

At the Backdrop

Juniors compete for multitude of honors.

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The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) provides a variety of educational contests and programs for members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Members grow in their skills and broaden their experiences by competing in contests and meeting other juniors from across the country.

This year, more than 664 juniors from 34 states traveled to Indianapolis, Ind., to participate in the 2006 NJAS. Those who excelled in the various contests and who were otherwise recognized for their NJAA involvement and leadership are announced in this section and with the feature coverage of the NJAS in this issue.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS



► Above: Winning the sweepstakes award for 29 head of cattle or less is the **Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n**.

► Below: Winning the sweepstakes award for 30 head of cattle or more is the **Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n**.



OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP



► Winning the Outstanding Leadership Award is **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis. Renee Thelen, NJAA leadership director, presents the award, which was instituted in 1994 in memory of Barbara Smalstig and her support of the NJAA to recognize outstanding leadership among NJAA members.

CRYSTAL AWARDS



►Winning the girls' Crystal Award from the American Angus Auxiliary is **Jara Settles** (right), Hoskins, Neb. Cathy Watkins presents the award.



►Winning the boys' Crystal Award from the American Angus Auxiliary is **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in the educational contests at the NJAS.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



►Winning the first-ever Woodlawn Farms Scholarship is **Garrett Lampe** (center), Scott City, Kan. Joan and Blanford Pierce present the award. Last November in Louisville, Ky., the Pierces generously donated \$25,000 to establish the scholarship fund in the Angus Foundation. Interest revenue generated by the endowment will fund scholarships on an annual basis.



►Winning the Joseph & Ruby Schaff/Schaffs Angus Ranch Scholarship is **Lynsey Frey** (center), Granville, N.D. Ruby and Joseph Schaff present the award. The Schaffs established the scholarship this past year with a \$10,000 permanent endowment to the Angus Foundation. Interest revenue generated by the endowment will fund scholarships on an annual basis.



►Winning the Certified Angus Beef, LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship is **Kara Wilson** (left), Orleans, Ind. Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, is pictured making the presentation. This \$1,000 scholarship first given in 1990 is presented annually to a student pursuing college coursework in animal sciences, meat sciences, food sciences, agricultural communications or a related field of study.

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CRYSTAL AWARD

The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors the Janet Castle Crystal Award to promote and encourage participation in educational events. These contests allow all juniors, even those who might not show cattle, to participate in the NJAS. Points are earned for placing and participation in the following contests: photography, poster, graphic design, extemporaneous and public speaking, team sales, creative writing, quiz bowl, and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. Two awards are presented, one to the high-point boy and one to the high-point girl.



►Juniors bring their folding chairs to the Pepsi Coliseum for Friday evening's Award Ceremony.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Through generous endowments to the Angus Foundation, Angus enthusiasts have created scholarships that, for years to come, will empower NJAA members to attend college and pursue studies in their respective career fields.



►One by one, juniors approach the podium to be recognized for accomplishments and collect awards.

▣ GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS



► Winning \$3,000 Angus Foundation scholarships are (from left) **Lauren Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa; Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president; **Tracee Veenstra**, Springfield, Minn.; **Keela Retallick**, Glen Haven, Wis.; **Holly Bellis**, Orrick, Mo.; **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan.; **Bridget Driscoll**, Williamsburg, Iowa; **Zach Kinne**, Eagleville, Mo.; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark.; **Joshua Jackson**, Salvisa, Ky.; **Ashley Gillig**, Aurora, Mo.; **Kyle Grim**, East Berlin, Pa.; **Chelsea Moffitt**, Kirksville, Mo.; **Drew Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa; **Brittany Gillig**, Aurora, Mo.; **Samantha Harl**, Hastings, Neb.; Paul Hill, Angus Foundation Board chairman; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, Mich.; and **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind. Not pictured are **Katrina Dubs**, Billings, Mont.; **Kari Gillespie**, Kevin, Mont.; and **Zane Gray**, Toledo, Iowa.

▣ PUBLIC SPEAKING



► Winning the junior division is **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan.



► Placing second in the junior division is **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan.



► Placing third in the junior division is **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, Tenn.



► Winning the intermediate division, 14-15-year-olds, are (from left) **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, first; **Taylor McQueen**, Gilmer, Texas, second; and **Justin Strate**, Enid, Okla., third.

▣ EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth, Kan., second; and **William Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, third. Not pictured is **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., first.



► Winning the intermediate division, 14-15-year-olds, are (from left) **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster, Ohio, first; **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., second; and **Allison Jones**, Manhattan, Kan., third.



► Winning the intermediate division, 16-17-year-olds, are (from left) **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan., first; **Tucker Stewart**, Washington, Kan., second; and **Nicole Jorgensen**, Culver, Ore., third.

►Left: Winning \$1,000 Angus Foundation scholarships are (front row, from left) **Allyson McGuire**, Fort Smith, Ark.; **Dana May**, Mineral Point, Wis.; **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan.; **Sarah Holland**, Imboden, Ark.; **Lynsey Frey**, Granville, N.D.; **Christina Egner**, Shelby, Ohio; **Ashlee Dutoi**, Bremen, Ind.; **Ann Blumer**, Chesnee, S.C.; **Rachael Vaassen**, Ann Arbor, Mich.; **Ashley Wagner**, Genoa, Neb.; and **Kara Walsler**, Minnesota Lake, Minn.; (back row, from left) **Jennifer Ringwelski**, Marengo, Ill.; **William Mayfield**, Pulaski, Tenn.; **Mandy Jacobs**, Billings, Mont.; **Justin Jackson**, Salvisa, Ky.; **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, Colo.; **Amanda Chumley**, Stamping Ground, Ky.; **Evan Boehmer**, Charlotte, Mich.; **Melissa Miller**, Brandon, Fla.; and **Emily Murray**, Leesburg, Va. Not pictured are **Mandy Barnes**, Bartow, Fla.; **Mandy Gimbel**, Ree Heights, S.D.; **Brianna Gray**, Toledo, Iowa; **Katherine McKinnis**, Watertown, Tenn.; **Cheyenne McLean**, Coulee City, Wash.; **Krystal Murphy**, Prairieville, La.; **Waco Phipps**, Kearney, Neb.; **Katelyn** and **Peter Scharpe**, both of Arlington, Minn.; and **Andrew Schmidt**, Monkton, Md.

►From left, Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, presents \$5,000 scholarships to **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, Ala., scholarship recipient; **Zebadiah Gray**, Toledo, Iowa, scholarship recipient; with assistance from Sheri Spader, and Paul Hill, Angus Foundation Board Chairman. The scholarships are presented in memory of former American Angus Association Executive Vice President Richard L. Spader.



►Winning the intermediate division, 16-17-year-olds, are (from left) **Tyler Hammett**, Munford, Tenn., first; **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., second; and **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Rebecca Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., first; **Christina Egner**, Shelby, Ohio, second; and **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, Mo., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., first; **Justin Moritz**, Piper City, Ill., second; and **Joseph Epperty**, Moneta, Va., third.

►Sheri Spader presents **Julie Thelen** (left), winner of the senior division, the Richard L. Spader Award, sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary in memory of former American Angus Association Executive Vice President Richard L. Spader.



GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1997, the Angus Foundation has awarded almost \$200,000 in general scholarships to outstanding Angus youth who have been active in the Angus breed and the NJAA's numerous activities and programs. A major source of these scholarship funds has been the proceeds from the Angus Foundation Heifer Package that is offered for auction at the National Western Stock Show every January. This year's Heifer Package set a new record of \$250,000 (see "Foundation Support," page 58), which enabled the Angus Foundation to make available \$100,000 in scholarships to 52 outstanding young men and women at the 2006 NJAS.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS

The Public Speaking Contest was developed to better equip junior members with communications skills necessary to succeed in the industry and in life. Juniors prepare a speech in advance and are evaluated on content, presentation, and knowledge of the subject revealed in a question-and-answer session. Forty-seven contestants competed this year. The Angus Journal sponsors the senior division of the contest, awarding \$500 to third place, \$750 to second and \$1,000 to the winner. The winning speeches in each age division will be published, space permitting, in the October Angus Journal.



►Tucker Stewart, Washington, Kan., competes in the Speaking Contest.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING AWARDS

The NJAA and the Junior Activities Department co-sponsor the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, which is fast becoming one of the most competitive contests of the event. Each participant receives a topic and reference information 30 minutes prior to his or her scheduled speaking time. Following preparation, the contestant must present a 2- to 6-minute speech. Prize money is awarded in each age division as follows: first, \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25. The winner of the senior division receives a Harvey Rattey Pewter Sculpture Award from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Richard L. Spader. The winners of the two intermediate divisions receive a Harvey Rattey Pewter Sculpture Award from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Pat Grote.

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▣ NJAA/ANGUS JOURNAL PHOTO CONTEST

Angus cattle:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Allison Blythe**, White City, Kan., first; **Adam Murray**, Leesburg, Va., second; and **Kayla Widerman**, Good Hope, Ill., third. Blythe won the overall junior award with her cattle photo.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Tyler Wood**, Holly Pond, Ala., first; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahtontas, Ark., second. Not pictured is **Cole Pearson**, Scott City, Kan., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Clayton Lampe**, first; and **Garrett Lampe**, second; both of Scott City, Kan. Not pictured is **Eric Frenzen**, Fullerton, Neb., third.

Landscape:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Allison Blythe**, White City, Kan., first; and **Audrey Taylor**, Lavaca, Ark., second. Not pictured is **Ransom Gardiner**, Kan., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Glen Mommsen**, DeWitt, Iowa, first; and **Elizabeth Williams**, Van Buren, Ark., third. Not pictured is **Parker Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., second.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kerri McMahon**, Fort Smith, Ark., second; and **Sarah Holland**, Imboden, Ark., third. Not pictured is **Reed Parker**, Idalia, Colo., first.

See pages
227-245 for
the winning
entries in the
photo contest.

People:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Karly Wicker**, DeKalb, Texas, first; and **Allison Blythe**, White City, Kan., third. Not pictured is **Joshua Scott**, Loranger, La., second.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Kaitlyn Meadows**, Buchanan, Va., second; and **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, third. Not pictured is **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, Iowa, first.



►Winning the senior division are **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, Mo., first, first overall senior, and first overall contest; and **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., third. Not pictured is **Eric Frenzen**, Fullerton, Neb., second.

Around the farm or ranch:

►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Kendra Merri-man**, Lowell, Mich., first; and **Cameron Ward**, Plattsburg, Mo., second. Not pictured is **Kathryn Coon**, Bethel, Mo., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Trevor Whiteside**, Queenstown, Md., first; and **Emily Murray**, Leesburg, Va., third. Not pictured is **Joy Powers**, Moneta, Va., second.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kerri McMahon**, Fort Smith, Ark., first; **Cody Washam**, Pierce City, Mo., second; and **Jon Paul Whitlock**, Iuka, Miss., third.

CREATIVE WRITING



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, Ind., first; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., second; and **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse, Ill., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., first; **Katy Satree**, Montague, Texas, second; and **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., third.

►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Rebecca Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., first; **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., second; and **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., third.

GRAPHIC DESIGN



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., first; **Amanda Holland**, Imboden, Ark., second; and **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, Kan., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Gretchen Ertredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, first; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., second. Not pictured is **Bryanne Duckett**, New Liberty, Iowa, third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., first; **Sarah Holland**, Imboden, Ark., second; and **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., third.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

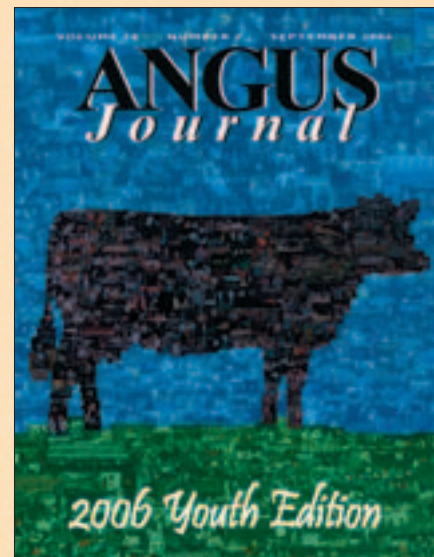
Junior members entered 354 photographs in this contest, co-sponsored by the NJAA and the Angus Journal. Photos were entered in one of four categories: Angus cattle, landscape, people, or around the farm or ranch. Judges evaluated the entries prior to the NJAS on the basis of content and photo quality. Winning photos are presented in this issue beginning on page 227.

CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS

Established in 2001, the purpose of the creative writing contest is to foster written communication skills. Evaluated prior to the NJAS, 39 entries competed for top honors this year. First-place winners in each of the divisions were awarded \$50, second-place finishers received \$30, and third-place winners received \$20.

GRAPHIC DESIGN AWARDS

The purpose of the Graphic Design Contest is threefold: 1) to display the creative talent of NJAA members; 2) to share ideas that may be useful in promotion of our breed, our organizations and our individual herds; and 3) to provide another fun, educational and competitive activity for interested juniors who may or may not be able to participate in other programs. This contest enables the junior member to use computer technology to design materials that promote the Angus breed and Angus activities. Premiums sponsored by Fair Oaks Farm, Van Buren, Ark., were paid as follows: first, \$50; second, \$30; and third, \$20.



►For this year's Graphic Design Contest, NJAA members were assigned the task of designing an *Angus Journal* cover for a youth issue.

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POSTER CONTEST

Breed or association promotion:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Keri Hyde**, Wetumpka, Ala., first and first overall junior poster; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, Ark., second; and **Arin Akin**, Iberia, Mo., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., first and first overall intermediate poster; and **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan., second. Not pictured is **Clint Collins**, Morton, Miss., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., first; **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., second; and **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., third.

Membership recruitment:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Madison Gooden**, Crocker, Mo., first; **Shyla Krea-ger**, Newark, Ohio, second; and **Michaela Clowser**, Milford, Neb., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, first; **Hannah Rowlett**, Hurricane Mills, Tenn., second; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., third.



►Winning top honors in the senior division are (from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., first and overall senior poster; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., second; and **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., third.

Herd advertisement:



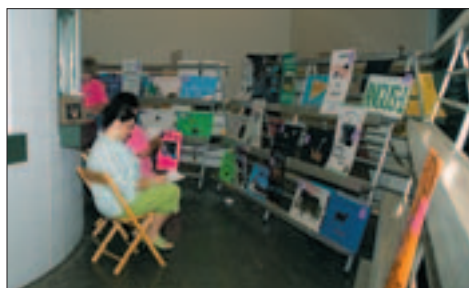
►Winning the junior division are (from left) **MacKenzie Flory**, Baldwin City, Kan., first; **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, Mich., second; and **Katie Mangus**, Durham, N.C., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., first; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan., second; and **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., third.



►Winning top honors in the senior division are (from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., first; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., second; and **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., third.



►Left: Judges evaluate the Poster Contest entries Tuesday morning at the 2006 NJAS.



►Right: Poster entries were on display throughout the week near the show office.

QUIZ BOWL



► Winning first in the junior division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland; **Mackenzie Flory**, Baldwin City; **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland; and **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth.



► Winning second in the junior division, representing the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Madison Gooden**, Crocker; **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan; **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City; and **Ethan Ulmanis**, Koshkonong.



► Winning first in the intermediate division, representing the Nebraska Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Jara Settles**, Hoskins; **Klaire Jorgensen**, Exeter; and **Jessica Clowser**, Milford. Not pictured is **Andrew Uden**, Elwood.



► Winning second in the intermediate division, representing the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point; **Jennifer Smith**, Marshall; **Logan Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; and **Taylor McQueen**, Gilmer.



► Winning first in the senior division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Flinton McCabe**, Elk City; **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City; and **Kristen Lundgren** and **Tess Ludwick**, both of Ottawa.



► Winning second in the senior division, representing the Minnesota Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Clay Walser**, Minnesota Lake; **Lindsay Waugh**, Goodhue; and **Ryan** and **Mark Mitteness**, both of Ada.

QUIZ BOWL

There are two parts to the Quiz Bowl competition. The first round involves a written test. States may enter as many teams as they wish. The age classification for the team is determined by the oldest member on the team. Multiple-state teams may be entered; however, state teams must be filled before juniors may participate in a multi-state team. The eight high-scoring teams in each age division qualify for the verbal round, which consists of a single-elimination quiz bowl tournament. Each placing state junior Angus association will receive the following premiums: first, \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25.



► Eight teams in each age division qualified for the verbal round of the Quiz Bowl by scoring well in the written round.



► Teams square off in the final rounds of the Quiz Bowl.



► Crowds gathered for all three age divisions to watch the verbal Quiz Bowl rounds.

POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest, judged during the NJAS, is divided into three subject areas — breed or association promotion, membership recruitment, and herd advertisement. In each division and age category, the third-place winner receives \$10, the second-place winner receives \$20 and the first-place winner receives \$30.

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HERDSMANSHIP



►The **Missouri Juniors Angus Ass'n** won first place in herdsmanship for 46 or more head of cattle.



►Left: The **Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n** won first place in herdsmanship with 31-45 head of cattle.



►The **Georgia Junior Angus Ass'n** won first place in herdsmanship with 16-30 head of cattle.



►Below: The **North Dakota Junior Angus Ass'n** won first place in herdsmanship with 15 or fewer head.

▣ SCRAPBOOK AWARDS



► Winning first place in the scrapbook contest is the **Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n.**



► Winning second in the scrapbook contest is the **Maryland Junior Angus Ass'n.**



► Winning third in the scrapbook contest is the **Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n.**

HERDSMANSHIP

The purpose of this competition is to encourage cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among state juniors in developing and maintaining a display of cattle and stall area. It also promotes pride and enthusiasm for the state junior organization and rewards those organizations that achieve this purpose. Divisions are based on the number of cattle exhibited by the states — 46 head or more, 31-45 head, 16-30 head and 15 or fewer head. Judging is based on cleanliness and general appearance of the aisle and bedding; appearance of the animals; appearance and organization of equipment and signs; youth tending the cattle; and promotion of state, association, Angus or beef. Each placing state junior Angus association will receive the following premiums: first, \$125; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50; and fifth, \$25.



► Juniors filled the ring of Pepsi Coliseum during the Awards Ceremony Friday night.

SCRAPBOOK AWARDS

The Scrapbook Contest is intended to encourage recordkeeping and provide a means to show others the statewide activities and accomplishments during the past year. Any state or regional association may enter a scrapbook. They do not have to have cattle or a display at the NJAS, so it provides an opportunity to compete for those who could not travel to Indianapolis to the event.

