



# Next Generation

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

## Looking forward to LEAD

*Every summer the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) hosts the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference. As someone who hasn't missed a conference since 2006, I am looking forward to serving as the leadership director and organizing the event next summer. Last year we were excited to see an immense increase in the number of first-year participants. I'd like to take a moment to tell you why I believe every junior should attend LEAD because of the skills earned, connections made and overall experience it provides.*

### Skills

The LEAD conference is a three-day event where juniors take part in workshops, experience farm and regional tours, and learn from motivational and industry leaders. In the end, we hope students take away new skills from these experiences. Within the workshops, we encourage students to set new goals for themselves, as well as set new goals for their respective state associations. It is also the goal of the LEAD conference to introduce students to new facets of U.S. agriculture. Each year the conference is hosted in a different state, and we take this opportunity to teach juniors about how broad the agriculture industry truly is.



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agriculture industry, in the process it is also likely they will make new contacts and gain lifelong friends. It is our goal to break down their social barriers and provide them with situations where they feel comfortable with the other attendees. Activities like icebreakers, workshop activities and a social dance provide ample opportunities for juniors to meet other Angus enthusiasts. We hope that these connections will last a lifetime and provide connections down the road.

### Experience

Overall, LEAD is an exciting experience for juniors, and we hope it increases their enthusiasm for the NJAA and the beef industry as a whole. We anticipate that LEAD will open their eyes to the many opportunities that lie within the NJAA. Learning new skills and making connections will also enable them to go home to their respective states and implement new ideas. This year especially, it is my goal to make some changes in the workshop format of the conference so that juniors will leave with even more career skills and goals.

I hope that you can see the immense benefit of your participation in the LEAD conference. As someone who has been personally impacted by the conference, I highly recommend every junior take this opportunity. Thanks to the generosity of the Angus Foundation, we are able to influence Angus juniors every summer at the LEAD conference. LEAD sign-up will begin next spring. The cost to attend is \$200. For more information, check out <http://njaa.info> or the National Junior Angus Association Facebook page.

— Paige Wallace, Missouri

## Angus juniors win top honors at KILE livestock judging contests

Honors were awarded during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) Collegiate and Junior Livestock Judging contests Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Exposition Center in Harrisburg, to Angus juniors **Levi Stephenson**, Carrollton, Ky.; **Chris Hudson**, Middletown, Mo.; and **Kyle Cooney**, Union Bridge, Md.

There were 22 collegiate, 4-H and FFA teams with 107 members. They judged classes of cattle, swine and sheep and presented reasons.

Stephenson, a member of the second-highest team, Kentucky 4-H, earned top individual honors for the junior contest by scoring 832 points.

Hudson, on the University of Missouri team, scored 945 points and was the third collegiate individual. Cooney, on the Maryland 4-H team, scored 827 and was second-high junior individual.

The KILE is the largest livestock show on the East Coast, featuring nearly 4,000 animals, including beef cattle, horses, sheep and pigs. The expo ran through Oct. 6. For more information and a complete show schedule, visit [www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us](http://www.keystoneinternational.state.pa.us).

## Youth cattle growers shine at World Beef Expo

Andis Co., a leading manufacturer of grooming tools for professionals and at-home consumers, sponsored the Junior Showmanship Competition during the World Beef Expo Sunday, Sept. 29, at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

Youth ages 8 to 20 presented their animals

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Andis' AGC Super 2-Speed Clipper for large animals and a congratulatory handshake from Gary Stanczyk, vice president of sales.

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in 21 categories, including breeds such as Angus, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Hereford and Simmental. The winning heifers best represent breed standards with the ultimate goal of bettering the genetic profile of future herds. The winner of each age group received

to support the next generation here at the World Beef Expo," said Stanczyk.

Angus junior winners included **Cade Austin**, Milton, Wis.; **Samuel Henderson**, East Troy, Wis.; **Eric Schafer**, Owenco, Ill.; **Clay Sundberg**, Arlington, Ill.; **Ty Struble**,

Richland Center, Wis.; **Alexis Timmel**, Johnson Creek, Wis.; **Chase Anderson**, Chrisman, Ill.; and **Lauren Barker**, Monticello, Iowa.

### Canadian Angus youth come home as champions

Canadian Angus youth chosen last spring to compete in the Youth Programme at the 2013 PGG Wrightson World Angus Forum have been awarded champion and reserve champion world titles.

Canada sponsored three teams of four individuals (totaling 12) to compete at the inaugural event in New Zealand. The Canucks with team members Jared Hunter, Didsbury, Alta. (captain); Patrick Holland, Kinross, PEI; Melissa McRae, Brandon, Man.; and Michael Hargrave, Maxwell, Ont.,

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who brought home the world champion title along with \$10,000 NZ prize money.

The reserve champion world title was also awarded to a Canadian team, Team B-squarED, consisting of captain Erika Easton, Wawota, Sask.; Ty Dietrich, Forestburg, Alta.; Kaitlynn Bolduc, Stavely, Alta.; and Matthew Bates, Cameron, Ont. Bates was also announced the high individual for the entire contest, scoring highest in the most challenges as an individual.

The third team representing Canada was The Eh Team and included Sean Enright, Renfrew, Ont., as captain; Stacey Domolewski, Taber, Alta.; Chad Lorenz, Markerville, Alta.; and Breanna Anderson, Swan River, Man. The Eh Team brought



▶ The world champion team consists of (from left) Michael Hargrave, Maxwell, Ont.; Patrick Holland, Kinross, PEI; Melissa McRae, Brandon, Man.; and Jared Hunter, Didsbury, Alta. (captain).



▶ The world reserve champion team consists of (from left) Erika Easton, Wawota, Sask.; Ty Dietrich, Forestburg, Alta.; Kaitlynn Bolduc, Stavely, Alta.; and Matthew Bates, Cameron, Ont., contest high individual.

home honors for champion Team Presentation.

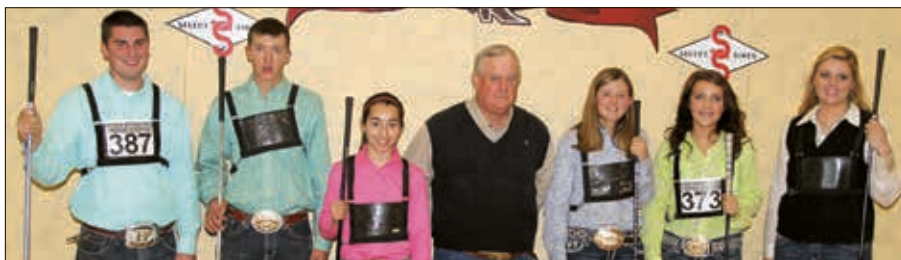
Team members traveled to Rotorua, North Island, New Zealand Oct. 9 for a five-section contest including general knowledge,

parading (presentation, showmanship and sportsmanship with an Angus animal), stock judging, animal preparation (clip an animal for show) and agri-sports (hands-on team challenge involving day-to-day tasks). Team members also had the chance to visit Angus studs in the area and participate in an adrenaline tour with the 10 other teams from across the world. New Zealand included a 150-year celebration of Angus in their country and featured a first-class celebration.

Canadian team members would like to provide a special thank you to Atahua, Turoa and Kakahu studs for providing heifers for use during the competition.

Initially, the Canadian Angus Foundation had committed to sending up to eight individuals for two Canadian teams to the competition. After reviewing applications, the additional four youth were made

## ▶ Northern Int'l Livestock Exposition (NILE) Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 17, Billings, Mont.



▶ Showmanship winners are (from left) **Cole Page**, Kalama, Wash., senior champion; **Avery Bates**, Manhattan, Mont., intermediate champion; **Eva Hinrichsen**, Westmoreland, Kan., junior champion; Quintin Smith, judge; **Trista Bates**, Manhattan, Mont., reserve junior champion; **Kylee Bailey**, Shelby, Mont., reserve intermediate champion; and **Kyla Olson**, Saint Ignatius, Mont., reserve senior champion.

## ▶ State Fair of Louisiana Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 23, Shreveport



▶ Winning peewee showmanship honors are (from left) **Luke Gisclair**, Longville; **Asher Shepherd**, Lake Charles; **Grace Sutton**, Dubach; and **Marcelino Rodriguez Jr.**, Keithville.



▶ From left, Katelyn Corsentino, Louisiana Angus queen, presents junior showmanship honors to **Lena Johnson**, first, and **Mattie Johnson**, second, both of Choudrant; **Payton Shepherd**, Lake Charles, third; **Josie Griffin**, Chestnut, fourth; and **Sommer Jordan**, Florien, fifth.



▶ Lilly Gisclair, Louisiana Angus princess, and Corsentino present **Lena Johnson**, Choudrant, overall showmanship honors.



▶ From left, Lily Gisclair, presents intermediate showmanship honors to **Olivia Shepherd**, Lake Charles, first; **Destiny Jones**, Dubach, second; **Abigail Jenkins**, Bush, third; **Faith Guice**, Downsville, fourth; and **Maci Schexnayder**, Donaldsonville, fifth.



▶ From left, Gisclair presents senior showmanship honors to **Dylan Darbonne**, Opelousas, first; **Cheyenne Jones**, Franklinton, second; **Katelyn Corsentino**, Denham Springs, third; **Isaac McFarland**, Keithville, fourth; and **Chad Walker**, Natchitoches, fifth.

possible by an additional contribution from the Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors to financially support this program to include funding for three teams of four.

“Thanks to donors and supporters of the Canadian Angus Foundation’s Building the Legacy Sale, along with the Canadian Angus Association and Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors,” said Canadian Angus Association CEO Rob Smith.

The Canadian Angus Foundation functions to preserve and expand the Angus breed for future generations through education, youth development, scientific and market research, and historical preservation. The Canadian Angus Foundation was incorporated in 1993 and is the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association.

### Kansas Junior Livestock Show Scholarship to Angus junior

The Kansas Junior Livestock Show presented \$20,500 in scholarships to 12 exhibitors before the Auction of Champions. A \$1,500 stipend was awarded to Angus junior **Chelsey Figge**, Onaga, Kan.

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### Arkansas State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 12, Little Rock



► Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Cade Burden**, Summers; and **Jaden Tweedy**, Imboden.

► Right: Winning junior showmanship are **Conner Cole** (left), first, and **Carson Cole** (right), second, both of Russellville.



► Right: Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Allie Martin**, Pargould, first; and **January Tweedy**, Imboden, second.



### Mississippi State Fair Jr. Angus Show, Oct. 7, Jackson

► Mississippi Angus royalty are (from left) **Hayden Neal**, Forest, 2013 Miss Mississippi Angus queen; **Addison Lindsey**, Morton, junior princess; **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, princess; **Bethany White**, Morton, 2014 Miss Mississippi Angus queen; **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo, princess; **Emree Sifford**, Terry, princess; and **Hannah Beatty**, Pulaski, junior princess.



► From left, Hannah Beatty, Mississippi junior princess, presents novice showmanship honors to **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, first; **Dalton Cooper**, second, and **Haley Walker**, third, both of Potts Camp; **Caryn Fore**, Picayune, fourth; **Nicholas Beatty**, Pulaski, fifth; **Randon McDaniel**, Thaxton, sixth; and **Hunter Hester**, Mantachie, sixth. Also pictured is Emree Sifford, Mississippi princess, presenting.



► From left, Hannah Beatty presents junior showmanship honors to **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo, first; **Rylie Melancon**, Woodville, second; **Hunter Garrett**, Sattillo, third; **John McFerrin**, Mantachie, fourth; **John Davis**, New Albany, fifth; and **Randi Terry**, Coldwater, sixth. Also pictured is Emree Sifford.



► Left: From left, Hannah Beatty presents intermediate showmanship honors to **Matt Spradling**, Mantachie, first; **J.T. Prisock**, second, and **Colt Prisock**, third, both of Sturgis; and **Baleigh Sifford**, Terry, fourth. Also pictured is Emree Sifford.



► Left: From left, Hannah Beatty presents senior showmanship honors to **Miranda Stevens**, New Albany, first; **Shania Farrow**, Coldwater, second; **Ashton Gandy**, Potts Camp, third; **Will Gibson**, Newton, fourth; and **Justin Milner**, Jackson, fifth. Also pictured is Emree Sifford.

