

# At the Halter

Forty-seven juniors compete for showmanship title.

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► Setting her heifer's feet, Morgan Woodward, Gallipolis, Ohio, competes in the showmanship finals. All 15 finalists received a set of Oster® clippers and blades.



► Regional managers John Dickinson (left) and Jerry Cassady (center) help a showmanship participant draw for the preliminary round in which he will compete. Four rounds were held, and 15 finalists advanced to the finals on Saturday.



► Heather Kalino (left), Elk Grove, Calif.; Brian Finnestad (center), Rochelle, Ill.; and Chad Ward, Eldorado, Ohio, served as judges for the national showmanship competition. Finnestad and Ward both competed in the contest when it was last held in Milwaukee, Wis.

**B**rittania Carlson, Cherokee, Iowa, showed her way to the top during the 36th National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, July 12-13, in Milwaukee, Wis. A total of 47 contestants from 29 states competed for honors during the contest that was held in conjunction with the 2002 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

In addition to the coveted title, Carlson received the traditional \$350 from the Hamilton James Memorial Fund and the Dean Hurlbut Award presented by the American Angus Auxiliary. The Jake White family also presented Carlson with a handmade trophy buckle in his memory.

Kara Claeys, Chalmers, Ind., claimed second-place honors and \$250. Karl Holshouser, Gold Hill, N.C., was named the third-place showman. He received \$175.

Morgan Woodward, Gallipolis, Ohio, won fourth place and \$125. Dusty DeRycke, Prophetstown, Ill., finished in fifth place and received \$100.

The cash prizes awarded to the top five showmen are provided on behalf of the Hamilton James Memorial Fund, established in memory of Angus enthusiast and auctioneer "Ham" James. The American Angus Auxiliary presented each of the top five contestants with a

silver Revere bowl.

The showmanship contestants must qualify at the state level before they can advance to the national competition. Only two contestants per state are allowed to compete. The young exhibitors are evaluated on their skills in handling the animal, their ability to follow instructions, use of equipment, courtesy, sportsmanship and general appearance. The

contestants do not show their own animals, but draw for animals owned by other exhibitors at the show.

The judges for the event were Heather Kalino, Elk Grove, Calif.; Brian Finnestad, Rochelle, Ill.; and Chad Ward, Eldorado, Ohio.

The contestants competed in four preliminary rounds before the 15 finalists were named.

Rounding out the top 15 were Craig Moffitt, Colfax, Iowa; Rebecca Sayre, Port Costa, Calif.; Mercedes Danekas, Wilton, Calif.; Katelyn Scharpe, Arlington, Minn.; Jamie Hower, Bethlehem, Pa.; Lacey Gorby, Alma, W.Va.; Genna Frenzen, Fullerton, Neb.; Megan Theis, Leavenworth, Kan.; Cassie Reed, Appomattox, Va.; and Kellie Hollman, Hallam, Neb.

All finalists received a set of clippers from Oster® Professional Products.

