Keep it simple

Asking for advice on how to go about a particular task, I was once told to "KISS." No, they were not speaking of the heavy metal rock band; instead, they were referring to the "keep it simple, stupid" phrase. With the advice being successful, I stored it away in my mind for future use. Years have passed and times of catching myself complicating a task have caused me to stop and think back to that phrase. Today, I encourage all of you to use a similar phrase, "keep it simple," when the mass of people questioning our industry approach you.

Important time

Our industry, along with all of modern agriculture, is at an extremely important time



Clay Williams

in history. The minds and hands of those who feed the world are being criticized by the mouths who consume what our families produce; however, many of these people do not know what to believe.

As I talk to more of these people, I come to find that most of them are not out to get the American farmer or rancher, but instead are just wanting to know more. By using simple answers and realistic analogies, they walk away with an appreciation for what we do as farmers. So much of the time, they are ill-informed and are led to believe anti-modern agriculture propaganda that fills the urban streets of America.

Take the time with a curious citizen and teach him or her the basics of what your

family does to produce beef. Tell them about your family to show them you are an average American family just like their family.

Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) has a neat page on its website, allowing consumers to learn more about the families producing the meat they consume. This simple idea helps to create such a positive image and message for our industry. Social media is an unreal tool to spread the message. By simply tweeting a great fact or posting an interesting article on Facebook, you will be assisting with the movement back to supporting the American farmer.

Stay informed, inform others and the world will be informed. Keep this simple idea in mind the next time you're approached to be an advocate for the industry you love.

- Clay Williams, Georgia

Angus juniors earn distinguished **Sullivan Supply Scholarships**

Angus enthusiasts Blake Boyd of Mayslick, Ky.; Lauren Grimes of Hillsboro, Ohio; Kelli Retallick of Glen Haven, Wis.;

Zach Bartenslager of Lewisburg, W.Va.; Brittany Blum of Howe, Texas; and Brazos Williams of Clarendon, Texas, were this year's recipients of \$1,000 scholarships from the Sullivan Supply's Youth Scholarship Program.

Sullivan Supply provided these comments about the winners:

Boyd: "With multiple National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) champion bredand-owned bulls and females and as a fifth-generation purebred breeder, Charles' true grasp of beef production for his age is unmatched."

Grimes: "A historic Angus family, yet Lauren blazes her own trail. Louisville percentage Simmental champion, many Angus champions and 2012 NJAS Committee chairman. Busy and bright."

Retallick: "Possibly the most qualified application submitted out of 1,087 from 44 states. The model for commitment and accomplishments. 'Step up' is Kelli's middle name."

Bartenslager: "Multiple state fair champion steers, champion quiz bowl team, and high livestock judging individual, yet with all of Zach's success, his best feats are his caring and giving spirit."

Blum: "A well-rounded, accomplished champion who is a dedicated leader, judge and FFA representative. She is a humble winner in her community, school and the showring."

Williams: "A fourth-generation cattleman dedicated not only in the showring, but in his company as well. Has high goals for a career in beef embryo transfer production."

Angus girls winners of 'Ultimate Heifer Makeover' contest at N.C. Jr. **Beef Roundup**

For the fourth consecutive year, Novartis Animal Health U.S. Inc. sponsored the "Ultimate Heifer Makeover" competition at the North Carolina Junior Beef Roundup, which was at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, June 1-3. The event has become a highlight of the show. A record-breaking total of 68 youth making up 17 teams competed in the timed challenge.

Brooke and LeAnn Harward of Richfield, N.C., and Charleigh Birdsell and Chelsie **Bobbitt** of Ennice, N.C., made up this year's

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winning team that displayed top-notch cattle fitting skills and teamwork. Each member of the team received a heavy-duty bucket complete with an award medal and cattle grooming clippers. Second- and third-place team participants received award medals and cattle grooming supplies. All other participants received a 22-quart feed pan containing a 'team participant' event decal.

"Supporting youth livestock programs allows Novartis Animal Health to have a part in building a strong interest in beef production among young people," says Scott Morey, senior bovine marketing manager at Novartis Animal Health, which is headquartered in Greensboro, N.C. "Events like the Ultimate Heifer Makeover are a great way for us to support our customers and the next generation of cattle producers. Team-building events help cultivate relationships with other beef enthusiasts, and this is a valuable asset as these young people get older."

Brooke Harward, the senior member of the winning team, is currently serving the Angus industry as Miss American Angus and president of the North Carolina Junior Angus Association. She says leading and encouraging young people is something she strives to achieve.

"Success should be measured by our dedication to service and the impact we have on others," notes Harward. "We had two less-experienced young girls on our team, and being able to work together to show them what to do was not only helpful to them, but fun and personally gratifying to me and my sister, LeAnn."

Each team was required to have four members, and only one member could be an advanced showman (older than 16 years of age); all others had to be younger. Beef heifers used in the contest had to be entered in the cattle show.

Teams were given 30 minutes to groom their cattle. Only clippers, conditioning products, blowers, combs and brushes could



► Champion and reserve Angus BEST winners were honored at the 2011-2012 Ohio Cattlemen's Ass'n BEST Banquet. Pictured are (front row, from left) Lydia Dance, champion Angus heifer; Devin Coon, reserve champion Angus heifer; Michelle Bockelman, champion Angus steer and reserve champion bred-and-owned steer; and Brock Zwick, reserve champion Angus steer; (back row, from left) Steve Rittenhouse, M.H. Eby; Sam Sutherly, OCA president; Tedd and Alice Frazier, Burroughs Frazier Farms; Gale Long, Green Oak Farms; Bob Foster, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Mike Bumgarner, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation; and Todd Pugh, OCA BEST chairman.

be used. Once the time expired, one member from each team presented their heifer in the showring to three judges who asked questions, evaluated work and determined the winners.

Angus juniors recognized as BEST winners

The 2011-2012 Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) BEST (Beef Exhibitor Show Total) Program wrapped up June 2 with its annual awards banquet at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus.

"The banquet is a time to celebrate with family, friends and BEST supporters the many achievements of our BEST participants," says Stephanie Sindel, BEST coordinator. "Each participant is recognized for his or her hard work that goes above and beyond the showring."

Several representatives from program sponsors Bob Evans Farms, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Green Oak Farms, M.H. Eby, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Burroughs Frazier Farms were on hand to help present awards totaling more than \$32,000 in belt buckles, furniture, jackets, show materials and other awards.

This year's BEST program featured 16 sanctioned shows. More than 415 head of market animals and heifers were shown, and 315 youth participated.

Champion Angus heifer was exhibited by **Lydia Dance** of Hillsboro. Champion Hill Lady 7929 is a February 2011 daughter of SAV Brand Name 9115.

Reserve champion Angus heifer belongs to **Devin Coon** of Oak Hill, Ohio. RUFF CC Shadoe 144Y is a May 2011 daughter of BF Trucker 380.

The Champion Angus steer was exhibited by **Michelle Bockelman**, Napoleon. MBA Apollo 1144, sired by DC Big Block 507, was also recognized as reserve champion bredand-owned steer.

Brock Zwick, Canton, exhibited the reserve champion Angus steer. Black Destiny SY 1148 is sired by Black Destiny Jag 0931.

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▶ Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, Raymond, May 4



► From left, Melanie Kiani, Mississippi Angus Auxiliary, presents the Mississippi Angus Auxiliary Achievement Award to Gabrielle Simpson, Tupelo; Hayden Neal, Forest; and Rickey Cooper, Florence.



▶ Receiving cash awards for champions at the Mississippi State Fair Jr. Angus Show and the Dixie National Jr. Angus Show are (from left) Emma Bozeman, Flora; Rickey Cooper; John McFerrin, Baldwyn; Ashton Gandy, Potts Camp; Hayden Neal; and Gabrielle Simpson.

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A belt buckle was awarded to these Angus juniors. The case for their belt buckle was sponsored by the Ohio Angus Association.

BEST is a youth program of the OCA that recognizes Ohio's junior beef exhibitors through a series of shows. Juniors who participate in these sanctioned shows earn points for their placing at each show. The OCA BEST program promotes educating Ohio's juniors about the beef industry's issues and rewards the successful accomplishments and hard work of those junior beef producers.

Select Sires Inc. introduces summer interns

Select Sires Inc. welcomes six interns into their summer internship program. **Lindsey Grimes**, NJAA member and Foundation Director of the NJAA Board of Directors, will be interning with North America's largest AI organization this summer.

"Both practical work experience within the industry and networking are extremely important in helping college students prepare for full-time employment upon graduation," says Dave Thorbahn, Select Sires president and CEO. "That's why Select Sires offers hands-on internship opportunities each year. These internships help introduce students to the industry side of agriculture, while they contribute to the day-to-day operation of the Select Sires federation."

Grimes of Hillsboro, Ohio, is the 2012 beef department intern this summer. Grimes is currently attending the Ohio State University (OSU) where she is majoring in animal science and has a minor in food safety. She was very active in FFA when she was in high school and is currently active in the OSU Saddle and Sirloin Club.

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► Kansas Angus Ass'n Preview Show, Hutchinson, June 2



Serving on the Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) Hannah McCabe, Elk City, president; MacKenzie Flory, Baldwin City, president elect; Cody Theis, Leavenworth, vice president; Jackson Wingert, Ottawa, secretary; Esther McCabe, Elk City, treasurer; Chelsey Figge, Onaga, historian; Meghan Blythe, White City, past president; (back row, from left) Claire Wingert, Ottawa, director; Eric Blythe, White City, director; Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, director; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, membership director; Luke Sankey, Andale, director; Caleb Flory, Baldwin City, membership director; and Quanah Gardiner, Ashland, director.



► Allison Blythe (left), White City, and Tyler Ottensmeier, McLouth, qualified to represent Kansas at the 2012 National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest at the National Junior Angus Show in Louisville, Ky.



► The peewee coloring contest was won by (from left) **Kade Osborn**, Murdock, second; and **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth. first.



► Winning the sales contest junior division are Eva Hinrichsen, first; Cale Hinrichsen, second; and Quanah Gardiner, third.



► Winning the sales contest intermediate division are (from left) Reid Shipman, Manhattan, first; Jackson Wingert, second; and Anna Carpenter, Wamego, third.



► Winning the sales contest senior division (from left) are Lauren Herman, Kingman, first; and Tyler Ottensmeier. second.



► Peewee quiz bowl contest winners are (from left) **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth, first; and **Jayce Dickerson**, Paradise, second.



► From left, Lynne Hinrichsen presents Auxiliary Awards to **Esther McCabe**, top girl; **Cody Theis**, first boy; and **Trenton Blythe**, White City, second boy.



► Winning the junior division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) Cale Hinrichsen, first; Grady Dickerson, second; and Britt Bair, Hutchinson, third. Tyler Ottensmeier won the senior division of extemporaneous speaking.



► Chelsey Figge and Kady Figge, both of Onaga, placed first in the photography contest.

Not pictured:

- ► Cody Theis was named premier junior breeder. Cale Hinrichsen was named premier exhibitor.
- ► Receiving their Bronze and Silver awards were Cody Theis, MacKenzie Flory, and Trenton Blythe.

Atlantic National Jr. Angus Show, Timonium, Md., May 26



► Merit scholarships were awarded to (front row, from left) Andrea Foore, Seven Valleys, Pa.; Hannah Grim, Thomasville, Pa.; Gabrielle Glenister, Pulaski, N.Y.; Lindsay Upperman, Chambersburg, Pa., also recipient of the Greg Krueger scholarship; Robert Velisek, Gaithersburg, Md.; Brooke Harward, Richfield, N.C.; Emily Velisek, Gaithersburg, Md.; Betsie Michael, judge; and Andrea Fitzgerald, judge; (back row, from left) Bethaney Enos, Cambridge, Ohio; Jordon Mullett, Coshocton, Ohio; Cory Watt, Iva, S.C.; Sarah Wogan, Hebron, Ohio; Patricia Vaassen, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Deedra Suchting, Reisterstown, Md.; Clay Williams, Bishop, Ga.; and Paul Hill, judge.



► Winning the junior division of prepared public speaking are (from left) Cale Hinrichsen, first; Eva Hinrichsen, second; and Alexandria Cozzitorto, Lenexa, third.



► Winning the intermediate division of prepared public speaking are (from left) Esther McCabe, first; Jackson Wingert, second; and Claire Wingert, Ottawa, third.



► Placing in the senior quiz bowl contest are (from left) Cody Theis, first; Lauren Herman, second; and Allison Blythe, third.



► Eva Hinrichsen (right), Westmoreland, receives the Junior Challenge Award from Varee McCabe, Kansas Angus Auxiliary president.



► Tying for first place in the junior quiz bowl contest are (from left) Cale and Eva Hinrichsen; Kady Figge, Onaga; Laura Carpenter, Wamego; and Quanah Gardiner.



► Top scorers in the intermediate division of the quiz bowl contest are (from left) Esther McCabe, first; Chelsey Figge, Onaga, second; Anna Carpenter, third; and Kelsey Wulfkuhle, Berryton; Jackson Wingert, and Claire Wingert tied for fourth.

Louisiana Jr. Angus Field Day, LeCompte, June 8-9



▶ Placing in the quiz bowl contest are (front row, from left) Morgan Richard, Elton, first junior; Kara LeBeouf, Deridder, third junior; Abigail Jenkins, Bush, first intermediate; Isaac McFarland, Keithville, second intermediate; Eden Schexnayder, Donaldsonville, third intermediate; (back row, from left) Lee Hymel, Vacherie, first senior; Cheyenne Jones, Franklinton, second senior; and Daniel McFarland, Keithville, third senior.



► Qualifying to represent Louisiana at the 2012 National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest are Taryn Shaw, Jennings, representative; Nancy Bickham, Saint Francisville, representative; Mason Duhe, Paulina, first alternate; and Rene Roussel, Gramercy, second alternate.



► Jacob Chicola (left), Deville, receives the Bronze and Silver awards from American Angus Ass'n Regional Manager Richard Dyar.

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■ Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day & Jr. Preview Show, Gordon, June 1-2



■ Wisconsin Spring Jr. Angus Preview Show, Jefferson, June 9

► Right: Jessica Radcliffe, Weston; and Kelli Retallick, Glen Haven, qualified to represent Wisconsin at the 2012 National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest.



□ Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Stillwater, May 12



▶ Jim Davis (center) presents an Oklahoma Angus Ass'n Jr. Traveling Trophy to Jarold Callahan (left), accepting for **Ryan Callahan**, Edmond, bred-andowned heifer; and **Kolby Shepard**, Perkins, owned heifer.

▶ Left: Serving on the Alabama Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (front row, from left) Joseph Adams, Union Springs, vice president; Hannah Whitecotton, Pisgah, secretary-treasurer; James Barton, Dutton, reporter; (directors, back row, from left) Caroline Nichols, Graceville, Fla.; Courtney Buchanan, Cleveland; Wyatt Hubbard, Union Springs; and Chandler Langley, Camp Hill.



► Hannah Whitecotton; Caroline Nichols, alternate; and Cody Owens, Pisgah, alternate, will serve as voting delegates to the NJAA Annual Meeting.



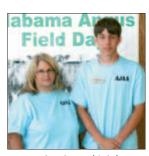
► Contest winners are (from left) Joseph Adams, photo contest; Wyatt Hubbard, Union Springs, poster contest; Layton Adams, Union Springs, coloring contest; and McKensie Owens, Pisgah, coloring contest.



► Courtney Buchanan (right) Cleveland, received the Alabama Angus Auxiliary scholarship from June Wood, Alabama Angus Auxiliary vice president.



► Hannah Whitecotton (right) was crowned Miss Alabama Angus. Also pictured is Wood.



► Joseph Adams (right), was named Alabama Jr. Ambassador. Also pictured is Wood.

Southern National Jr. Angus Show, Perry, Ga., June 8



► Left: Junior members qualified to represent Georgia at the 2012 National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest in conjunction with the NJAS in Louisville, Ky. Pictured are (from left) Taylor Gazda, Athens and Katherine Throne, Lexington.



► Drew Williams (left), receives Bronze and Silver awards from Clay Williams, NJAA chairman.

Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n Golden Trend Show, Fort Collins, June 9



► Serving as Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n officers and directors are (front row, from left) Alex Vieselmeyer, Amherst; Maguire Rohr, Elbert; (back row, from left) Morgan Penner, Lafeyette, president; McKayla Clayton, Castle Rock, reporter; Austin Vieselmeyer, Amherst, vice president; Aeriel Belk, Fort Collins, secretary; and Kelsey Belk, Fort Collins, treasurer.



Serving on the Georgia Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) Macy Seagraves, Nicholson; Samantha Allen, Talmo; Katherine Throne, historian; Drew Williams, Milan, vice president; Abbey Gretsch, Crawford, secretary; (back row, from left) Logan Steed, Carrollton; Kellie Panter, Dahlonega; Anna Scott, Douglas; and Shelby Eidson, Arnoldsville, president.

Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview Show, Fayetteville, May 26



Left: Serving on the Arkansas Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (kneeling, from left) Katlyn Tunstill, Fayetteville, president; Will Pohlman, Prairie Grove, vice president; Madeline Taylor, Lavaca, membership director; Audrey Taylor, Lavaca, financial/foundation director; Laykyn Rainbolt, Leslie, communications director; (back row, from left) Christine Taylor, Lavaca, senior director; Dakota Fritts, Huntsville, associate director; Hailey Roye, Fayetteville, associate director; and Nicholas Pohlman, Prairie Grove, associate director. Tunstill and Will Pohlman were selected to serve as Arkansas voting delegates to the NJAA annual meeting at the National Junior Angus Show.



► Arkansas Angus royalty, pictured from left with Leslie Roye, Arkansas Angus Auxiliary president, are **Hailey Roye**, state princess, and **Katlyn Tunstill**, queen.



► Jacy Alsup (right), Gravette, receives the Outstanding Leadership Award from Sheri Tunstill, advisor.



► Conner Cole, Russellville, is the 2012 Showman of the Year.



► Winning the landscape category of the photography contest are (from left) Jessica Fritts, senior division first; Will Pohlman, intermediate division first; Katlyn Tunstill, intermediate division second; Laykyn Rainbolt, junior division first; Hailey Roye, junior division second; and Nicholas Pohlman, junior division third.



► Winning the around the farm or ranch category of the photography contest are (from left) Jessica Fritts, senior division first; Will Pohlman, intermediate division first; Katlyn Tunstill, intermediate division second; Laykyn Rainbolt, junior division first; and Nicholas Pohlman, junior division second.

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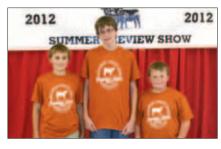
Arkansas Jr. Angus Preview Show, Fayetteville, May 26, continued

► Winning the people category of the photography contest are (from left) Audrey Taylor, senior division first; Christine Taylor, senior division second:



Katlyn Tunstill, intermediate division first; Will Pohlman, intermediate division second; Madeline Taylor, intermediate division third; Ryan Lane, junior division first; Laykyn Rainbolt, junior division second; and Nicholas Pohlman, junior division third.

► In the poster contest, winning the herd advertisement category are (from left) Nicholas Pohlman, junior division first; Dakota Fritts, junior division second; and



Jared Blissenbach, Pocahontas, peewee division first. Nicholas Pohlman won first and Hailey Roye won second in the membership recruitment category. Nicholas Pohlman won the junior division of the breed or association promotion category.

Not pictured:

- ►Winning graphic design honors were Will Pohlman, intermediate division first; Laykyn Rainbolt, junior division first; Nicholas Pohlman, junior division second; and Dakota Fritts, junior division third.
- ► Winning the creative writing contest were Will Pohlman, intermediate division first; Laykyn Rainbolt, junior division first; Nicholas Pohlman, junior division second; and Hailey Roye, junior division third.
- ► Winning prepared public speaking were Will Pohlman, intermediate division first; Nicholas Pohlman, junior division first; and Ryan Lane, junior division second.
- ► Winning extemporaneous public speaking were Will Pohlman, intermediate division first; Nicholas Pohlman, junior division first; and Hailey Roye, junior division second.
- ► Quiz bowl contest winners were

Nicholas Pohlman and Laykyn Rainbolt, tied for junior division first; Ross Wingert, junior division second; Hailey Roye, junior division third; and Will Pohlman, intermediate division first.

- ► Winning the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary Achievement Award are (from left) Will Pohlman, Katlyn Tunstill and Nicholas Pohlman.
- ► Will Pohlman was presented the 2011 Arkansas Diamond Award,

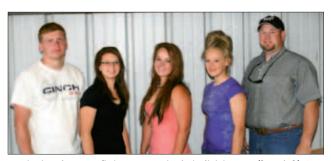
the Razorback Award and the Career Development Award.

- ► Katlyn Tunstill received honors for the 2012 Exhibitor and Jr. Breeder of the Year and the 2011 Show Heifer of the Year.
- ► Hailey Roye received the Jane Morelock Rookie of the Year Award.
- ► Madeline Taylor received the Arkansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship and her Bronze and Silver Awards.

Nebraska Jr. Angus Preview Show, North Platte, June 3



➤ Serving on the Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (from left) Cheyann Lovett, Bladen, director; Aliesha Dethlefs, North Platte, secretary-treasurer; Maci Lienemann, Princeton, second vice president; Jennifer Keyes, Springfield, director; Judson Hoffschneider, Arlington, president; Caylie Egger, Columbus, historian; Michaela Clowser, Milford, first vice president; and Taylon Lienemann, Princeton, director.



► Winning the team fitting contest in their division are (from left) Garrett Borgelt, Beemer, senior; Atlanta Maronde, York, intermediate; Samantha Yonkers, McCook, senior; and Allee Maronde, York, junior. Glen Hogan, judged the contest.



► Nebraska Angus royalty are (from left) Aliesha Dethlefs, North Platte, 2012-2013 queen; and Cheyann Lovett, 2011-2012 queen.



► Garrett Jacobs-Smith (left), Osceola, and Maci Lienemann receive Bronze and Silver awards.

Illinois Jr. Angus Preview Show, Bloomington, June 9



► Illinois Angus Royalty are (from left) **Keegan Cassady**, Normal, princess; **Savannah Conrady**, Hartsburg, ebonette; **Andrea Hosto**, Alhambra, queen; **Laramie Chaffin**, Roodhouse, ebonette; and **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, princess.

Indiana Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, Lebanon, June 10



► Amanda Tressler (left), Franklin, and Chase Cunningham, Lebanon, receive Career Achievement awards.



► Indiana Angus Royalty are (from left) **Kyrsten Retherford**, queen, and **Krisha Retherford**, princess, both of Indianapolis; and **Ryen Kerr**, junior princess, Bloomington. Also pictured is Casey Butler, Indiana Angus Auxiliary.



► Katelyn Wilson (left), Orleans, receives the Indiana Angus Auxiliary scholarship from Casey Butler, Indiana Angus Auxiliary.

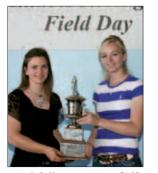


▶ Qualifying to represent Indiana at the 2012 National Jr. Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, representative; **Jessica Janssen**, Fowler, representative; and **Adam Jayne**, Greencastle, alternate.

Illinois Jr. Angus Preview Show, Bloomington, June 9



▶ Eric McClure, Saint Francisville, received the H. George Sperry Memorial Showmanship Award. Pictured are (from left) Abby Sperry, presenting; McClure, recipient; Nicole Daugherty holding Max Daugherty, Haley Daugherty, and Linda Prox, all presenting.



► Gabrielle Lemenager (left), Clifton, receives the Joseph Bessler Memorial Award from Jennifer Ewing, NJAA Board member.



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