deserving of the top prize. What a nice silhouette image!"

**2nd — Megan Drieling, Scott City, Kan.**

Title: Harvest Time

Judges' comments: "Even though this is a posed portrait, the background on this photo creates texture that makes you feel like you're standing in the field. The golden wheat and blue overalls give the image nice contrasting color. Waiting to take this shot later in the day would have given the photographer a softer, more natural light."

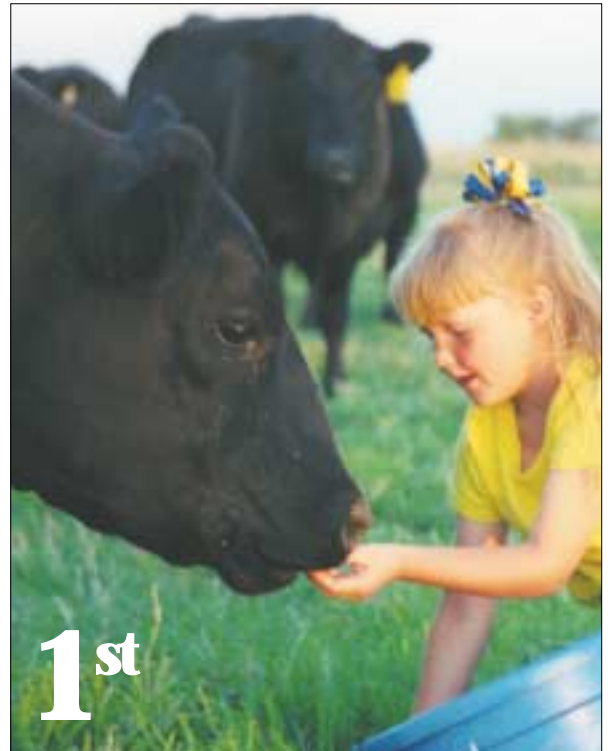
**3rd — Cody Knop, Ida Grove, Iowa**

Title: The Round Up

Judges' comments: "The reader is really drawn into the distant subject (horses and riders) in this sea of green. The sharpness and quality of this photo are very good. Softer early morning or evening light would have increased the contrast and richness of the colors in this image."



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**Animal Category**

**1st — Joanna Olson, Hereford, Texas**

Title: Finger Lickin' Good

Judges' comments: "Good use of color and light. Captures a special moment between a girl and her Angus cow or heifer. More light could be shown (flash or sunlight) on the cow's neck and head to accentuate highlights. Nice, strong close-up."

**2nd — Chelsea Frost, Tallula Ill.**

Title: My Most Precious Jewel!

Judges' comments: "Sharp focus and strong, dominant subject. The dog's eyes looking directly at the camera make the moment. Good use of three parts of a photo. Overall, good job!"

**3rd — Cody Knop, Ida Grove, Iowa**

Title: Family Reunion

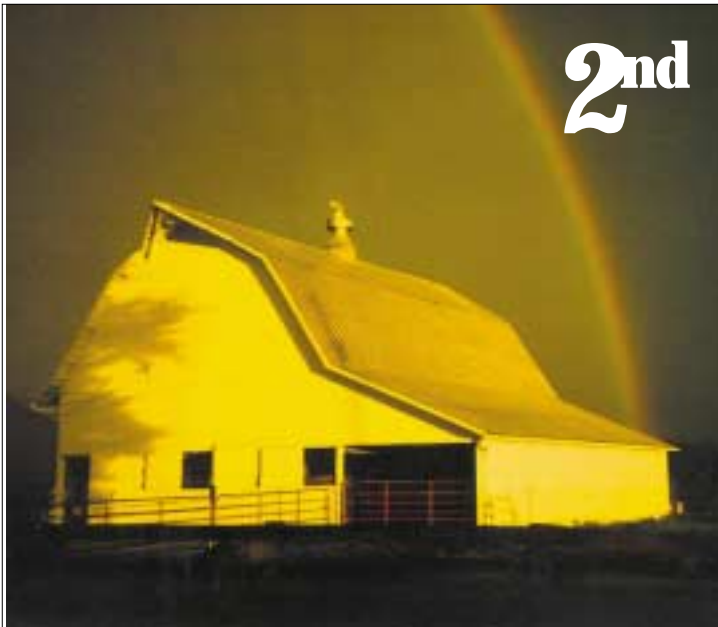
Judges' comments: "Nice use of Angus cattle in a natural setting. Needs to have dominant object. Try closer shot of one cow. Waiting for the forward three cows to look at the camera made the moment a winner. Nice job!"



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**Landscape Category**

**1<sup>st</sup> — Abby Janssen, Bloomfield, Iowa**

Title: Amber Waves of Hay

Judges' comments: "A strong photo of a windswept round bale on a Midwestern farm. The light and texture add a lot of interest."

**2<sup>nd</sup> — Chelsea Frost, Tallula, Ill.**

Title: After the Storm

Judges' comments: "A dramatic photo with strong colors. Nice angle. Another case of being there at the right time with your camera."

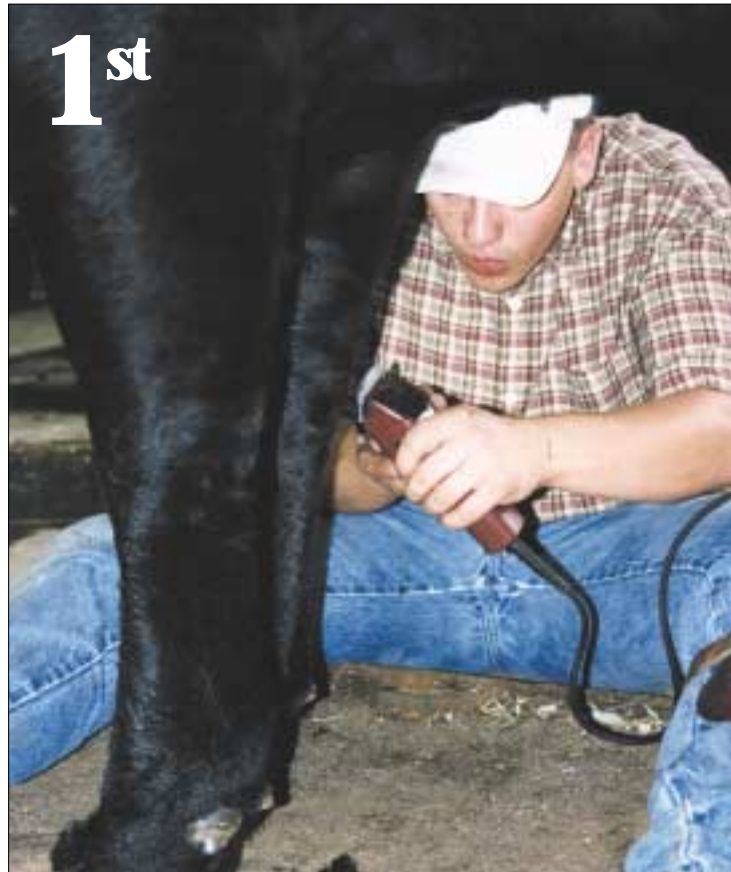
**3<sup>rd</sup> — Donika Knop, Ida Grove, Iowa**

Title: Misty Dawn

Judges' comments: "A moody, stark landscape scene done well."

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People Category

**1st — Brian Howell, Union City, Ind.**

**1st overall, senior division**

Title: Finding a Diamond in the Rough  
Judges' comments: "Good, sharp photo. You caught that 'intense' moment of cattle grooming. Great job of getting in tight."

**2nd — Jessica Maxwell, Ponder, Texas**

Title: Texas Black & Blue  
Judges' comments: "A nice photo with springtime colors and charm. It catches a special moment between a boy and his heifer. It could have been improved with less intense light. In order to have less intense light, try to take photos during the soft morning or evening light."





**Animal Category**

**1st — Deborah Furtado, Turlock, Calif.**

Untitled

Judges' comments: "Sharp close-up of calf, cropped and framed well. Good focus and nice side lighting."

**2nd — Jennifer Scharpe, Arlington, Minn.**

Title: Peek-A-Boo, I See You!

Judges' comments: "Nice, creative shot with good, angular lens. Good job of getting in close and framing the picture. Request to have processor clean negative before printing."

**3rd — Brian Howell, Union City, Ind.**

Title: Perky in the Morning

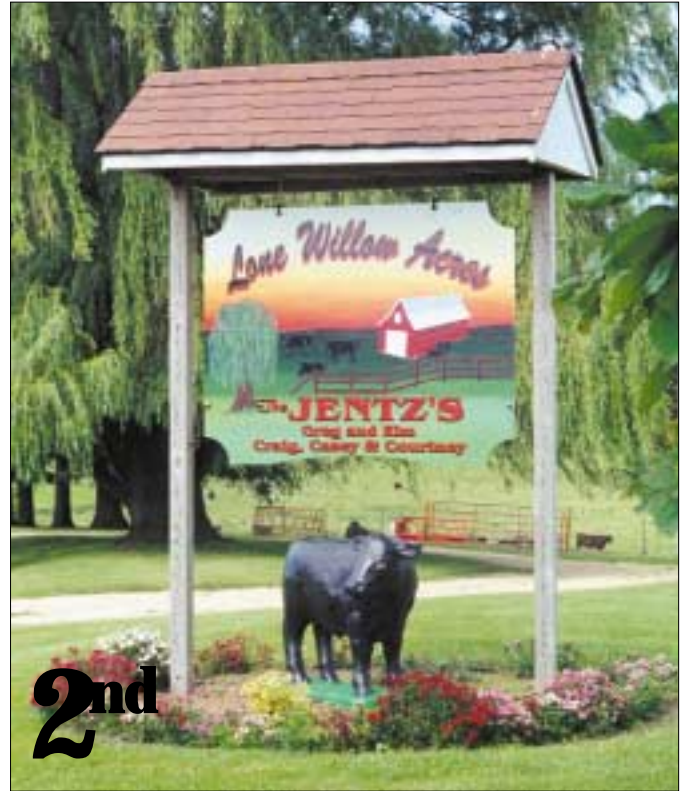
Judges' comments: "Great job of catching that 'typical' Angus shot. Photo has good lighting and cropping."



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**Landscape Category**

**1st — Lana Myers, Jennings, La.**

Title: Resting Perch

Judges' comments: "A good 'caught-in-the-moment' photo that combines nature and agriculture's relationship well. It could have been improved by coming in close with a long lens."

**2nd — Craig Jentz, Fennimore, Wis.**

Title: No Place Like Home

Judges' comments: "A nice, technically correct photo with vivid colors. It could have been improved by using a different angle."

**3rd — Morgan Hill, Moorefield, W.Va.**

Title: Reflections

Judges' comments: "A very nice scene with interesting subjects, but was placed down because of technical qualities (out of focus)."

