

Photo Contest Results

by Jen Biser

There were 433 photographs from 175 junior members entered in the 2005 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA)/*Angus Journal* Photo Contest. Photo judging was based on the photographers' creativity and knowledge of visual composition. From numerous photos of Angus cattle and the people who raise them, the juniors captured the moment in the many different landscapes at farms, ranches and Angus events around the country.

This year's judges were Marilyn Emory Brink, owner of Kanwaka Communications and editor of *Braunvieh World*; Cheryl Oxley, Angus Productions Inc. (API) advertising/production manager; and Crystal Albers, API associate editor.

Some helpful tips were offered by the judges to aid juniors in improving their photography skills. It is understood that digital photography is becoming more and more popular. However, there are many different qualities of digital cameras that produce many different qualities of photos. One tip to remember is not all photos are going to look as good enlarged to an 8×10-inch (in.) picture as they do in a standard 4×6-in. size. A digital camera's photo quality is based on the number of megapixels per square in. (sq. in.). The larger the number of "megs" the camera offers, the better the picture will look at larger sizes. Photos that are of poorer quality will appear grainy or blurry, which detracts from the quality of composition and content.

Perhaps one of the more basic suggestions is how photos are mounted and presented. The contest rules state that photos are to be 8×10-in. prints, *mounted and centered* on 11×14-in. *foam core board* at least ¼-in. thick.

Judges also noted that junior members should remove the date stamp by turning off the date option on their cameras. Be sure that no name or other identification appears on the front of the photograph, but that entry forms are clear and legible with names and member codes.

It is very important not to alter photographs, as stated in the rules. Any obvious or questionable alterations in photographs will result in automatic disqualification.

Making their way into the magazine

Photos entered in the contest are taken from some of the most scenic places across the country. They capture Angus living at its best, offering viewers the opportunity to explore the wide world of Angus. The pictures garnering top placings are shown through the next few pages of colorful imagery. Many times, photos from Angus youth are worthy of use on the cover of the

Angus Journal or worthy of placement with a story within the pages of editorial.



Ricka Boehmer, Williamston, Mich.,
A Cowboy's Quiet Moment



► Photo contest entries were displayed throughout the week during the 2005 NJAS.

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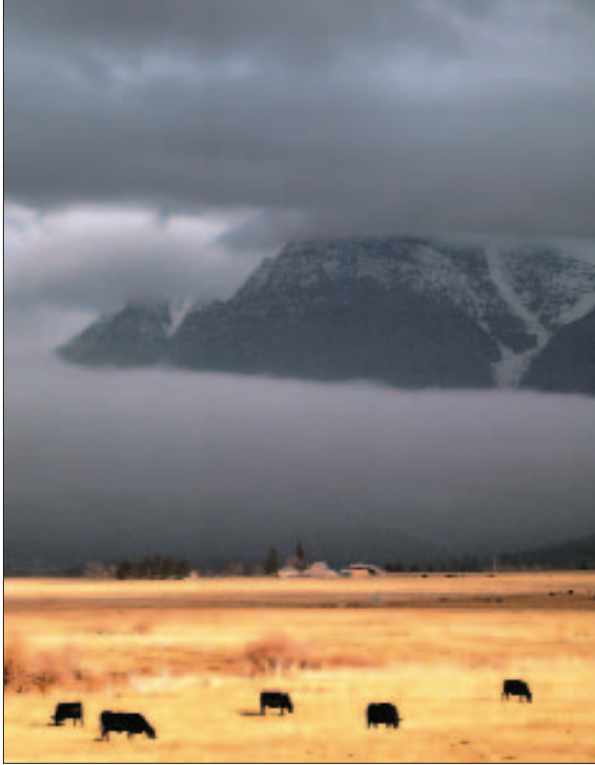
ANGUS CATTLE CATEGORY

Category winner – Kyla Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont., *Storm Clouds A' Brewin'*

Junior Division (9-13 years)



Kyla Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.
Storm Clouds A' Brewin'



Adam Murray, Leesburg, Va.
Biz Baby



Weston Geppert, Mitchell, S.D.
A View From The Top



Katarina Rieker, Columbus, Ind.
I Was Framed



Jacob Heimsoth, Lathrop, Mo.
Snow Cows



Kathryn Coon, Bethel, Mo.
The Road To Greener Pastures



Zachary Peterson, Kent, Iowa
Friends

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ANGUS CATTLE CATEGORY *continued*

Intermediate Division (14-17 years)



Callie Smith, Lebanon, Tenn.
King Of The World



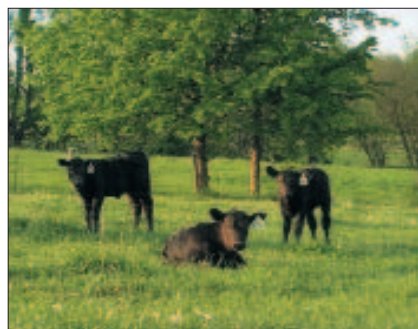
Britney Creamer, Montrose, Colo.
Sweet Lovin'



Emelia Heimsoth, Lathrop, Mo.
How Is It On Your Side?



Ashley Kuehn, Durant, Iowa
Peek-A-Boo



Emily Murray, Leesburg, Va.
Spring Babies



Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio
The 2004 Ice-Cow-Pades



Senior Division (18-21 years)



Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan.
Should I Smile?



“My favorite contest is photography, because we go around and take pictures from around the farm during the winter after a big snowstorm and seeing all the calves in the spring.”

— Katrina Frey, 15, Quarryville, Pa.



Ashley Gillig, Aurora, Mo.
Through The Grass



Jennifer Hower, Bethlehem, Pa.
Mmm Mmm Good!

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PEOPLE CATEGORY

Category winner — Ricka Boehmer, Williamston, Mich., *A Cowboy's Quiet Moment*

Junior Division (9-13 years)



Meghan Blythe, White City, Kan.
Li'l Cowgirl



Allison Blythe, White City, Kan.
Big-O



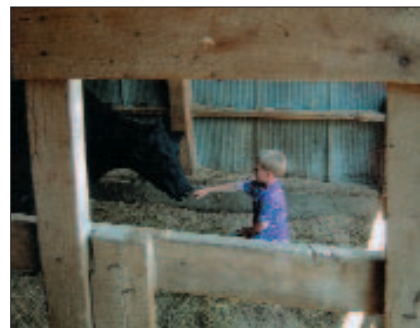
Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark.
Ready To Show!



Sierra Meyers, Madera, Calif.
The Right One



Rene Roussel, Gramercy, La.
Ride Into The Sunset



Katarina Rieker, Columbus, Ind.
A Boy's Best Friend



Intermediate Division (14-17 years)



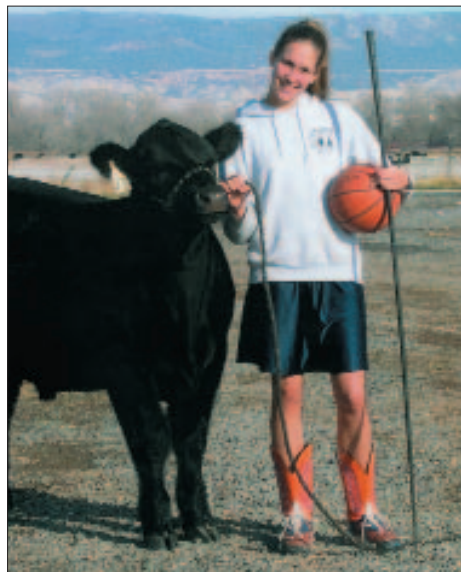
Allyson McGuire, Fort Smith, Ark.
Waiting My Turn



Emelia Heimsoth, Lathrop, Mo.
Gone Fishin'



Emily Murray, Leesburg, Va.
Show Day Cow Counseling



Brandon Creamer, Montrose, Colo.
Steer Jock

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Senior Division (18-21 years)



Ricka Boehmer, Williamston, Mich.
A Cowboy's Quiet Moment



Kelly Penner, Mill Creek, Okla.
A Watchful Eye



Clayton Lampe, Scott City, Kan.
Friends



Jaci Jagers, Sulphur Bluff, Texas
Reflecting On Better Times



Chelsea Frost, Tallula, Ill.
Showbox Cowboy

LANDSCAPE CATEGORY

Category winner – Adam Murray, Leesburg, Va., *Solitude*

Junior Division (9-13 years)



Adam Murray, Leesburg, Va.
Solitude



Kyla Olson, Saint Ignatius, Mont.
Backyard Delights



Baron Rieker, Columbus, Ind.
A Moment In Time



Rene Roussel, Gramercy, La.
Country Road

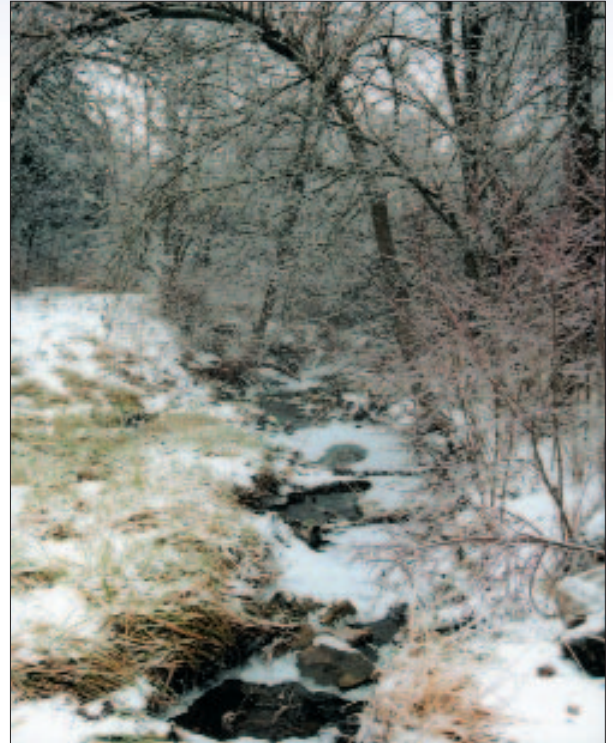
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LANDSCAPE CATEGORY *continued*

Intermediate Division (14-17 years)



Ashley Kuehn, Durant, Iowa
And They Say Hedge Posts Last Forever



David Lundgren Jr., Ottawa, Kan.
Ice Is Pretty — If You Don't Have To Break It



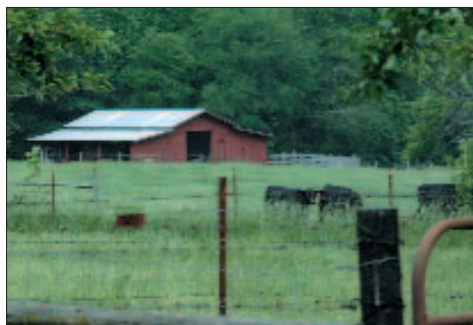
Logan Deitrick, Zanesville, Ohio
Rainbows End



Haley Rieff, Bentonville, Ark.
Taking One Day At A Time



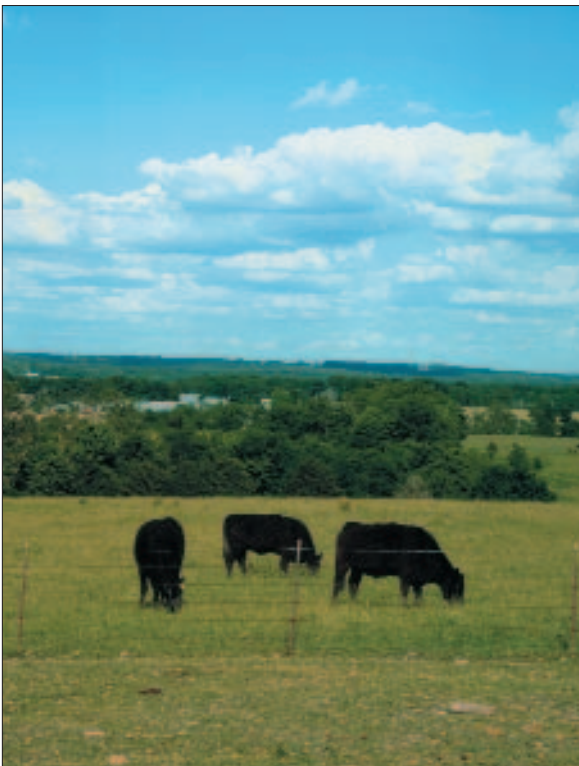
Kathleen Gazda, Athens, Ga.,
The Old Red Barn



Senior Division (18-21 years)



Jennifer Hower, Bethlehem, Pa.
As The Clouds Roll In



Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo.
Nothing But Blue Skies

“I try to participate as much as I can at the NJAS, but I enjoy doing what I like with showing my cattle, the Cook-off and photography; I feel I get more out of it that way.”

— Chelsea Wieben, 21, Waterford, Va.



Patrick Smith, Purcellville, Va.
Cow's Life In God's Country



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AROUND THE FARM OR RANCH CATEGORY

Category winner — Joy Powers, Moneta, Va., *Country Alarm Clock*

Junior Division (9-13 years)



Joy Powers, Moneta, Va.
Country Alarm Clock



HM
Cortney Bromenshenk,
Billings, Mont.
Boys Will Be Boys



Allison Blythe,
White City, Kan.
Native Grass Sunset





3rd place
Jentry Jiggers, Sulphur Bluff, Texas
Hidden Treasure



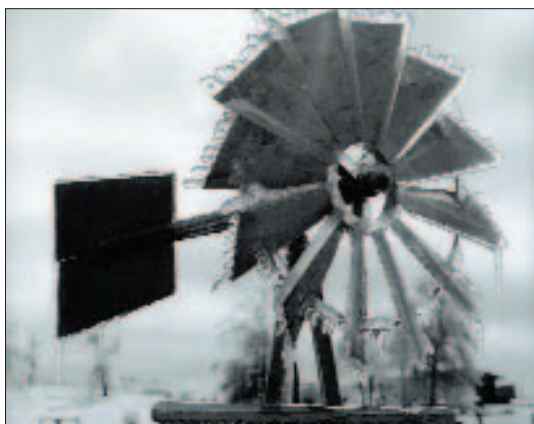
HM
Lexi Messenger, Hebron, Ohio
King Of The Hay!



HM
Robbie Parker, Idalia, Colo.
The Old Barn



Clay McGuire, Waverly, Ala.
We Halter Break!



HM
Jacob Heimsoth, Lathrop, Mo.
Frozen In Time

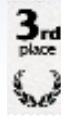
“The NJAA and NJAS are fun because I get to do things that other kids don’t, like travel across the country to all of the shows.”
—Emily Velisek, 11, Gaithersburg, Md.

AROUND THE FARM OR RANCH CATEGORY *continued*

Intermediate Division (14-17 years)



Jara Settles, Hoskins, Neb.
It's My Brush Now



Ashley Kuehn, Durant, Iowa
The Good Old Days



Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan.
Brr ... It's Cold Outside



Megan Fink, Manhattan, Kan.
Taking A Nap



Dereck Washam, Pierce City, Mo.
Checkin' Cows

Senior Division (18-21 years)



Ricka Boehmer, Williamston, Mich.
In The Morning Light



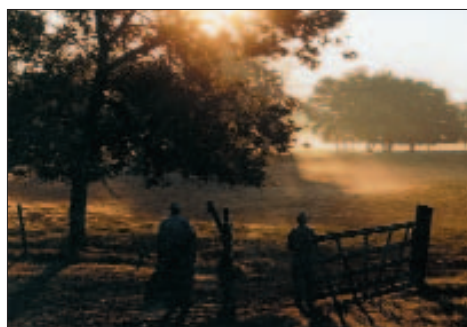
Clayton Lampe, Scott City, Kan.
Yucca — Beauty Or Nuisance?



Hope Herd, Fair Grove, Mo.
Wheat As Far As The Eye Can See



Reed Parker, Idalia, Colo.
Windmill At Sunset



Kelly Penner, Mill Creek, Okla.
Mill Creek Morning

