

At the Backdrop

Juniors were recognized for their accomplishments July 17 during the 2015 National Junior Angus Show Awards Ceremony.

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SWEEPSTAKES



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► The **Missouri Jr. Angus Ass'n** won the sweepstakes award for states exhibiting more than 30 head.



► The **Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n** won the sweepstakes award for states exhibiting fewer than 30 head.

▶ **SCRAPBOOK**



▶ The Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n won first place in the scrapbook contest. Not pictured are junior Angus associations from Maryland, second; Virginia, third; Louisiana, fourth; and Mississippi, fifth.

▶ **MISS AMERICAN ANGUS CONTESTANTS**

▶ **Right:** Five Auxiliary scholarship contestants earned the right to compete in November for the title of Miss American Angus. Pictured are (from left) Julie Murnin, American Angus Auxiliary secretary-treasurer; Lynne Hinrichsen, American Angus Auxiliary president; **Claudia Hisson**, Greencastle, Pa.; **Jordyn Wagner**, Billings, Mont.; **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, Mo.; Carla Malson, American Angus Auxiliary president-elect; and Courtney Holschouer, American Angus Auxiliary advisor. Not pictured are **Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, Iowa, and **Cassandra Garcia**, Renton, Wash.



▶ **POSTER CONTEST**



▶ Winning the breed or association promotion category are (from left) **Payton Shepherd**, Lake Charles, La., first; **Kacey Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb., second; and **Rachel Smith**, Osceola, Neb., third.



▶ Winning the membership recruitment category are (from left) **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., third; and **Cammie Rone**, Courtland, Miss., first and overall contest champion. Not pictured is **Hayden Weaver**, Ephrata, Pa., second.



▶ Winning the herd advertisement category are (from left) **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., third; and **Alexis Koelling**, Laddonia, Mo., second. Not pictured is **Hayden Weaver**, Ephrata, Pa., first.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Angus Cattle:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Kelly Gaffney**, Barneveld, Wis., third; **Thea Zellmer**, Nashville, Mich., first; and **Lauren Wolter**, Aviston, Ill., second.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Keegan Cassady**, Normal, Ill., first and intermediate division champion; **Allyson Stanek**, Hayward, Minn., second; and **Gabriela Hernandez**, Wellington, Fla., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, Mich., second; and **Taylor Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, Md., first. Not pictured is **Renae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., third.

Around the Farm or Ranch:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Callie Keaton**, Anderson, Mo., second; and **Kyra Meyer**, Blue Hill, Neb., first. Not pictured is **Sophia Santini**, Leoma, Tenn., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Sarah Armitage**, McCloud, Okla., first; **Kassidy Bremer**, Redfield, Iowa, second; and **Cassidy Becker**, Diagonal, Iowa, third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Taylor Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, Md., third; and **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo., second. Not pictured is **Caleb Mehlhoff**, Arena, N.D., first.

Landscape:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Kady Figue**, Onaga, Kan., first; and **Lauren Gilbert**, Oldfield, Mo., third. Not pictured is **Madison Rechtermann**, Polo, Mo., second. Kady's photo was also named champion of the junior division and overall contest champion.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Paige Gaffney**, Barneveld, Wis., third; and **Taylor Duckett**, New Liberty, Iowa, second. Not pictured is **Kassidy Bremer**, Redfield, Iowa, first.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, La., third; and **Maci Lienemann**, Princeton, Neb., second. Not pictured is **Caleb Mehlhoff**, Arena, N.D., first.

People:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Clay Sabrowski**, Almont, Colo., second; **Callie Keaton**, Anderson, Mo., first; and **Alexis Koelling**, Laddonia, Mo., third.



►Winning in the intermediate division are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., first; **Kassidy Bremer**, Redfield, Iowa, second; and **Olivia Johnson**, Prole, Iowa, third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo., first and overall senior division champion; and **Cooper Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo. third. Not pictured is **Renae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., second.

▣ QUIZ BOWL



► Placing first in the junior division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Baylee Wulfkuhle**, Berryton; **Kady Figge**, Onaga; **Clay Pelton**, Paradise; and **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland.



► Placing second in the junior division, representing Texas, are (from left) **Colter Pohlman**, Hereford; **Jeremiah Steph**, Tatum; **Emma Nowotny**, New Braunfels; and **Cutter Pohlman**, Hereford.



► Placing first in the intermediate division, representing Arkansas, are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**; Prairie Grove; **Allyson Sellers**, Linn; **Hailey Roye**, Fayetteville; and **Ross Wingert**, Rose Bud.



► Placing second in the intermediate division, representing Nebraska, are (from left) **Emily Dethlefs**, North Platte; **Reagan Skow**, Palisade; **Miranda Raithel**, Falls City; and **Miles Stage-meyer**, Page.



► Placing first in the senior division, representing Arkansas, Colorado and Nebraska, are (from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark.; **Michaela Clowser**, Milford, Neb.; **Sydni Liene-mann**, Princeton, Neb.; and **Calvin Sabrowski**, Almont, Colo.



► Placing second in the senior division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Cooper Sadowsky**, Eagleville; **Elizabeth Otte**, Saint Mary; **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo; and **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union.

▣ CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Interview:



► Winning the intermediate A interview division are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first and overall intermediate A champion; **Morgan Knapp**, Bloomfield, Iowa, third; and **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys, Pa., second.



► Winning the intermediate B interview division are (from left) **Keegan Cassady**, Normal, Ill., second; **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, Mo., first and intermediate B overall champion; and **Jasi Bor-man**, Holland, Minn., third.

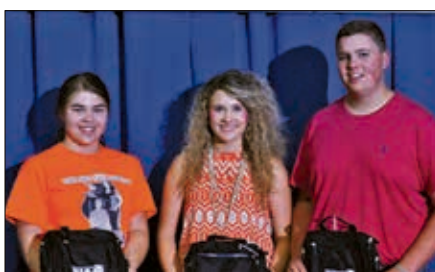


► Winning the senior interview division are (from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., first and senior overall champion; **Catie Hope**, Berryville, Va., third; and **Claudia Hissong**, Greencastle, Pa. second.

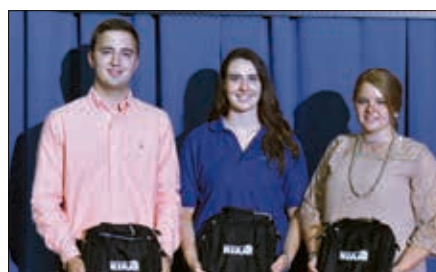
Résumé:



► Winning the intermediate A résumé division are (from left) **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., third; **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first; and **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys, Pa., second.



► Winning the intermediate B résumé division are (from left) **Keegan Cassady**, Normal, Ill., second; **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, Mo., first; and **Baxter Knapp**, Bloomfield, Iowa., third.



► Winning the senior résumé division are (from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., first; **Morgan Alexander**, Lowell, Mich., second; and **Kendra Merriman**, Berryville, Va., third.

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LIVESTOCK JUDGING



► **Left:** Earning top honors in the junior division, ages 9-10, are (from left) **Abby Emberson**, Blanchard, Okla., second; **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth, Kan., third; and **Colter Pohlman**, Herford, Texas, first.



► **Right:** Earning top honors in the intermediate division, ages 11-13, are (from left) **Zachary McCall**, Greenville, Va., second; **Lizzie Schafer**, Owaneco, Ill., first; and **Karson Patton**, Frankfort, Ind., third.



► **Left:** Earning top honors in the intermediate division, ages 14-17, are (from left) **Corbin Cowles**, Rockfield, Ky., first; **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook, Va., third; and **Nick Krog**, Lake Benton, Minn., second.



► **Right:** Earning top honors in the senior division, ages 18-21, are (from left) **Luke Sankey**, Andale, Kan., first; **Chris Kahlenbeck**, Union, Mo., third; and **Andrew Livingston**, Nokomis, Ill., second.

TEAM FITTING



► Placing first, representing the Missouri Jr. Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Paige Birk**, Cape Girardeau; **Ciara Raitzel**, Mexico; **Samuel Wallace**, Stotts City; and **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg.



► Placing second, representing the Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Chance Stout**, Olpe; **Jayce Dickerson**, Paradise; **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill; and **Reid Shipman**, Manhattan.



► Placing third, representing the Minnesota Jr. Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Wesly Johnson**, Pipestone; **Nick Krog**, Lake Benton; **James Knudsen**, Peterson; and **Dawson Johnson**, Pipestone.

GOLD AWARDS



► Earning Gold Awards through the National Junior Recognition Program in their final year as junior members are (front row, from left) **Elizabeth Nixon**, Rapidan, Va.; **Emily Velisek**, Gaithersburg, Md.; **Andrea Foore**, Seven Valleys, Pa.; **Taryn Shaw**, Jennings, La.; **Stephanie Lastovica**, Salado, Texas; **Cheyan Lovett**, Bladen, Neb.; **Kendra Merriman**, Lowell, Mich.; **Michael Cropp**, Damascus, Md.; **Samuel Wallace**, Stotts City, Mo.; **Ty Ruby**, Greene, Iowa; (back row, from left) **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio; **Maci Lienemann**, Princeton, Neb.; **Shyla Kreager**, Newark, Ohio; **Esther McCabe**, Elk City, Kan.; **Robert Hosto**, Alhambra, Ill.; **Robert Dolson**, Hico, Texas; **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo, Kan.; **Jackson Wingert**, Ottawa, Kan.; **Jacob Heimsoth**, Cameron, Mo.; **Jared Radcliffe**, Weston, Wis.; **Dru Kenny**, Schaller, Iowa; **Wade Wells**, Hamilton, Texas; and **Joshua Scott**, Loranger, La. Not pictured are **Caleb Mehlhoff**, Arena, N.D.; **Ruth Ann Myers**, Harrodsburg, Ky.; **Peyton Williams**, Johnson City, Tenn.; and **Corbin Yon**, Ridge Spring, S.C.

▶ **TEAM SALES**



▶ Placing first in the junior division, representing Texas, are (from left) **Brayden DeBorde**, Bardwell; **Cutter Pohlman** and **Colter Pohlman**, both of Hereford; and **Jeremiah Steph**, Tatum.



▶ Placing second in the junior division, representing Illinois, are (from left) **Matthew Decker**, Philo; **Eric Schafer**, Owanecco; **Paige Lemenager**, Hudson; and **Lizzie Schafer**, Owanecco.



▶ Placing third in the junior division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Nicholas Siemens**, Towanda; **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth; and **Clay Pelton**, Paradise.



▶ Placing first in the intermediate division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Sydney Thummel**, Sheridan; **Genesis Brannon**, Ellsinore; **Aiden Kleinman**, Pierce City; and **Lauren Parks**, Bloomfield.



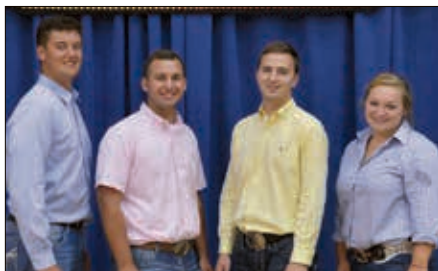
▶ Placing second in the intermediate division, representing Virginia, are (from left) **Jacob McCall**, Greenville; **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook; and **Helena St. Clair**, Berryville.



▶ Placing third in the intermediate division, representing Illinois, are (from left) **Jacob Hinshaw**, Secor; **Keegan Cassidy**, Normal; **Lindsay Decker**, Philo; and **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo.



▶ **Left:** Placing first in the senior division, the Kansas team won the Bob Laflin Award presented in memory of the former Angus producer who was passionate about junior programs. Pictured are (front row, from left) team members **Luke Sankey**, Andale; **Grady Dickerson**, Paradise; **Allison Manchester**, Manhattan; **Jackson Wingert**, Ottawa; (back row, from left) and presenters **Jeana**, Bayler and **Dustin Hurlbut**; **Josh Laflin**; **Cody Sankey**; **Guy Laflin**; and **Clinton Laflin**.



▶ **Left:** Placing second in the senior division, representing Arkansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and Oklahoma, are (from left) **Corbin Cowles**, Rockfield, Ky.; **Braden Henricks**, Anadarko, Okla.; **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark.; and **Michaela Clowser**, Milford, Neb.

▶ **Right:** Placing third in the senior division, representing Texas, are (from left) **Tanner Hash**, Archer City; **Emily Stovall**, Corsicana; and **Robert Dolson**, Hico.



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HERDSMANSHIP



► Winning the division of 61 head or more is the Missouri Jr. Angus Ass'n. Not pictured are junior Angus associations from Oklahoma, second; and Illinois, third.

A Commitment to Herdsmanship

Jackson Wingert and Jared Radcliffe tie for junior herdsman title.

A huge amount of effort went into cattle at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), even before they ever entered the showing. Two members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) know this well. Jackson Wingert, Ottawa, Kan., and Jared Radcliffe, Weston, Wis., were both recognized with the Junior Herdsman of the Year award at the 2015 NJAS July 12-18 in Tulsa, Okla. They were selected for their commitment to the Angus breed and the NJAA.

“The NJAA has been a great organization to be involved with,” Wingert says. “I’ve learned so much that I have been able to use and now share throughout my future.”

The Junior Herdsman of the Year award recognizes NJAA members who show dedication to their animals, a strong work ethic, the ability to work with consumers and other junior members, and the skills to prepare their cattle for show.

Every junior exhibiting cattle at the NJAS is eligible to vote for the member they believe deserves the award. Throughout



► Jackson Wingert (left), Ottawa, Kan., and Jared Radcliffe, Weston, Wis., tied for Outstanding Junior Herdsman.

the week, they watch their peers and determine who best exemplifies the qualities of a herdsman.

Radcliffe can be found standing by the showing whenever a fellow Wisconsin junior is showing, ready to lend a hand. A student at South Dakota State University, he is using his experience in the Angus industry to further his education.

“It means a lot to win this award,” Radcliffe says, “especially knowing that it’s voted on by other junior members, and that they think I am an admirable herdsman.”

Wingert is a student at Kansas State University and a true leader for those involved in the NJAA. Even when he is not having the best day, he will lend a hand to a fellow member and cheer them on.

This year’s tied vote for the Junior Herdsman of the Year was out of the ordinary; however, Radcliffe and Wingert are both deserving of the honor thanks to their hard work and dedication to the Angus breed and the NJAA.

— by Sarah Harris, communication and public relations intern



► Winning the division of 46-60 head is the **California Jr. Angus Ass'n**. Not pictured are junior Angus associations from **Indiana**, second; and **Nebraska**, third.



► Winning the division of 15 head or fewer is the **Montana Jr. Angus Ass'n**. Not pictured are junior Angus associations from **Oregon**, second; and **Michigan**, third.



► Winning the division of 31-45 head is the **Louisiana Jr. Angus Ass'n**. Not pictured is the junior Angus association from **Kentucky**, second.

► **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD**



► **Esther McCabe** (center), Elk City, Kan., receives the Jim Baldrige Outstanding Leadership Award from **Jake Tiedeman** (left); and **Jessica Radcliffe**, retiring National Junior Angus Board leadership director.



► Winning the division of 16-30 head is the **Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n**. Not pictured are junior Angus associations from **Maryland**, second; and **Wisconsin**, third.

