

AT THE BACKDROP

Champions named at the 2017 National Junior Angus Show.

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▣ SCRAPBOOK



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► The **Maryland Jr. Angus Ass'n** won first-place scrapbook. Not pictured are the **Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n**, second; **Virginia Jr. Angus Ass'n**, third; **Indiana Jr. Angus Ass'n**, fourth; and **Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n**, fifth.

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▣ CRYSTAL AWARD



► Winning Crystal Awards as the top boy and top girl in contest performance are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., and **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo. Kathi Creamer, representing the American Angus Auxiliary, presents the awards.

► SWEEPSTAKES



► The Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n won the sweepstakes award for states with 30 head or more.

► GRAPHIC DESIGN



► Winning in the junior division are (from left) **Samuel Jordan**, first, and **Ella Jordan**, second, both of Saint Joseph, Mo.; and **Sawyar James**, Bruce, S.D., third.



► Winning in the intermediate division are (from left) **Bree Gaffney**, Barneveld, Wis., first; **Kady Figge**, Onaga, Kan., second; and **Marcie Harward**, Richfield, N.C., third.



► Left: **Faith Massingill**, Hamilton, Texas, won first place in the senior division. Not pictured is **Carrie Rutledge**, Red Lion, Pa., second.

► POSTER CONTEST



► Winning the breed or association promotion category are (from left) **Rachel Smith**, Osceola, Neb., third; **Samuel Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., second; and **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, Miss., first.



► Winning the membership recruitment category are (from left) **Paighton Witt**, Leslie, Mo., third; **Kacey Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb., second; and **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., first.



► Winning the herd advertisement category are (from left) **Luke Gisclair**, Longville, La., third; **Kacey Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb., second; and **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., first.

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Angus Cattle:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Courtney Keaton**, Anderson, Mo., first; and **Mary Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., second. Not pictured is **Aidan Hood**, Stuart, Fla., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Kristen Massingill**, Hamilton, Texas, third; **Maddie Fugate**, Mahomet, Ill., second; and **Jenna Hamilton**, Buena Vista, Va., first. Hamilton also claimed overall intermediate champion, and overall photo champion.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Chelsey Figge**, Onaga, Kan., first; **Morgan Fruge**, Jennings, La., second; and **Molly Cooksey**, Roggen, Colo., third.

Landscape:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Craig Becker**, Atlantic, Iowa, third; and **Kloee Hewgley**, North Platte, Neb., first. Not pictured is **Bennett Gordon**, Whitewood, S.D., second.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys, Pa., third; and **Lauren Gilbert**, Oldfield, Mo., first. Not pictured is **Trista Bates**, Manhattan, Mont., second.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Madison Wulckuhle**, Berryton, Kan., first; **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, Ill., second; and **Morgan Fruge**, Jennings, La., third.

Angus People:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Samuel Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., first; **Wyat James**, Bruce, S.D., second; and **Paighton Witt**, Leslie, Mo., third. Samuel Jordan also claimed overall junior champion.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Maddie Fugate**, Mahomet, Ill., third; **Lauren Gilbert**, Oldfield, Mo., second; and **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, Kan., first.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Chelsey Figge**, Onaga, Kan., first; **Faith Massingill**, Hamilton, Texas, second; and **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, Ill., third. Chelsey Figge also claimed overall senior champion.

Around the Farm or Ranch:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., first; **Kasey Meyer**, Blue Hill, Neb., second; and **Julia Deppe**, Waverly, Iowa, third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Hannah Tremaine**, Oconomowoc, Wis., second; and **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo., first. Not pictured is **Katie Rechtermann**, Polo, Mo., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Chelsey Figge**, Onaga, Kan., second; **Miles Stagemeyer**, Page, Neb., first; and **JasiAnna Borman**, Holland, Minn., third.

► DIGITALLY ENHANCED PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



►Left: Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Bailey Osborn**, Murdock, Kan., third; **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence, Kan., second; and **Hannah Tremaine**, Oconomowoc, Wis., first.

►Right: Winning the senior division are (from left) **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, Ill., third; and **Chelsey Figge**, Onaga, Kan., first and second.



► LIVESTOCK JUDGING



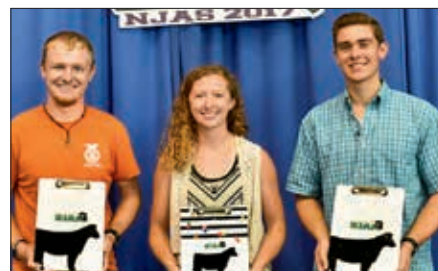
►Left: Winning the junior A division are (from left) **Madison McCullough**, Allerton, Iowa, third; **Keaton Karr**, Bladen, Neb., second; and **Will Philipello**, Bryan, Texas, first.

►Right: Winning the junior B division are (from left) **Kacey Dethlefs**, North Platte, Neb., third; **Anna Johnson**, Durand, Ill., second; and **Ryan Borer**, Buchanan, Va., first.



►Left: Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., third; **Berkeley Frank**, Winchester, Va., second; and **Samuel Henderson**, East Troy, Wis., first.

►Right: Winning the senior division are (from left) **Hunter Wimmer**, Bedford, Va., third; **Alysha Sweitzer**, Wellsville, Pa., second; and **Austin Vieשמeyer**, Amherst, Colo., first.



► PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING



►Left: Winning the junior A division are (from left) **Samuel Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., first; and **Claire Murnin**, Huntley, Mont., second.

►Right: Winning the junior B division are (from left) **Tucker Stagemeyer**, Page, Neb., first; **El-la Jordan**, Saint Joseph, Mo., second; and **Lizzie Schafer**, Owaneco, Ill., third.



►Winning the intermediate A division are (from left) **Eric Schafer**, Owaneco, Ill., first; and **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo., third. Not pictured is **Claire Stevenson**, Hobson, Mont., second.



►Winning the intermediate B division are (from left) **Lauren Mosher**, Liscomb, Iowa, first; **Mad-die Fugate**, Mahomet, Ill., second; and **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo, Kan., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Keegan Cassady**, Normal, Ill., first; **Sydni Liene-mann**, Princeton, Neb., second; and **Sarah Har-ris**, Buchanan, Va., third. The *Angus Journal* sponsors the senior division, awarding monetary prizes to the top three individuals.

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EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING



►Winning the junior A division are (from left) **Brenlen Humpert**, Windthorst, Texas, first; and **Molly Hansen**, Carrington, N.D., second. Not pictured is **Lilly Larson**, Okeechobee, Fla., third.



►Winning the junior B division are (from left) **Amelia Miller**, Gridley, Ill., first; **Paige Zellmer**, Nashville, Mich., second; and **Ethan Blevins**, Greenup, Ky., third.



►Winning the intermediate A division are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first; **Eric Schafer**, Owaneco, Ill., second; and **Colby Perry**, Prather, Calif., third. Hinrichsen received a Harvey Rattey bronze sculpture in the name of the late Pat Grote, former American Angus Auxiliary president, for her win.



►Winning the intermediate B division are (from left) **Maddie Fugate**, Mahomet, Ill., first; **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., second; and **Lauren Parks**, Brookfield, Mo., third. Fugate received a Harvey Rattey bronze sculpture in the name of the late Pat Grote, former American Angus Auxiliary president, for her win.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Sydni Lienemann**, Princeton, Neb., first; and **Sarah Harris**, Buchanan, Va., third. Not pictured is **Al-
exa Grau**, Miami, Fla., second.



►**Sydni Lienemann**, Princeton, Neb., received the custom-engraved Artisan belt buckle in the name of the late Richard L. Spader for her first-place win. Pictured are (from left) Sheri Spader, presenting; Sydni Lienemann, recipient; and Jared Spader, presenting.

GOLD AWARDS



►Earning the Gold Award in their final year as members of the National Junior Angus Association are (front row, from left) **Kendra Pryor**, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse, Ill.; **Leslie Craig**, Harrodsburg, Ky.; **Jordyn Wagner**, Billings, Mont.; **Katie Friederichs**, Walcott, Iowa; **Megan Green**, Leavenworth, Kan.; **Cheyenne Jones**, Campbellsville, Ky.; **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg, Mo.; **Claudia Hissong**, Greencastle, Pa.; **Abby Collison**, Rockwell City, Iowa; **Courtney Younge**, Ventura, Iowa; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, La.; (back row, from left) **Lawson Rowlett**, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.; **Kale Kiesewetter**, Letts, Iowa; **Tim Mardesen**, Oxford, Iowa; **Savannah Schafer**, Nehawka, Neb.; **Sterling Reichenbach**, Bath, Mich.; **Macy Perry**, Prather, Calif.; **Catie Hope**, Berryville, Va.; **Cooper Sadowsky**, Eagleville, Mo.; **Allison Hawthorne**, Westby, Wis.; **Robert Nixon III**, Rapidan, Va.; and **David Rawlings**, New Holland, Ill. Not pictured are **Michelle Keyes**, Springfield, Neb.; **Kyle Livingston**, Dover, Pa.; and **Emily Stovall**, Corsicana, Texas.

► **TEAM FITTING**



► Placing first, representing Illinois, are (front row) **Adam Miller**, Gridley; (back row, from left) **Troy Rawlings**, New Holland; **Garrett Handsaker**, Pearl City; and **Eric Schafer**, Owaneco.



► Placing second, representing Minnesota, are (from left) **Brady Ford**, Lake Wilson; **Dawson Johnson** and **Wesly Johnson**, both of Pipestone; and **Nick Krog**, Lake Benton.



► Placing third, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Jayne Dickerson**, Paradise; **Laura Carpenter** and **Anna Carpenter**, both of Wamego; and **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill.

► **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**



► Winning the intermediate A division are (from left) **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., first; **Jace Stagemeyer**, Page, Neb., second; and **Clay Pelton**, Paradise, Kan., third.



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



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Jayne Bannister**, Kent, N.Y., first; **Claudia Hisson**, Greencastle, Pa., second; and **Keegan Cassidy**, Normal, Ill., third.

► **QUIZ BOWL**



► Winning the junior division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth; **Cohen Navinsky**, Winchester; **Kelly Newton**, Elk City; and **Jayne Dickerson**, Paradise.



► Placing second in the junior division, representing Texas, are (from left) **Bayler Smith**, Kirbyville; **Colter Pohlman**, Hereford; **Kilye Winge**, Cisco; and **Brenlen Humpert**, Windthorst.



► Winning the intermediate division, representing Arkansas, are (from left) **Whitney Walker**, Prairie Grove; **Hailey Roye**, Fayetteville; **Allyson Sellers**, Vilonia; and **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove.



► Placing second in the intermediate division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Tommy Otte**, Saint Mary; **Holly Sinning** and **Emily Sinning**, both of Norwood; and **Truman Byergo**, Dearborn.



► Winning the senior division, representing multiple states, are (from left) **Katharine Wesche**, Shortsville, N.Y.; **Jayne Bannister**, Kent, N.Y.; **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, Mo.; and **Cassandra Garcia**, Renton, Wash.



► Placing second in the senior division, representing Illinois, are (from left) **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo; **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse; **Keegan Cassidy**, Normal; and **Dalton Lemenager**, Clifton.

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TEAM SALES



► Winning first in the junior division, representing Illinois, are (from left) **Brooke Schiffbauer**, Tonica; **Reese Anderson**, Chrisman; **Reed Naughton**, Atlanta; and **Lauren Wolter**, Aviston.



► Placing second in the junior division, representing Indiana, are (from left) **Sophia Royer**, Westpoint; **Bryce Hofing**, Coatesville; and **Kayden Nowatzke**, Michigan City.



► Placing third in the junior division, representing Texas, are (from left) **Bayler Smith**, Kirbyville; **Brenlen Humpert**, Windthorst; **Reese Pinkerton**, Arp; and **Kilye Winge**, Cisco.



► Tying for first in the intermediate division, representing Nebraska, are (from left) **Jace Stage-meyer**, Page; **Kyra Meyer**, Blue Hill; **Miranda Raithel**, Falls City; and **Reagan Skow**, Palisade.

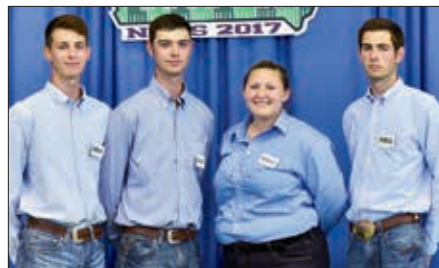


► Tying for first in the intermediate division, representing Texas, are (from left) **Brayden DeBorde**, Bardwell; **Cutter Pohlman**, Hereford; **Dylan Denry**, Lubbock; and **Colter Pohlman**, Hereford.



► Placing third in the intermediate division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Jared Milligan**, Ridgeway; **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville; **Lauren Parks**, Brookfield; and **Carson Hoth**, Anderson.

► **Right:** Kansas won first-place honors in the senior division, winning the Bob Laflin Award. Pictured are (from left) Cody Sankey, Chris Sankey, Jeana Hurlbut and Josh Laflin, all presenting; **Sarah Pelton** and **Grady Dickerson**, both of Paradise; **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; Dustin Hurlbut, holding Bayler Hurlbut, and Sharee Sankey, all presenting. Not pictured is team member **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill.



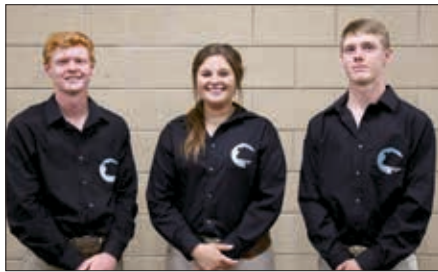
► Placing second in the senior division, representing Virginia, are (from left) **Caleb Boden**, Clear Brook; **Jake McCall**, Greenville; **Helena St. Clair**, Berryville; and **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook.



► Placing third in the senior division, representing Indiana, are (from left) **Sarah Innis**, Milroy; **Sere-na Clock**, Marion; and **Elizabeth Beer**, Milford.

► Senior contestants were given the following scenario: You have been asked to select a registered Angus bull for a registered Angus breeder located in the Midwest. This registered breeder holds a performance-tested bull sale. His customers' main emphases are growth and carcass traits. In addition, he markets junior show heifer prospects.

TEAM MARKETING



► **Left:** Winning the senior division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Grady Dickerson**, Paradise; **Taylor Nikkel**, Maple Hill; and **Ethan Dickerson**, Paradise.



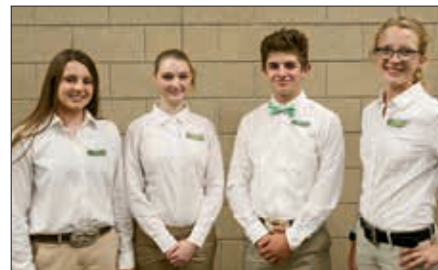
► **Right:** Placing second in the senior division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Lauren Parks**, Brookfield; **Carrie Otte**, Saint Mary; **Callie Keaton**, Anderson; and **David Warfield**, Butler.



► Winning the intermediate division, representing Kansas, are (from left) **Sarah Pelton**, Paradise; **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; **Kady Fige**, Onaga; and **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland.



► Placing second in the intermediate division, representing North Carolina, are (from left) **Mat-tie Harward** and **Marcie Harward**, both of Rich-field; **Cara Smith**, Pleasant Garden; and **Justin Wood**, Willow Spring.



► Placing third in the intermediate division, representing Missouri, are (from left) **Lauren Gil-ber**, Oldfield; **Linsey Rogers**, Conway; **Aiden Kleinman**, Wentworth; and **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville.

SKILL-A-THON



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Ryan Borer**, Buchanan, Va., first; **Mary Wood**, Willow Spring, N.C., second; and **Macie Sexten**, Wooster, Ohio, third.



► Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Zach McCall**, Greenville, Va., first; **Eva Hin-richsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., second; and **Cut-ter Pohlman**, Hereford, Texas, third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Jake McCall**, Greenville, Va., first; **Jayne Bannister**, Kent, N.Y., second; and **Kristen Brown**, Cookeville, Tenn., third.

AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS



► Five young men were named American Angus Auxiliary male scholarship winners. Pictured are (from left) **Baxter Knapp**, Bloomfield, Iowa; **Jack Henderson**, East Troy, Wis.; **Ryan Callahan**, Edmond, Okla.; **Jake McCall**, Greenville, Va.; and **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan. See page 156 for details.



► Five young ladies were named American Angus Auxiliary female scholarship winners and Miss American Angus contestants. Pictured are (from left) **Leslie Minde-mann**, American Angus Auxiliary president-elect, presenting; **Lydia Dance**, Hillsboro, Ohio; **Kallie Knott**, Laotto, Ind.; **Claire Hawthorne**, Westby, Wis.; **Haley Grei-man**, Perry, Iowa; **Catherine Cowles**, Rockfield, Ky; and **Julie Murnin**, American Angus Auxiliary president, presenting. See page 156 for details.

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ALL-AMERICAN CAB® COOK-OFF

Roast Division:



►Nebraska juniors won the junior roast division, placing second in recipe and winning showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Tavin Uden**, Franklin; **Addison Cotton**, York; **Wyatt Smith**, Osceola; **Joshua Shaw**, Fairfield; **Jessalynn Hudson**, Belvidere; and **Kacey Dethlefs**, North Platte. They prepared “Remy’s Fabulous French Dip.”



►Arkansas placed second in the intermediate roast division, winning recipe and placing second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Allyson Sellers**, Vilonia; **Hailey Roye**, Fayetteville; and **Nicholas Pohlman**, Prairie Grove. They prepared “Santa Maria Barbecue.”



►Missouri juniors placed second in the junior roast division, winning recipe and placing second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Rhett Keaton**, Anderson; **Bailey Schuering**, Thompson; **Kyla Moore** and **Courtney Keaton**, both of Anderson; **Anna Eitel**, Novinger; and **Courtney Dehn**, Dearborn. They prepared “Mustard-glazed Sirloin Roast.”



►Illinois juniors placed third in the intermediate roast division, also placing third in recipe and showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Sheridan Hank**, Aledo; **Katelyn Eathington**, Avon; **Matthew Decker**, Philo; **Holly Marsh**, Union; and **Lindsey Decker**, Philo. They prepared “Molasses Coulotte Roast With Mango Tomato Chutney.”



►Illinois juniors placed third in the junior roast division, after placing third in both recipe and showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Eli Parr**, Mason City; **Reese Anderson**, Chrisman; **Anne Dameron**, Towanda; **Ella Eathington**, Avon; **Adam Miller**, Gridley; and **Logan Mussman**, Grant Park. They prepared “Teri Tips.”



►Oklahoma juniors won the senior roast division, winning both recipe and showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Ryan Callahan**, Edmond; **Alyson Friesen** and **Alisa Friesen**, both of Arnett; and **Sydnee Gerken**, Cashion. They prepared “Roast Perfect.”



►Winning the overall roast division, North Carolina won the intermediate roast division, placing second in recipe and winning showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Thomas Smith**, Pleasant Garden; **Marcie Harward**, Richfield; **Taylor Glover**, Pikeville; **Mattie Harward**, Richfield; **Cara Smith**, Pleasant Garden; and **Justin Wood**, Willow Spring. They prepared “Family-style French Dip.”



►Mississippi placed second in the senior roast division, placing second in recipe and showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo; **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland; **Haley Walker**, Potts Camp; **Bethany White**, Morton; and **Katlyn Harris**, Forest. They prepared “Sushi-style CAB Roll.”

Steak Division:



►Missouri juniors won the junior steak division, winning both recipe and showmanship categories. Pictured are (from left) **Kyle Houston**, Savannah; **Isaac Rhode** and **Gavin Rhode**, both of Stewartsville; **Samuel Jordan**, Saint Joseph; **Alexis Koelling**, Curryville; and **Ella Jordan**, Saint Joseph. They prepared “The Great CAB Steak Recipe.”



►Illinois juniors won second in the junior steak division after placing second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Lauren Wolter**, Aviston; **Addison Bartlow**, Monticello; **Ella Brooks**, Prophetstown; **Brenna Bartlow**, Monticello; and **Blake Wolter**, Aviston. They prepared “BBQ Strip Steak.”



►Kansas juniors won third in the junior steak division. Pictured are (from left) **Dane Haverkamp**, Bern; **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth; **Addie Haverkamp**, Bern; and **Kelly Newton**, Elk City. They prepared “Margarita Grilled CAB Steaks With Grilled Corn and Avocado Pasta Salad.”



►Winning the overall steak division, Kansas juniors won the intermediate steak division, winning both recipe and showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Cale Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; **Clay Pelton**, Paradise; **Alexandria Cozzitorto**, Lawrence; **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland; **Kady Fige**, Onaga; and **Sarah Pelton**, Paradise. They prepared “Steak Guacamole.”



►Nebraska juniors won second in the intermediate steak division after placing second for recipe and third in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Nicole Nichols**, Chambers; **Caitlin Havelka**, Anselmo; **Rachel Smith**, Osceola; **Reagan Skow**, Palisade; **Kyra Meyer**, Blue Hill; and **Jace Stagemeyer**, Page. They prepared “The Great Steak of Oz.”



►Illinois juniors won third in the intermediate steak division, tying for third in recipe and placing second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Lizzie Schafer**, Owaneco; **Ashlyn Mool**, Lexington; **Paige Lemenager**, Hudson; and **Emily Kieseewetter**, Farmington. They prepared “Garlic Balsamic Brown Sugar Steak.”



►Kansas won the senior steak division, placing third in recipe and winning showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Madison Wulfsuhle**, Berryton; **Morgan Woodbury**, Quenemo; **Laura Carpenter**, **Anna Carpenter** and **Mia Hastings**, all of Wamego; and **Sarah Loomis**, Council Grove. They prepared “Pitchfork Fondue with Optional Verde Rustica.”



►Illinois juniors placed second in the senior steak division, winning recipe and tying for second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Siera Day**, Cerro Gordo; **Erica Harrell**, Roseville; **Amber Schiffbauer**, Tonica; **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse; and **Keegan Cassady**, Normal. They prepared “Strip Steak With Balsamic Strawberries.”



►Left: Virginia juniors placed third in the senior steak division, placing second in recipe and tying for second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Hannah Cox**, Staunton; **Jenna Hamilton**, Buena Vista; **Sarah Harris**, Buchanan; **Lauren Beasley**, Bluemont; and **Mikayla St. Clair** and **Helena St. Clair**, both of Berryville. They prepared “Out-law Strip Steak With Carmelized Shallot Butter.”



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Other Beef Division:



►Tennessee juniors won the junior other beef division, placing second in recipe and winning showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Weston Rowlett**, Martin, and **Allison Davis**, Shelbyville. They prepared “Tennessee Tailgate Smokies.”



►Missouri juniors placed third in the junior other beef division, winning recipe and placing third in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Victoria Busch** and **Molly Busch**, both of Saint James; **Kendall Nix**, Villa Ridge; **Paighton Witt**, Union; and **Alena Nix**, Villa Ridge. They prepared “St. Louis Italian CAB Frankfurters.”



►Indiana juniors placed second in the junior other beef division, placing third in recipe and second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Rosalind Kidwell**, Gentryville, and **Allie Howell**, Marengo. They prepared “All-Star Bacon-wrapped BBQ CAB Franks.”



►Illinois juniors won the intermediate other beef division, placing second in recipe and winning showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Austin Mussman**, Grant Park; **Koby Schnelten**, Rockbridge; **Emily Brooks**, Prophetstown; **Amelia Miller**, Gridley; **Jack Dameron**, Towanda; and **Brady Schnelten**, Rockbridge. They prepared “Chili Cheese Dog Horseshoe.”

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► Virginia juniors placed second in the intermediate other beef division, winning recipe and placing second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Ryan Borer**, Buchanan; **Henry Alexander**, Louisa; **Kallie Poole**, Staunton; **Aubrey Herbers**, Lynchburg; and **Gordon Clark** and **Suter Clark**, both of Gretna. They prepared “CAB Frankfurter Stroganoff.”



► South Dakota juniors won first overall in the senior other beef division after first winning second in recipe and first in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Tyler Bush**, Britton; **Madison Styles**, Brentford; **Sawyar James** and **Wyat James**, both of Bruce; **Sawyer Styles**, Brentford; and **Ty Mogck**, Olivet. They prepared “CAB All-American Grilled Cheese Frankfurters.”



► Michigan juniors placed third in the intermediate other beef division. Pictured are (from left) **Kavina Johnson**, Quincy; **Thea Zellmer** and **Paige Zellmer**, both of Nashville; and **Jayce Brown**, Pinckney. They prepared “Motor City Dogs.”



► Florida juniors placed second in the senior other beef division after winning the recipe category and placing second in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Kathryn Springfield**, Frostproof; **Gabriela Hernandez**, Wellington; **Alexa Grau**, Miami; **Case Birge**, Graceville; **Morgan Blommel**, Dade City; and **Nicole Grau**, Miami. They prepared “W4 Kraut Furters.”

Helping hands

This year the National Junior Angus Association supported The Ronald McDonald House as its designated philanthropy. The network of local chapters has been making sick children happier and healthier by providing a home environment and support to keep families close, giving them a place to rest and refresh. This year, the NJAA gathered pop tabs to support the charity. Virginia and Florida were recognized for bringing in the most tabs and were honored with a freeze party in their state booth.



Advisors of the Year

Iowa couple has created a family atmosphere for the Iowa Junior Angus Association, meriting national honor at 2017 NJAS.

Finding new ways to connect with Iowa juniors is why Chris and Dixie McCormick, Pleasantville, Iowa, were nominated for Advisors of the Year through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). The McCormicks were recognized for their leadership, inclusion and encouragement at the National Junior Angus Show in Des Moines, Iowa.

“More emphasis has been placed on developing other skills, such as public speaking through speech contests, knowledge of the cattle industry through quiz bowl and the presentation and promotion of our state association through the poster and scrapbook contests,” says Haley Greiman, first vice president, Iowa Junior Angus Association. “We have grown with the guidance of Chris and Dixie in more than just the showing.”

The McCormicks have been very involved in helping to plan the 2017 NJAS in Iowa, leading the junior committees and organizing schedules for the show. Fundraising, contest organization and meal planning have been handled efficiently under the McCormicks’ leadership, according to a nomination letter. The McCormicks have put all their efforts into improving the quality of the Iowa Junior Angus Association, Greiman adds.

The NJAA Advisor of the Year Award was introduced in 1980 to recognize the tremendous contributions of junior Angus association advisors. Any junior Angus association advisors are eligible for the award by sending in a letter of nomination.

— by Sarah Hill, special projects editor



► **Chris and Dixie McCormick**, Pleasantville, Iowa, were named Advisors of the Year in recognition of their leadership, inclusion and encouragement of Iowa junior members.