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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by Kasey Brown.

Rise Up

It was one of those moments — not one you really experience firsthand, but one you observe happening to another. It takes you by surprise, and, as you ruminate on it, either having an internal debate or nodding along, a smile takes over your face. You realize the topic of the conversation isn't what just stole your breath away, it was watching another stand up for what they believe in, no matter the consequences.

To the challenge

This year's Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference was hosted in Phoenix, Ariz. Although a little warm, this LEAD has been one of the best that I have experienced so far. It boils down to one tour; just one tour allowed this LEAD to top the list.

On the Friday of the conference we stopped at an operation called Agritopia, a "farm" in a housing subdivision area of Gilbert, Ariz. — a suburb of the city of Phoenix. As we walked through the grounds, listening to our guide speak about their organic practices and stance against genetically modified organisms (GMOs), it was astounding to watch the juniors go to work. They politely listened as the woman proudly told us about Agritopia, but as I watched them, you could see them begin to bristle as many of us in the crowd share a very different stance than our guide possessed.



Reese Tuckwiller

Viewpoint

Viewpoint is a vastly underestimated variable when discussing a topic. No matter what side you stand on, everyone's viewpoint must be considered. I admittedly forgot this when we toured Agritopia; I didn't consider that although I disagree with the finer points, Agritopia had done something that many of us have failed to accomplish for many years. They brought agriculture to the city. They had houses and businesses all around them, and they were bringing people in to their farm and coffee shop.

No matter what your position is on their methods, they accomplished the goal. However, on this day, the LEAD juniors were able to ask questions and inform one person, who could inform another, who could inform two more and so on! The most wonderful words to hear the host say at the end of the tour, however, was, "You all have given me information to take back to the foundation/owner."

It was one of many proud moments I have had during my time in the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), one that makes me excited to experience many more along my journey.

— Catie Hope, Virginia

National Junior Angus Recognition Program

Jaycie Brown, Pinckney, Mich.; **Noah Grounds**, Barry, Texas; and **John Reid**, Eaton Rapids, Mich., have earned the NJAA Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Jaycie Brown, the 14-year-old daughter of Jay and Susie Brown, attends Pinckney Community High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Michigan Junior Angus Association, which she currently serves as secretary and has also served as director.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Jaycie participated in the extemporaneous speaking, quiz bowl and livestock judging contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® Cook-Off. She was also a participant in the mentoring program.

Jaycie is involved with her local 4-H club.

Noah Grounds, the 18-year-old son of Donnie and Mandy Grounds, is homeschooled and is a member of the NJAA and the Texas Junior Angus Association, which he serves as director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Noah participated in the livestock judging contest and the 2013 mentoring program. He is also active in his local 4-H club.

John Reid, the 15-year-old son of Chuck and Linda Reid, attends Eaton Rapids High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Michigan Junior Angus Association, which he serves as director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, John participated in the extemporaneous speaking and livestock judging contests and the cook-off. He also participated in the mentoring program in 2013 and 2016.

He has submitted weight data to the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) program and consigned cattle at the Michigan Angus Association Fall Sale and the Ingham County 4-H Livestock Sale.

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Illinois young beef producers win scholarships

Five youth, including four NJAA members, from across Illinois were each awarded \$1,000 scholarships at the 2016 Illinois Superior Young Beef Producers contest. The contest, sponsored by Archer Daniels Midland of Decatur and the Illinois State Fair, took place Aug. 10 in conjunction with the Illinois State Fair. Twenty 4-H and FFA members from Illinois competed in this three-phase competition challenging their knowledge of beef production.

The scholarships, presented to the highest-scoring individuals overall, went to NJAA members **Lindsey Decker** of Philo, **Eric Schafer** of Owaneco, **Lucas Wisniewski** of Wyoming, and **Easton Beard** of Dahinda. The Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeders Association supplied the individual plaques presented to the scholarship and phase winners.

In the beef management test, Decker and Schafer sorted themselves to the top and received plaques for their achievements. In the skill-a-thon phase, Wisniewski and Schafer received honors. In the judging competition, Wisniewski and Beard made the top three.

Travis Meteer, University of Illinois Beef Extension educator, said, "This contest allows young producers to showcase their knowledge of the beef industry and

provides them with assistance through scholarships to pursue further educational opportunities."

This year marked the 18th consecutive year for the Superior Young Beef Producers contest, which has provided participating youth the opportunity to compete for \$95,000 in college scholarships since its inception. The purpose of the contest is to create an educational activity that promotes youth development, career development and personal growth through increased knowledge of the beef industry.

Apply for GJCA scholarships and junior of the year

Georgia juniors, check out the scholarship opportunities available to members of the Georgia Junior Cattleman's Association (GJCA). Go to www.gabeef.org to download the complete details. Scholarship applications are due Nov. 30 unless otherwise noted on the website.

In addition, feel free to nominate an outstanding junior member for GJCA Junior of the Year. The deadline for this nomination is Nov. 1. The winner will receive a custom belt buckle, a two-page spread in the June issue of the *Georgia Cattleman*, and will be recognized at the 2017 Cattleman's Ball.

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Missouri State Fair FFA Angus Show, Aug. 11, Sedalia



► Winning overall showmanship honors are (from left) **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, reserve champion; and **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo, champion.

Missouri State Fair 4-H Angus Show, Aug. 11, Sedalia



► Winning overall showmanship honors are (from left) **Mardee Sadowsky**, Eagleville, champion; and **Rance Wheeler**, Paris, reserve champion.

Pennsylvania Breeders' Jr. Angus Show, July 14-15, Huntingdon



► **Alana Eisenhour** (center), Wellsville, was named Premier Breeder. Also pictured are **Daniel Rohrbaugh** (left) and **Logan Foore** (right).



► Winning novice showmanship are (from left) **Clayton Landis**, Pennsylvania Furnace, reserve champion; and **Raven Eisenhour**, Wellsville, champion.



► Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Lee Sweitzer**, Wellsville, reserve champion; and **Samuel Parr**, East Berlin, champion.



► Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Madison Weaver**, Ephrata, champion; and **Kaitlin Bell**, Nottingham, reserve champion.



► Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Nathan Briggs**, New Bloomfield, champion; and **Alysha Sweitzer**, Wellsville, reserve champion.



► Winning overall showmanship are (from left) **Samuel Parr**, reserve champion; and **Madison Weaver**, champion.

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▶ Northwest Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show, June 22-24, Prineville, Ore.



▶ Pictured with Judge Trent Ricksger, junior showmanship winners are (from left) **Seth Cox**, Eagle Point, Ore., reserve champion; and **Jonwyn Ayres**, Rogue River, Ore., champion.



▶ Pictured with Ricksger, intermediate showmanship winners are (from left) **Corrie Fallaur**, Gearhart, Ore., champion; and **Madison Cox**, Eagle Point, Ore., reserve champion.



▶ Pictured with Ricksger, senior showmanship winners are (from left) **Austin Speck**, Chehalis, Wash., reserve champion; and **Ashley Cox**, Eagle Point, Ore., champion.



▶ **Shelby Burris** (right), Tacoma, Wash., was named Premier Breeder. Also pictured is Miss Western States Angus Sarah DeYoung.

▶ West Virginia Angus Breeders' Jr. Show, July 31, Weston



▶ Winning their division of showmanship are (from left) **Kylea Arnold**, Horner, senior champion; **Natalie Phillips**, intermediate champion; and **Marli Phillips**, junior champion, both of Mason-town; and **Cade Nestor**, Belington, novice champion.

▶ Southern Illinois Jr. Angus Show, July 30, Flora



▶ Winning their division of showmanship are (from left) **Tyler Musgrave**, New Salem, senior champion; **Paige VanDyke**, Louisville, intermediate champion; and **Emma Kitley**, Flora, junior champion.

▶ Virginia Jr. Angus Breeders' Show, July 23, Chatham



▶ **Callie Eastin**, Gretna, receives the Robert W. "Woody" Thomas Memorial Premier Breeder award and the Joseph Smith Memorial Premier Exhibitor award. In the open show Callie also received the Premier Breeder award, Premier Exhibitor award and won the best-six-head class. Pictured are (from left) Dale, Kathy, Callie and Dennis Eastin.



▶ Winning their division of showmanship are (from left) **Cody Boden**, Clear Brook, senior champion; **Zach McCall**, Greenville, intermediate champion; **Ryan Borer**, Buchanan, junior champion; and **Hannah Smith**, Churchville, novice champion. Cody was awarded the David Reed Memorial award for being top showman.

► **Ozark Empire Fair Jr. Angus Show**, July 29, Springfield, Mo.



► Receiving Southwest Missouri Angus Ass'n awards are (from left) **Hannah Moyer**, Lamar, cow-calf pair of the year award; **Brittany Eagleburger**, Buffalo, bred-and-owned bull of the year, B&O heifer of the year and member of the year awards; and **Callie Keaton**, Anderson, owned heifer of the year award.



► Winning their division of showmanship are **Jera Pipkin** (left), Republic, Mo., senior champion; and **Kiera Stehr** (right), Willow, Okla., junior champion. Also pictured is Joe Seale, judge.



► **Jera Pipkin** received the Earl K. Naw Memorial Scholarship. Pictured are (from left) Kris Naw, Jera Pipkin, Brittney Gilley, and Aaron Owen.

