

Capturing the Moment

Young Angus photographers were challenged to catch the best scenes of cattle ranching in the NJAA/Angus Journal Photography Contest.

by Bridget Beron, editorial intern

Life on a farm consists of countless powerful moments. From a calf's first breath to snowy mornings in the pasture, scenes from a cattle ranch can enchant viewers. The *Angus Journal*, in cooperation with the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), annually sponsors a photography contest in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to display these magic moments.

Judged in three different age divisions — 8 to 13, 14 to 17, and 18 to 21 — the photography contest offers juniors of all ages the opportunity to compete for the best snapshot. Photos can feature Angus cattle, Angus people, a landscape or a scene from around the farm.

"We were really impressed by the quality of the photos the juniors entered in this contest," says Shelby Mettlen, assistant editor for the *Angus Journal* and one of the judges. "From top to bottom, you can see they worked very hard to not only capture clear, crisp images but also special moments in ranch life. It made the decisions harder for us as judges, but it was great to see such special work from all of our competitors."

Sixty percent of the judging is based on the creativity, communication power and composition of the photo. The other 40% comes from technical skills, such as proper light exposure, cropping, color and focus.

Top photos from each category within each age group are pitted against each other for the best five photos per age division. Then the top photos from each age division compete to be selected as the best overall five photos.

This year, the top photos in each age division are published on pages 186-191 of the September *Angus Journal*. All photos that placed or received an honorable mention, along with several editor's picks, are published on pages D24-D51 of the digital-only section of this issue. Print subscribers can sign up for digital access for free at www.angusjournal.com/login_sign_up.html.

This year's overall winner was also a top pick in our Fan Favorites contest, where fans of the *Angus Journal* Facebook page evaluate the entries by age groups. See more about

this year's Fan Favorites Contest on pages D52-D53 in the digital-only section of the September *Angus Journal*.

Past year's winners are archived in the

Angus Journal Virtual Library at www.api-virtuallibrary.com/njaa_photo_contest.html.



► 1st Place Overall
1st Place, Senior Division Overall
1st Place, Senior Division — People:
You're Never Too Old, Aliesha Dethlefs,
North Platte, Neb.

Overall Contest Winners



►Left: 2nd Place Overall
1st Place, Intermediate
Division Overall / 1st Place,
Intermediate Division —
Around the Farm or Ranch:
Workin' It, Baxter Knapp,
Bloomfield, Iowa

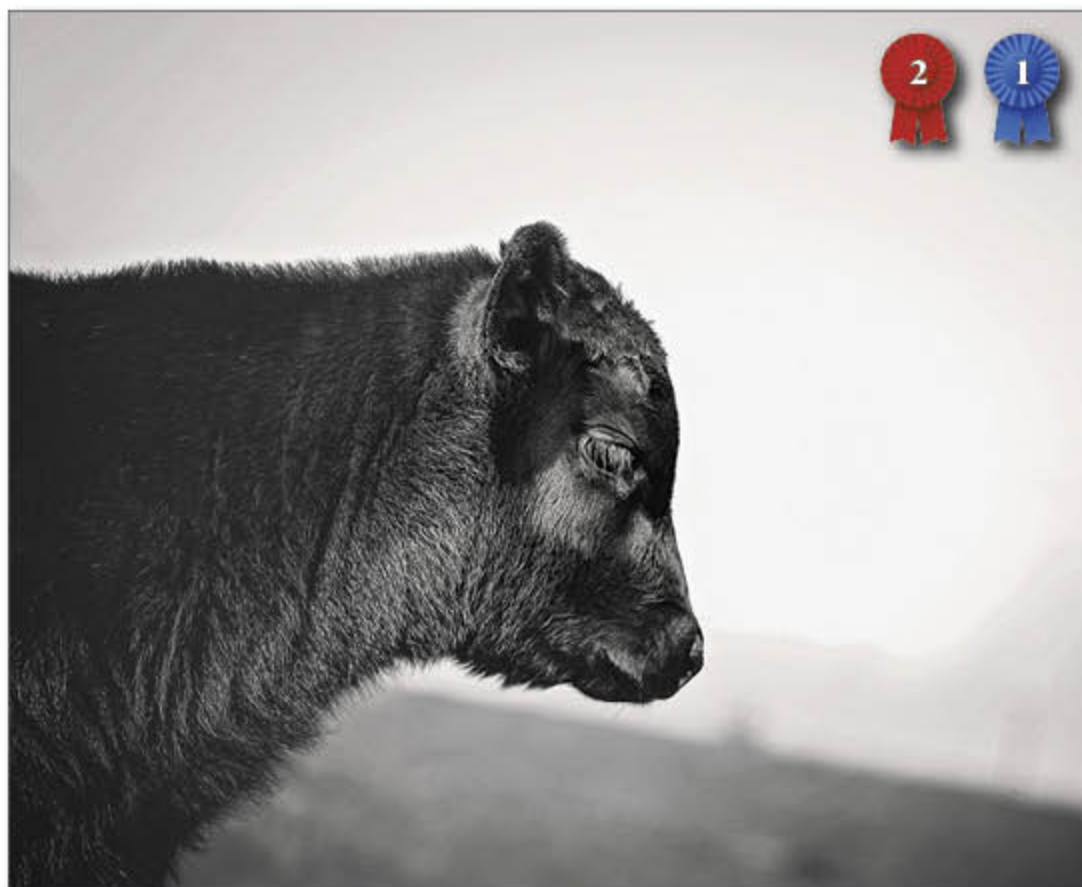


►Right: 3rd Place Overall
1st Place, Junior Division
Overall / 1st Place, Junior
Division — Angus Cattle:
I Am Angus, Kelly Gaffney,
Barneveld, Wis.



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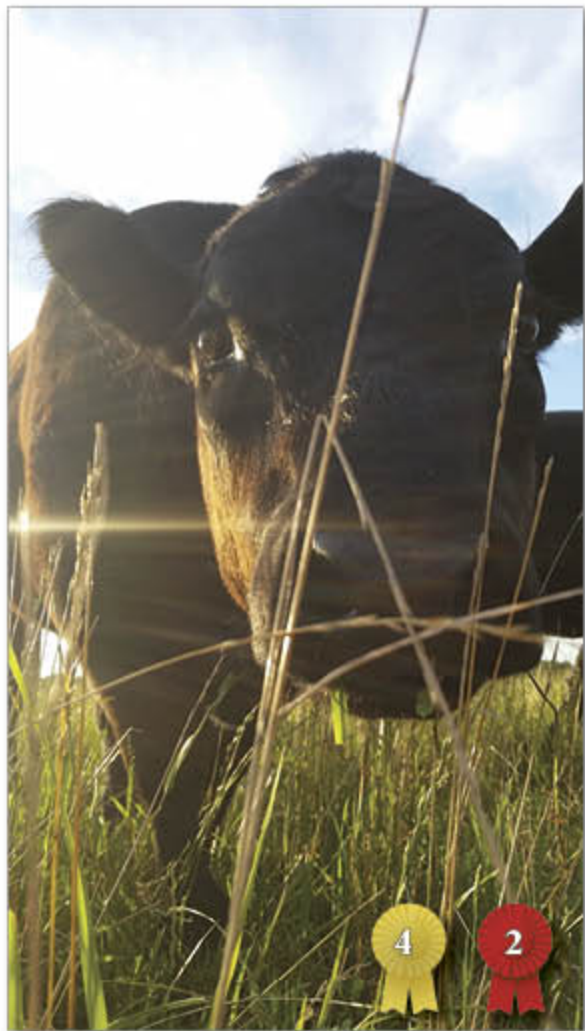
►Left: 4th Place Overall
2nd Place, Senior Division
Overall / 1st Place, Senior
Division — Angus Cattle:
Be Still, Taylor Clarke,
Rocky Ridge, Md.



►Below: 5th Place Overall
3rd Place, Senior Division
Overall / 1st Place, Senior
Division — Landscape:
Misty Morning, Brittany
Eagleburger, Buffalo, Mo.



Junior Division — Angus Cattle



► Above: 4th Place, Junior Division Overall
2nd Place, Junior Division — Angus Cattle:
Calf Through the Looking Glass, Hannah Millikan, Napoleon, Ohio

► Right: 3rd Place: *New Life*, Suter Clark, Gretna, Va.

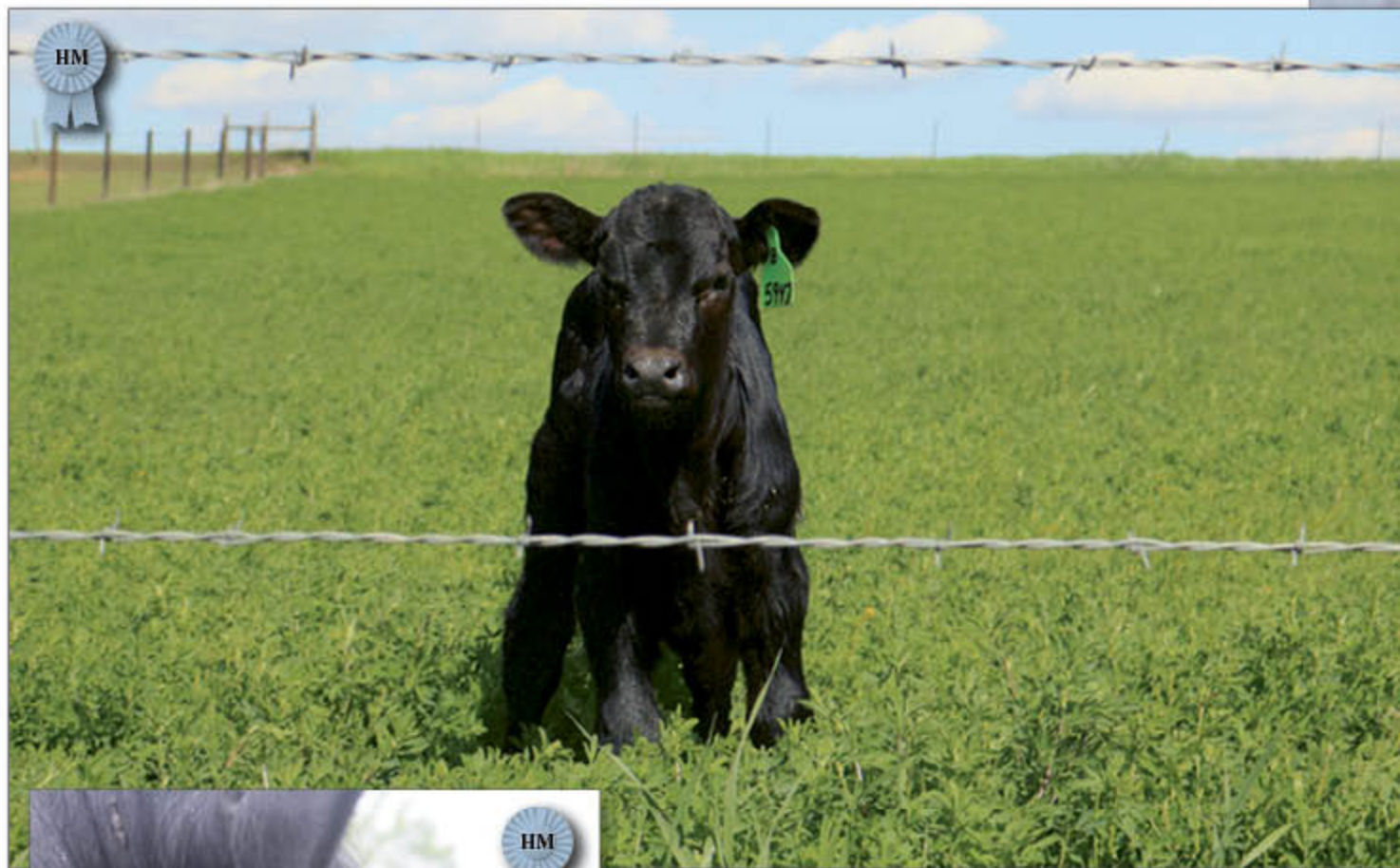


► Editor's Pick: *When Day is Done*,
Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield, Iowa



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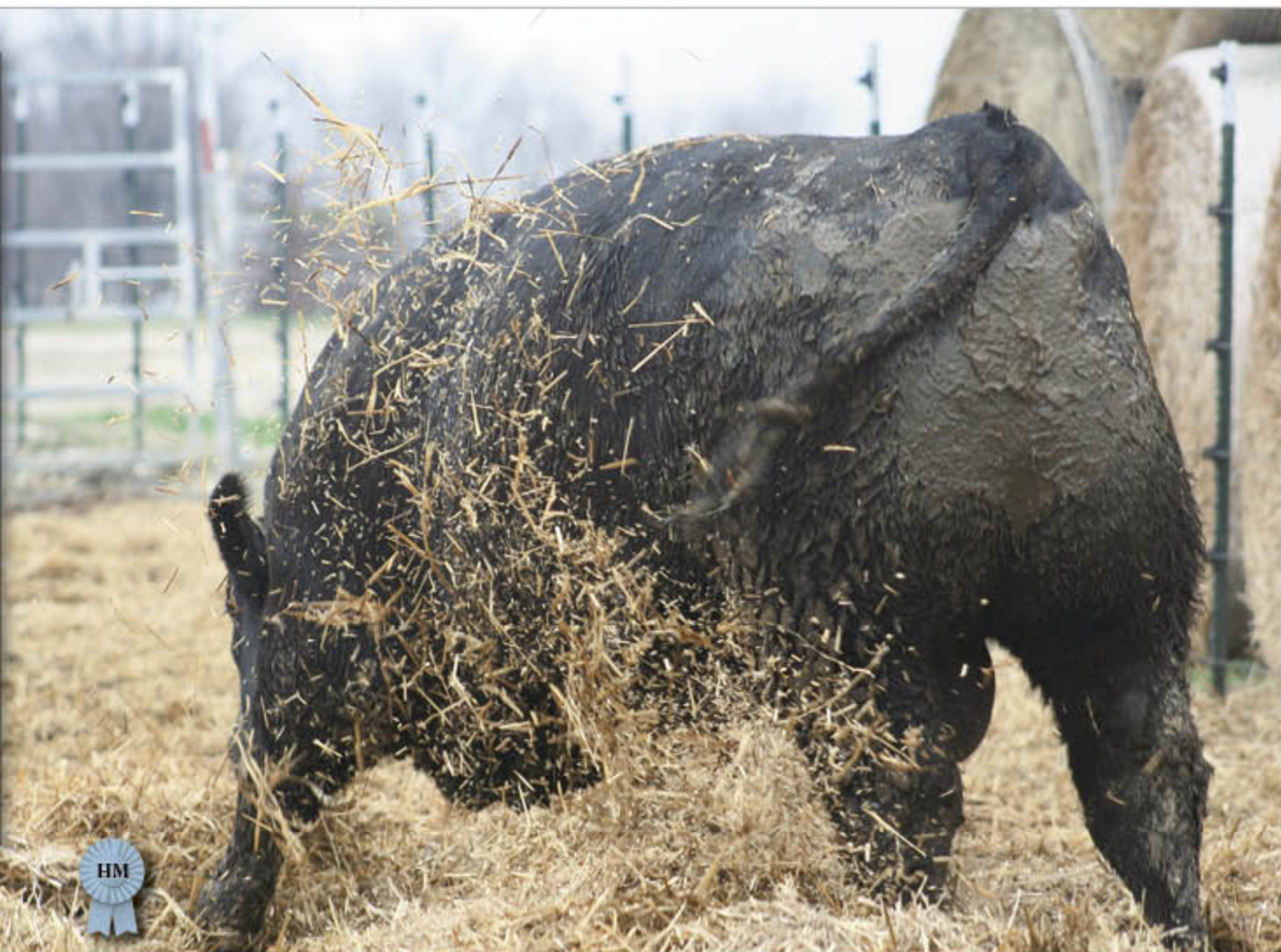
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► **Above: Honorable Mention: *It's Greener on the Other Side of the Fence*, Kyra Meyer, Blue Hill, Neb.**

► **Left: Honorable Mention: *Eye Spy*, Madison Rechtermann, Polo, Mo.**





► **Above: Honorable Mention:** *Kick the Dust Up*, Alexis Koelling, Laddonia, Mo.



► **Left: Editor's Pick:** *Making the Sort*, Julia Deppe, Waverly, Iowa



► **Right: Editor's Pick:** *Sassy and Cute*, Rachel Smith, Osceola, Neb.

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Junior Division — People

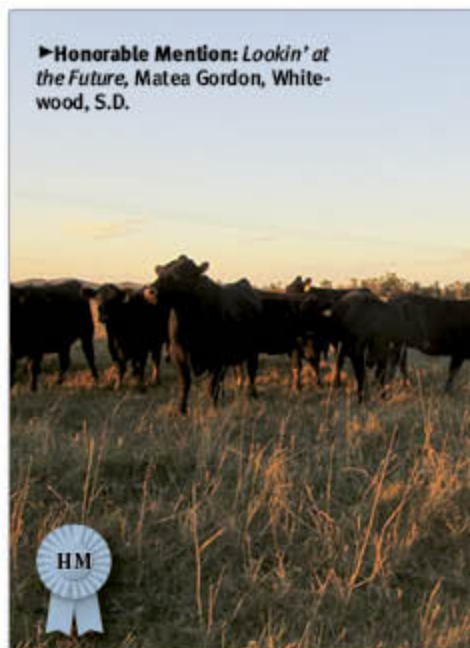
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►Above: 3rd Place, Junior Division Overall / 1st Place, Junior Division — People: *Days Gone By*, Alexis Koelling, Laddonia, Mo.



►3rd Place: *Time to Help Big Sis*, Izabella Bear, Aurora, Ind.



►Honorable Mention: *Lookin' at the Future*, Matea Gordon, White-wood, S.D.



► Above: Honorable Mention: *Helping the Cattle Rattle*, Ella Jordan, Saint Joseph, Mo.

► Left: 5th Place, Junior Division Overall / 2nd Place, Junior Division — *People: Life on the Farm*, Paighton Wirt, Leslie, Mo.

► Below: Honorable Mention: *Don't Mess with My Girl*, Madison Rechtemann, Polo, Mo.

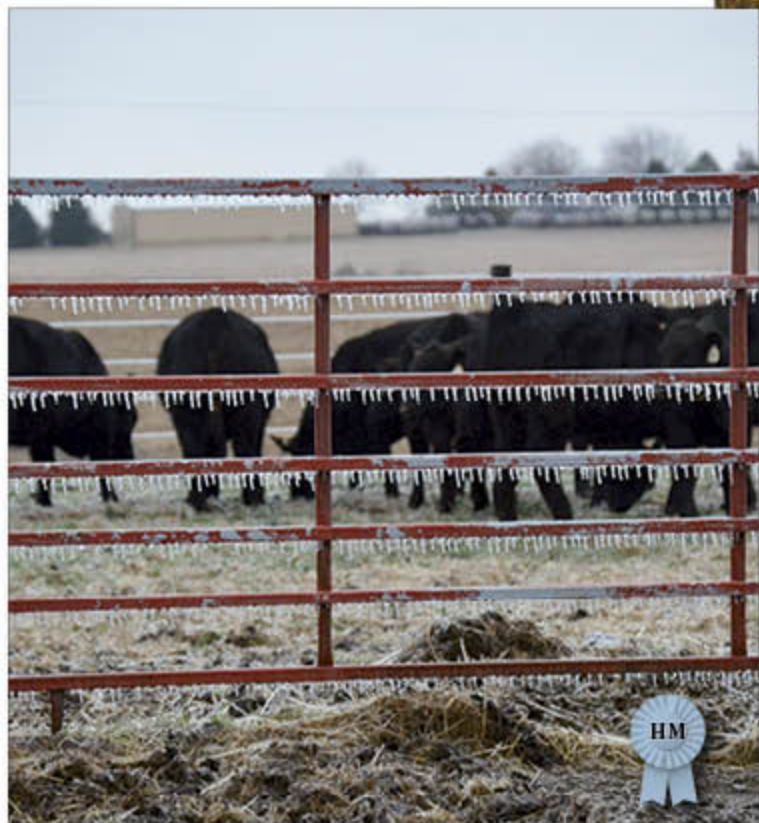
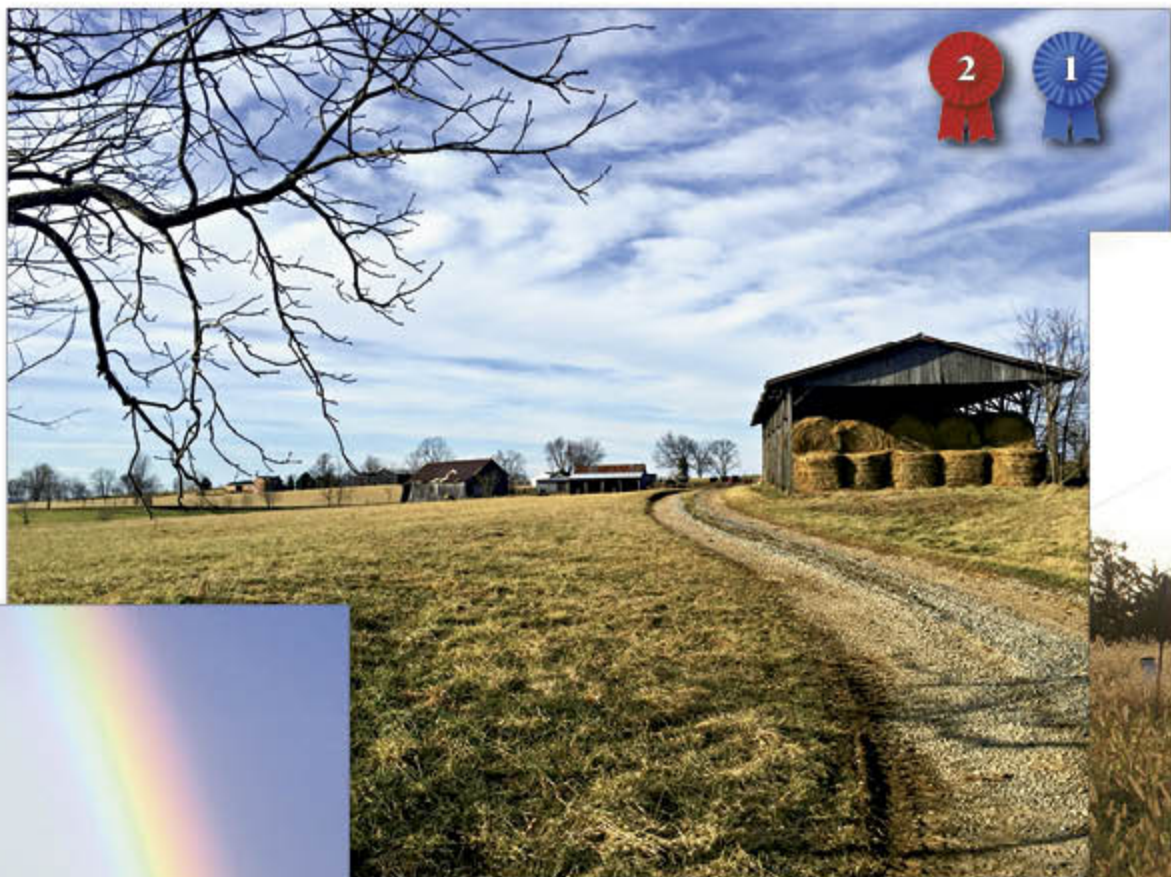


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►Right: 2nd Place, Junior Division Overall
1st Place, Junior Division — Landscape:
Ready for Winter,
Adam McCauley, Cynthiana, Ky.

►Below: Honorable Mention:
At the End of the Rainbow,
Matea Gordon, White-wood, S.D.



►Right: Honorable Mention: *Ice Bowl Huddle*,
Craig Becker, Atlantic, Iowa

► **Right: 2nd Place:**
Sunrise and Ice, Kelly Gaffney, Barneveld, Wis.

► **Below: 3rd Place:**
Sunrise in the Fall, Bridget Kucan, Holton, Kan.

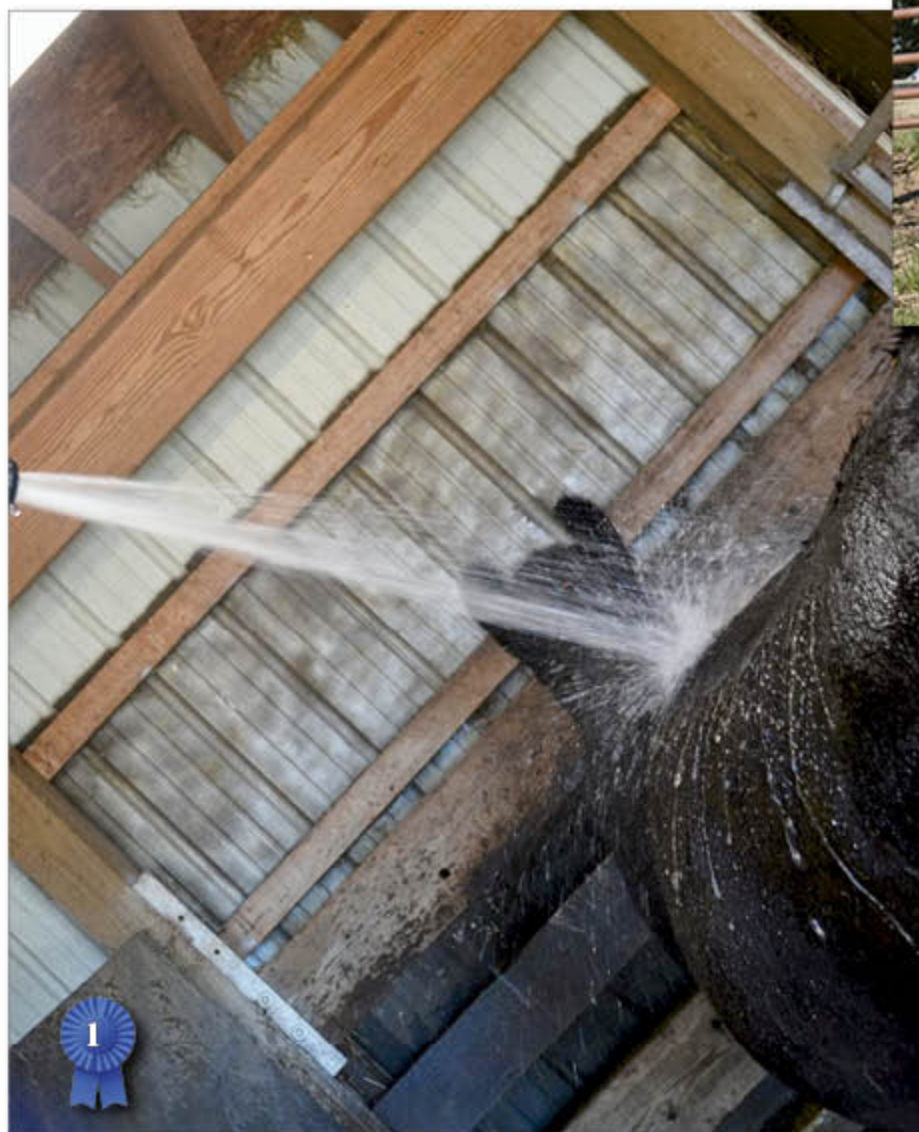


► **Above: Honorable Mention:**
Waiting on Spring, Jacob Marksbury, Buffalo, Ky.

► **Honorable Mention:**
Peace on the Hill, Kyle Houston, Savannah, Mo.

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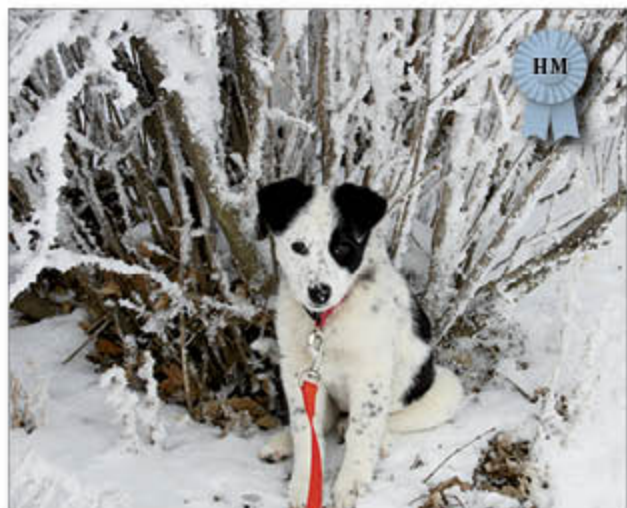


► Above: Editor's Pick: *Hanging with My Friends*, Cole Kucan, Holton, Kan.

► Left: 1st Place: *The Art of a Good Bath*, Chayton Day, Cerro Gordo, Ill.

► Right: Honorable Mention: *Come N Get It*, Kyle Houston, Savannah, Mo.

► Below: 3rd Place: *Generations of Angus Heritage*, Wyatt James, Bruce, S.D.



► Above: Honorable Mention: *The New Member of the Family*, Rachel Smith, Osceola, Neb.

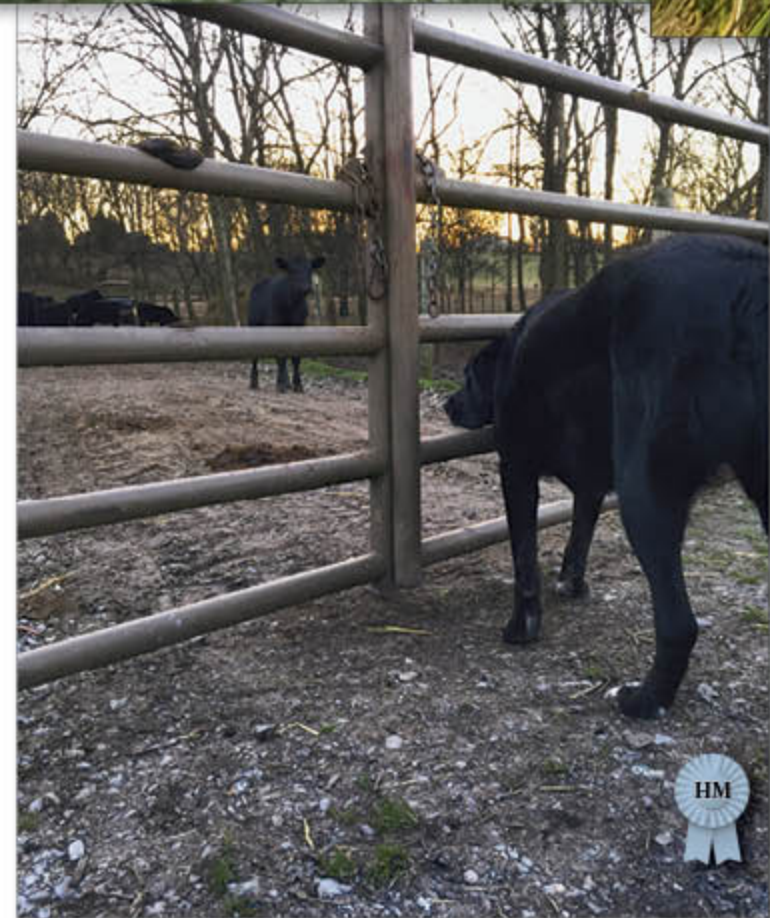




► Above: 2nd Place: *My Point of View*, Sarah Millikan, Napoleon, Ohio

► Left: Honorable Mention: *Stare Down*, Morgan Hutchins, Charleston, Ill.

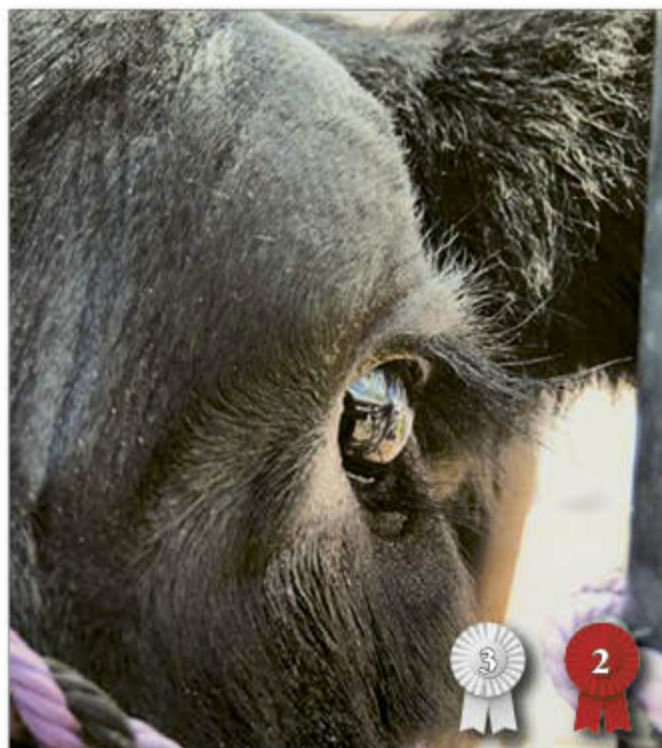
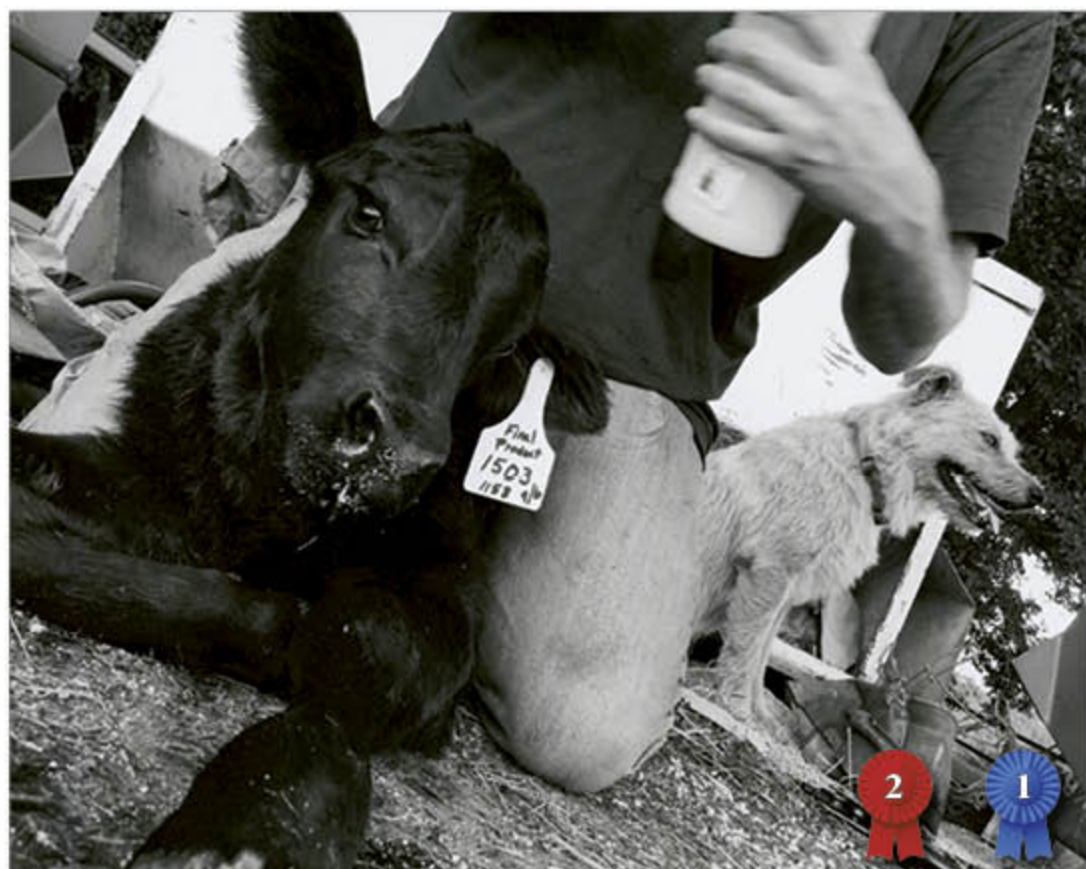
► Below: Editor's Pick: *Reflections*, Jackson Marsh, Carrollton, Ky.



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Intermediate Division — Angus Cattle

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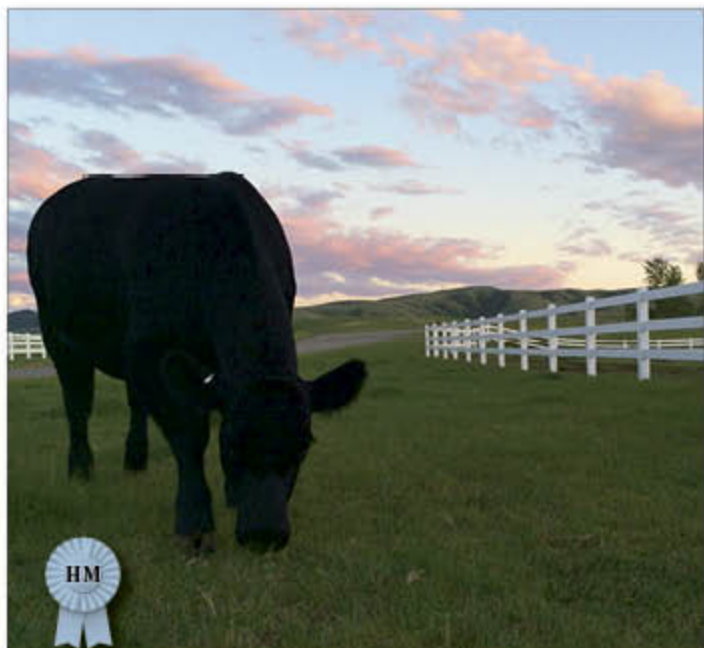


►Above: 2nd Place, Intermediate Division Overall / 1st Place, Intermediate Division — Angus Cattle: *Final Product*, Lauren Gilbert, Oldfield, Mo.

►Below: Honorable Mention: *Fly on a Wire*, Zoey Guffey, Bakersfield, Mo.



►Above: 3rd Place, Intermediate Division Overall / 2nd Place, Intermediate Division — Angus Cattle: *Eye to the Soul*, Sydnee Shive, Mount Hope, Kan.



►Above: Honorable Mention: *Sunset Grazing*, Trista Bates, Manhattan, Mont.

►Left: Honorable Mention: *Show Barn*, Nicholas Siemens, Towanda, Kan.



►Above: Honorable Mention: *Baby It's Cold Outside*, Matt Rosman, Creston, Wash.



►Above: 3rd Place: *Herd Bull*, Cassidy Bremer, Redfield, Iowa



►Above: Honorable Mention: *Wanna Play?* Katie Rechtermann, Polo, Mo.

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Intermediate Division — People

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► Left: 5th Place, Intermediate Division Overall 1st Place — People Showmanship, Cassidy Bremer, Redfield, Iowa



► Left: 2nd Place: My Dad Didn't Tell Me, Molly Cooksey, Roggen, Colo.



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► Above: 3rd Place: *Boys Round Here*, Haillie Conley, Plainfield, Ont., Canada

► Right: Honorable Mention: *A Bond Beyond the Halter*, Katie Rechtermann, Polo, Mo.

► Below: Honorable Mention: *Flying High on Angus*, Bree Gaffney, Barneveld, Wis.



► Left: Honorable Mention *Finishing Touch*, Madison Weaver, Ephrata, Pa.

► Below: Honorable Mention *The Good Life*, Lauren Gilbert, Oldfield, Mo.



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► Above: 4th Place, Intermediate Division Overall / 1st Place — Landscape: *Silent Reflection*, Trista Bates, Manhattan, Mont.

► Right: Honorable Mention: *New Beginnings*, Alexandria Cozzitorto, Lawrence, Kan.

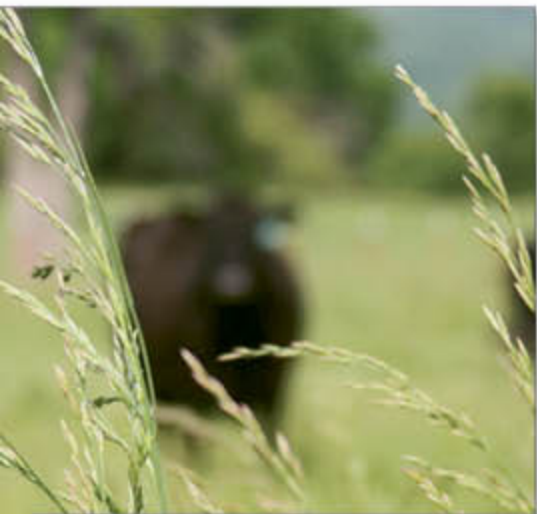
► Below: 3rd Place: *The Day is Done*, Sean Houston, Savannah, Mo.



► Above: Honorable Mention: *What Do You See?* Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, Ark.



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► Above: 2nd Place: *Iowa Sky*, Cassidy Becker, Diagonal, Iowa

► Left: Honorable Mention: *Winter Wonderland*, Allyson Sellers, Vilonia, Ark.

► Below: Honorable Mention: *Sunny Angus Morning*, Mattie Harward, Richfield, N.C.



► Left: Honorable Mention: *Sunset at RZ Ranch*, Gabriela Hernandez, Wellington, Fla.

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► Above: Honorable Mention: *Angus Snowflake*, Matt Rosman, Creston, Wash.

► Left: 2nd Place: *Magnificent*, Mardee Sadowsky, Eagleville, Mo.



► Above: Editor's Pick: *Silo*, Cassidy Becker, Diagonal, Iowa

► Left: Honorable Mention: *Icy Steel*, Sydnee Shive, Mount Hope, Kan.



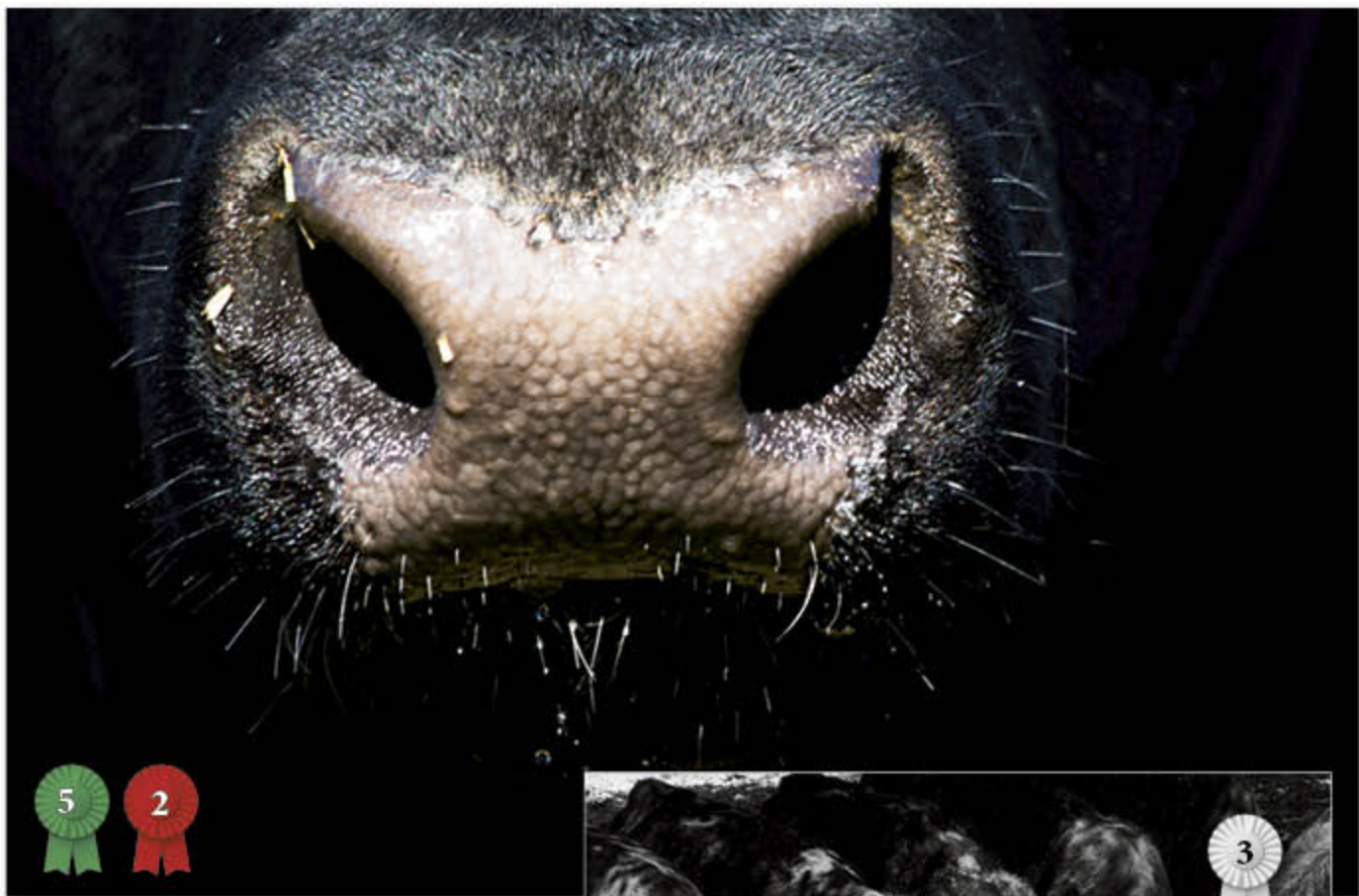
► Right: 3rd Place: *Finishing Touches*, Abigail Greiman, Perry, Iowa

► Below: Honorable Mention: *Ice*, Austin Pillars, Martin, Mich.



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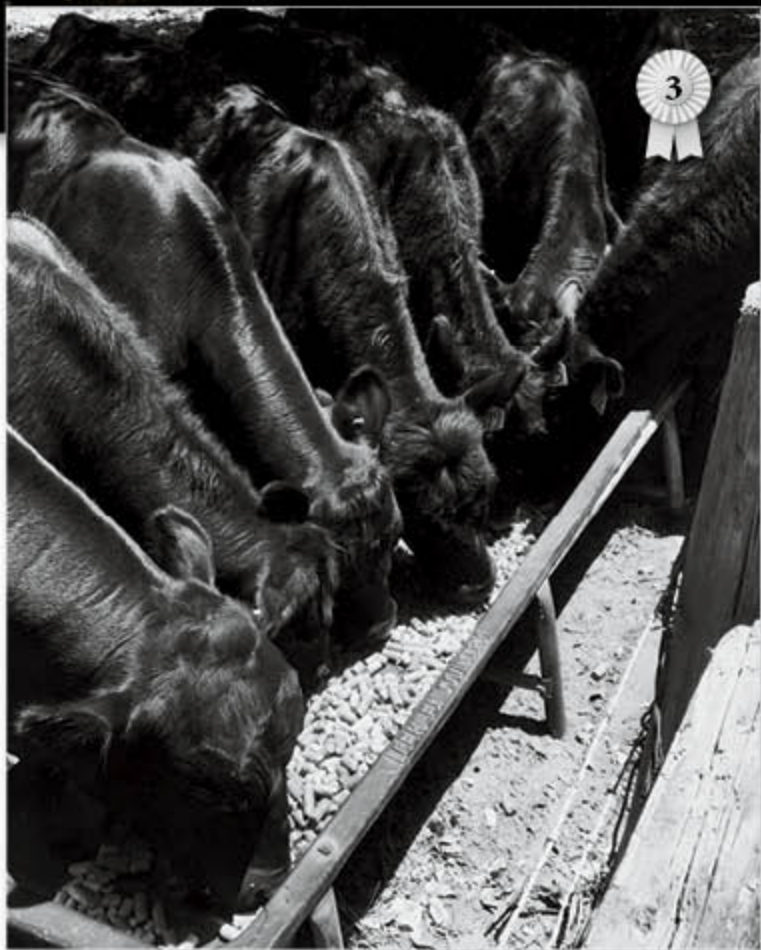
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► Above: 5th Place, Senior Division Overall / 2nd Place — Angus Cattle: *Perspective*, JD Rosman, Creston, Wash.

► Right: 3rd Place: *My Sweet Man with His Girls*, Victoria Hernandez, Wellington, Fla.

► Below: Editor's Pick: *Caught in the Act*, Aliasha Dethlefs, North Platte, Neb.

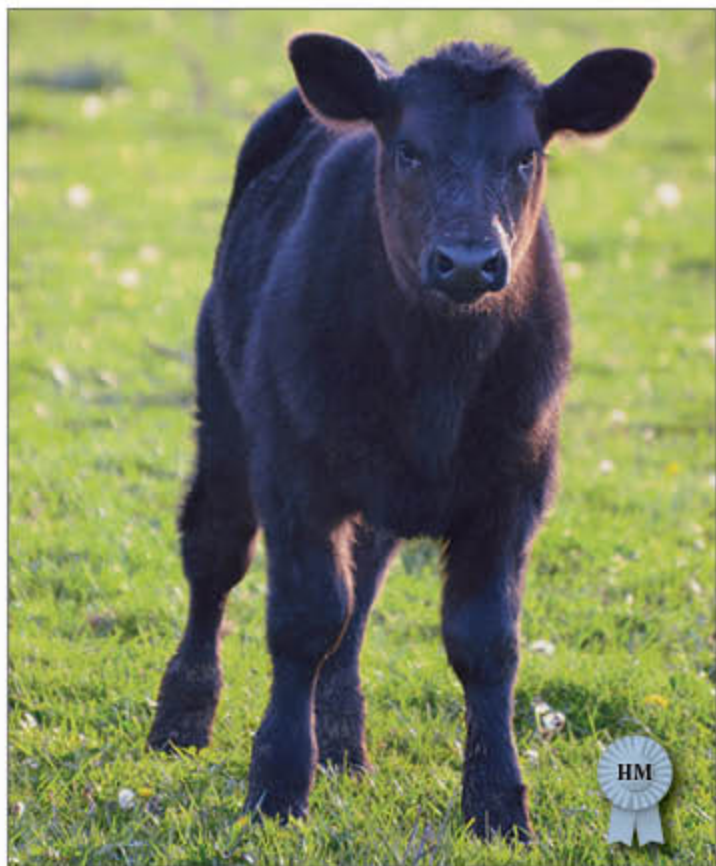




► **Above: Honorable Mention:** *There's Something About Old Show Heifers*, Sarah Cooksey, Roggen, Colo.

► **Right: Honorable Mention:** *On My Own*, Kyle Livingston, Dover, Pa.

► **Below: Editor's Pick:** *You Looking at Me?* Jordan Barker, Monticello, Iowa



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► Above: **2nd Place:** *Fittin' to Go*, Olivia Wilson, Ogden, Ill.

► Right: **Editor's Pick:** *Tell Grandpa I Want One*, Renae Tokach, Saint Anthony, N.D.



► Above: **Honorable Mention:** *No, You Eat Your Vegetables!* Taylor Clarke, Rocky Ridge, Md.





► Above: 3rd Place: *Planning a Future*, JD Rosman, Creston, Wash.

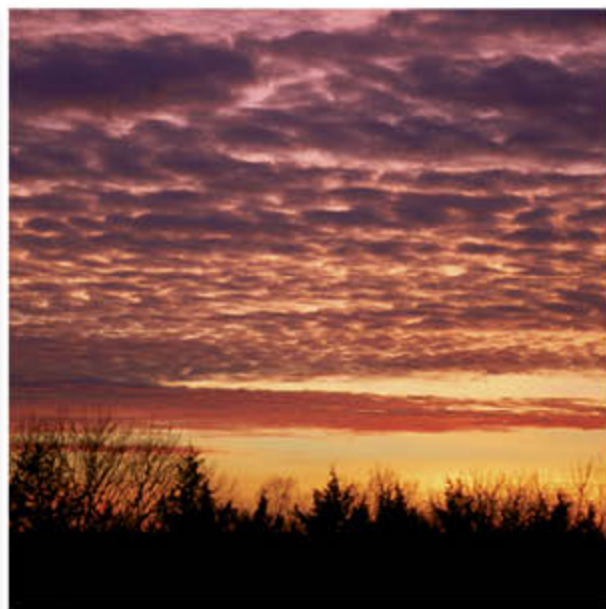
► Right: Honorable Mention: *Learning From the Best*, Sarah Cooksey, Roggen, Colo.

► Below: Editor's Pick: *My Baby Sister!* Victoria Hernandez, Wellington, Fla.



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► Above: Editor's Pick: *Peace and Tranquility*, Chris Kahlenbeck, Union, Mo.

► Left: 2nd Place: *Stars, Stripes and Angus*, Taylor Clarke, Rocky Ridge, Md.

► Below: 3rd Place: *Oklahoma Sunset*, JD Rosman, Creston, Wash.





► Above left: Editor's Pick: *Morning Wind*, Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, Ark.



► Above right: Honorable Mention: *A Field of Sunshine*, Allisha Dethlefs, North Platte, Neb.

► Right: Honorable Mention: *Fall Colors*, Sarah Cooksey, Roggen, Colo.



► Above: Editor's Pick: *A Sight That's Always Easy on the Eyes*, Cassandra Garda, Renton, Wash.

► Right: Honorable Mention: *My Happy Place*, Keegan Cassidy, Bloomington, Ill.



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Senior Division — Around the Farm or Ranch

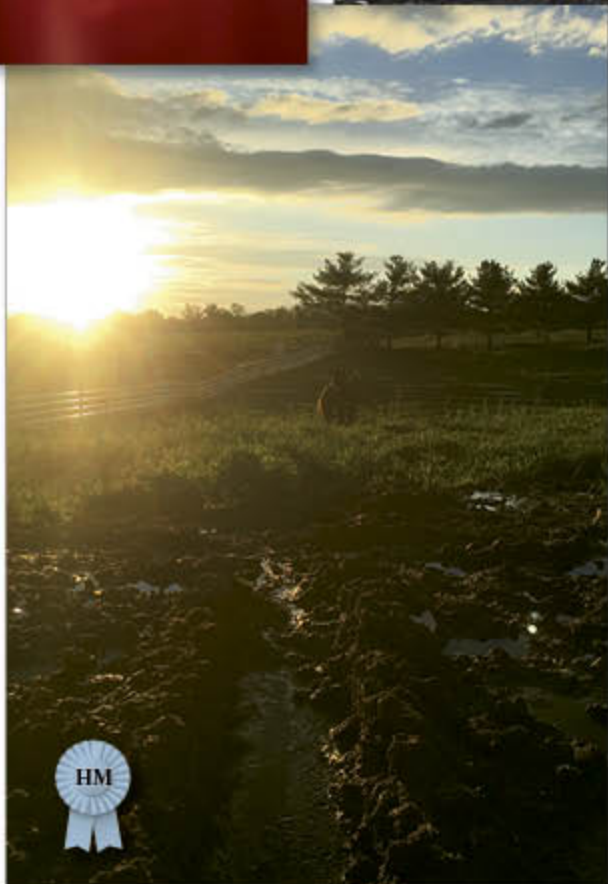
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► Above: 4th Place, Senior Division Overall / 1st Place — Around the Farm or Ranch: *Oh Chute!* Chris Kahlenbeck, Union, Mo.

► Right: Honorable Mention: *Calm After a Storm*, Alexis Cash, York, Pa.

► Below: 3rd Place: *In Training ... I Can Do This*, Kyle Livingston, Dover, Pa.





► **Left: 2nd Place:** *Sleeping on the Job*, Leslie Craig, Harrodsburg, Ky.

► **Above: Honorable Mention:** *The Harvest*, Jordan Barker, Monticello, Iowa

► **Below: Honorable Mention:** *Gentle Hands*, Keegan Cassidy, Bloomington, Ill.

► **Below left: Honorable Mention:** *Uncovered Treasure*, Alesha Dethlefs, North Platte, Neb.

