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

Opportunities = leadership

It seems like just yesterday I was attending my first National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). It seems like just yesterday I was a freshman in college. It seems like yesterday I was elected to serve the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) on the National Junior Angus Board of Directors (NJAB). It seems like just yesterday I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. Wow! Time moves quickly.

Take the time

As I reflect on my junior Angus career and my junior board experience, I realize the monumental impact the Angus Association has had on my life. My first junior national experience was in Perry, Ga., in 2009. I have so many memories of showing cattle, competing in countless contests, attending leadership conferences, and experiencing the countryside of our nation via showing cattle. As I review my NJAA memories I see now that time flew by. I can recognize just how much in those early years that I was learning and developing as a leader.

I had always dreamed about running for the NJAB, but never thought I would make it. The green jacket always felt like this huge, far-away dream that was just that — a dream.

Well, through years of being an active junior, and by making lifelong friendships that I will forever cherish, I was elected to the NJAB. When I was elected, I thought I knew what being a leader meant. However,



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I quickly learned that I had much to learn about leadership and that there were many more levels of leadership to come.

I now know that part of being a great leader is about taking advantage of opportunities. Opportunities often mean more work and more responsibility, but they pay off in more self-confidence, knowledge and maturity. All of these traits are important in life and leadership.

While serving on the junior board, I was also keeping up with my studies, and was active on many judging teams at Kansas State University. Through the judging teams, I learned a body of knowledge that I likely could not have gained through class work alone. Perhaps more importantly, I learned how to evaluate pertinent criteria, to make quick decisions and to defend my thought process. These fundamental skills of collegiate judging are also critical leadership skills. Again, it is about seizing the opportunities placed in front of me. Judging was an opportunity to learn, to challenge myself, to work hard, to travel and to have new experiences.

As my experience on the National Junior Angus Board of Directors comes to a close, I am left with lifelong memories to cherish and profound experiences to

draw from as I move on to my next chapter of life. Although I realize my leadership development is far from over, I am certain that I have a solid foundation from which to take off running.

I encourage each and every junior to take advantage of the opportunities to become a stronger leader. Have the perseverance to reach personal goals. Do not let “not having enough time” limit you. There is never enough time, and yet, there is always enough time in the end. Life is a conundrum; you will fill your time one way or another. The hours and minutes are finite, what you do with them is endless.

When the next leadership opportunity arises, take it. Don't look back. Don't think about the time commitment. There will always be many reasons not to do something; seize the one reason to lead — it is an opportunity. Don't let it slip away.

— Michael Cropp, Maryland

Guy E. Ham Beef Industry Scholarship applications due Aug. 1

Digital subscribers can still apply for the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association (SDSA) and the South Dakota Cattlewomen \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships in memory of Guy E. Ham by Aug. 1. The scholarships are available to any South Dakota student having completed at least one year of postsecondary education and pursuing a career in an agricultural or agribusiness-related field.

These scholarships are made possible by the generosity and gift of the Guy E. Ham Beef Industry Scholarship in memory of Guy Ham and his commitment to the future of the agriculture industry in South Dakota.

Application information and details can be found by visiting www.southdakotastockgrowers.org/scholarships.htm or by contacting the SDSA at 605-342-0429. The scholarship will be awarded during the SDSA annual convention Sept. 23, 2016.

Donations to the Guy E. Ham Beef Industry Scholarship are gratefully accepted by the SDSA for the purpose of continuing this scholarship program. Please contact Silvia Christen at 605-342-0429 for more information.

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► **Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, May 6, Raymond**



► Receiving the American Angus Auxiliary Certificate of Achievement Award are (from left) **Walker Milner**, Ridgeland; **Hunter Hester**, Mantachie; **Bethany White**, Morton; **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland; **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo; **Haley Walker**, Potts Camp; and **Justin Milner**, Ridgeland.



► Mississippi Angus royalty are (from left) **Katherine Goree**, Pulaski, South Mississippi junior princess; **Addison Lindsey**, Pelahatchie, Southwest Mississippi princess; **Haley Walker**, Potts Camp, Northeast Mississippi princess; **Gabrielle Simpson**, Tupelo, Miss Mississippi Angus; and **Elizabeth Rone**, Courtland, Northwest Mississippi princess.

► **California Jr. Angus Ass'n Preview Show, May 28-29, Turlock**



► **Kathryn Coleman** (right), Modesto, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Terry Cotton, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



► **Tyler Coleman** (right), Modesto, receives his Bronze and Silver awards from Cotton.

► **Oklahoma Jr. Cattlemen's Ass'n Angus Preview Show, June 11, Chickasha**



► Left: **Sydnee Gerken** (left), Kingfisher, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Jeff Mafi, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.

► **Nebraska State Jr. Angus Heifer Show, May 29, Broken Bow**



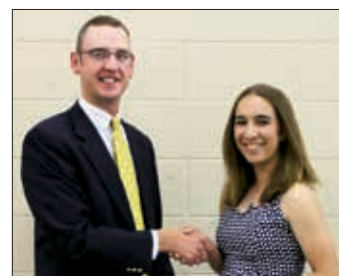
► Winning showmanship honors are (kneeling, from left) **Shaila Bennett**, Beemer, reserve senior champion; **Miles Stagemeyer**, Page, reserve intermediate champion; and **Kyra Meyer**, Blue Hill, reserve junior champion; (standing, from left) **Savannah Schafer**, Nehawka, senior champion; **Reagan Skow**, Palisade, intermediate champion; and **Tucker Stagemeyer**, Page, junior champion.



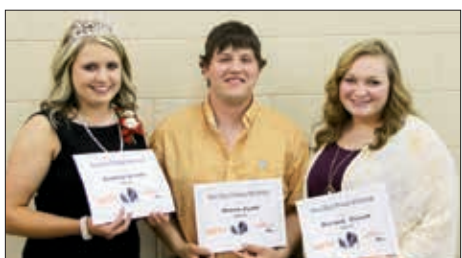
► **Sydni Liene-mann**, Princeton, was crowned Miss Nebraska Angus.



► **Nicole Nichols** (right), Chambers, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Jay Nordhausen, Association regional manager.



► **Kyra Meyer** (right), Blue Hill, receives her Bronze and Silver awards from Nordhausen.



► Receiving the Zoetis Young Angus Producer Scholarships are (from left) **Savannah Schafer**; **Dakota Lovett**, Bladen; and **Michaela Clowser**, Milford.



► **Savannah Schafer** won Premier Exhibitor.



► The Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors consists of (front row, from left) **Miles Stagemeyer**, second vice president; **Savannah Schafer**, president; and **Dakota Lovett**, vice president and voting delegate; (back row, from left) **Montana Lovett**, Bladen, historian; **Jace Stagemeyer**, Page, director; **Reagan Skow**, director and voting delegate; and **Kyra Meyer**, director.

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Summer interns forge career paths at Accelerated Genetics

Accelerated Genetics is excited to have seven individuals serving as interns for the summer, two of whom are Angus juniors: **Katie Friederichs**, Walcott, Iowa, and **Anna Wilkens**, Waverly, Neb.

Friederichs attends Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., where she is majoring in animal science and ag communications. She is serving as a marketing communications intern. In her role she will be creating feature articles for publication, writing news releases, designing promotional materials, updating the website, working on electronic newsletters, helping with advertising

campaigns and representing Accelerated Genetics at various events.

Friederichs developed her passion for beef genetics as she took part in her family's beef operation, KMF Livestock, where she continues to be active in showing and raising her Angus cattle. Friederichs is honing her evaluation and communication skills at college through the meats and livestock

judging teams, and through her involvement in campus organizations, including Animal Science Leadership Alliance, Student Council, Block & Bridle and Ag Communicators of Tomorrow.

Wilkens is based out of Nebraska Bull Service, a division of Accelerated Genetics, in McCook, Neb. In her intern role she will be

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▶ Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n Golden Trend Show, June 3-4, Wellington



▶ Colby Taber, judge, presents junior showmanship honors to (from left) **Madalyn Rohr**, champion, and **Maguire Rohr**, reserve champion, both of Elbert.



▶ Taber presents intermediate showmanship honors to (from left) **Molly Cooksey**, Roggen, champion; and **Austin Vieselmeyer**, Amherst, reserve champion.



▶ Taber presents senior showmanship honors to (from left) **Serena Zwart-Schafer**, Frederick, reserve champion; and **Calvin Sabrowski**, Almont, champion.

▶ Southern National Jr. Angus Show, June 3-4, Perry



▶ Judge Corey Wilkins presents showmanship honors to (from left) **Trey Chafin**, Carnesville, Ga., junior champion; **Abigail Allen**, Talmo, Ga., intermediate champion; and **William Graves**, Cleveland, Ala., senior champion.



▶ **Haley Throne** (left) and **Peyton Mattox** (right), both of Lexington, Ga., qualified to represent Georgia at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



▶ Elected to the Georgia Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (from left) **Lauren McPhail**, Warner Robins, secretary-treasurer; **Garrett Smith**, Douglas, director; **Cameron McPhail**, Warner Robins, director; **Haley Throne**, Lexington, president; **Hannah Williams**, Milan, director; **Hank Throne**, Lexington, director; and **Drew Williams**, Milan, director.

▶ Tennessee Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 3-4, Lebanon



▶ Winning their showmanship divisions are (from left) **Grady Armstrong**, Unionville, peewee champion; **Weston Rowlett**, junior champion, and **Shelley Rowlett**, intermediate champion, both of Martin; and **Mary Oliver**, senior champion, Union City.



▶ Winning reserve in their showmanship divisions are (from left) **Travis Turner**, Covington, reserve intermediate champion, and **Kaitlyn Beavers**, Louisville, reserve junior champion.



▶ Left: Elected to the Tennessee Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (from left) **Allison Davis**, Shelbyville, secretary; **Shelley Rowlett**, historian; **Kristen Brown**, Cookeville, president; **Mary Oliver**, president-elect; **Deanna Schofield**, Paris, reporter; and **Katie Whitted**, Decatur, treasurer.

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▶ Alabama Angus Ass'n Field Day & Jr. Preview Show, June 4, Rogersville



▶ Elected to serve on the Alabama Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) directors **Reid McGuire**, Waverly; **Aspen Adams**, Union Springs; **Sidney Ritter**, Lexington; **Heather Gladney**, Buhl; and **Chandler Langley**, Camp Hill; (standing, from left) **Cheyenne Ritter**, Lexington, president; **Katie Smith**, Cullman, vice president; **Elizabeth Griffith**, Hokes Bluff, secretary-treasurer; and **Layton Adams**, Union Springs, reporter.



▶ Alabama Angus royalty are (from left) **Katie Smith**, 2016 queen; and **Cheyenne Ritter**, 2015 queen.



▶ **Reid McGuire** qualified to represent Alabama at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



▶ Selected as voting delegates for the National Junior Angus Show are (from left) **Reid McGuire** and **Clay McGuire**, both of Waverly.



▶ Receiving the Richard Dyar Scholarship are (from left) **Daniel Adams**, Union Springs; Richard Dyar, presenting; and **Chandler Langley**, Camp Hill.



▶ **Daniel Adams** (left) and **Chandler Langley** (right) receive the Alabama Angus Ass'n Auxiliary Scholarship from June Wood, Alabama Angus Auxiliary secretary.



▶ Winning the coloring contest are (from left) **Dalton Rorex** and **Brinlee Rorex**, both of Bridgeport; **Kynleigh Wood**, Holly Pond; and **Austin Haynes**, Dutton.



▶ Placing in the photography contest are (from left) **Layton Adams**; **Elizabeth Griffith**, Hokes Bluff; **Aspen Adams**; and (back row) **Daniel Adams**.



▶ Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Kynleigh Wood** and **Wheeler Allen**, Lexington.

▶ **Right:** Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Sydney Ritter**, Lexington, first place; **Layton Adams**, second place; **Tyler Crim**, Elrod, third place; **Makayla Walker**, Lexington, fourth place; and **Amelia Thrower**, Arab, fifth place.





►Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Cheyenne Ritter**, first place; **Todd Crim**, Elrod, second place; **Elizabeth Griffith**, third place; **Cheyenne Walker**, Lexington, fourth place; **Heather Gladney**, fifth place; and **John Thrower**, Arab, sixth place.



►Winning senior showmanship were (from left) **Chandler Langley**, reserve champion; and **Reid McGuire**, champion.

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▶ Illinois Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, June 4, Bloomington



▶ **Chase Anderson** (left), Chrisman, and **Gracia Ramp** (right), Yates City, will serve as voting delegates at the National Junior Angus Show.



▶ Illinois Angus royalty are (from left) **Lizzie Schafer**, Owaneco, princess; **Holly Marsh**, Union, ebonette; **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, queen; **Amber Schiffbauer**, Tonica, ebonette; **Lindsey Decker**, Philo, ebonette; and **Amelia Miller**, Gridley, princess.

▶ North Dakota Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, June 4, Jamestown



▶ **Cally Hansen**, Carrington, won top honors in peewee showmanship.



▶ Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Molly Hansen**, Carrington, second place; and **Brett Wendel**, LaMoure, first place.



▶ Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Kourtney Schaff**, Saint Anthony, third place; **Taylor Miller**, second place, and **Macey Miller**, first place, both of Mandan.



▶ **Left: Sara Hatlewick**, Jamestown, won champion senior showmanship.

▶ **Right:** Elected to the North Dakota Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (from left) **Madison Sundsbak**, Des Lacs, president; **Joslyn Hoyt**, McHenry, vice president; **Reed Wendel**, LaMoure, treasurer; and **Sara Hatlewick**, secretary.



▶ Maryland Jr. Angus Preview Show, June 5, Westminster



▶ Judge Chad Cash presents showmanship honors to (from left) **Avery Dull**, Westminster, intermediate champion; **Taylor Clarke**, Rocky Ridge, senior and overall champion; and **Jacob Keeney**, Thurmont, junior champion.



▶ **Matthew Antonio** (center), Hydes; and **Lauren Schur** (right), Sabillasville, qualified to represent Maryland at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Also pictured is Cash.



▶ **Taylor Clarke** was named Premier Breeder and Exhibitor.

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gaining experience in all aspects of the facility, working as a farm and barn herdsman, laboratory technician, shipping and receiving clerk, and office receptionist.

Wilkins is attending the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture majoring in agribusiness and livestock production. She is involved in the American Angus Association and College Stock Dog Club. Wilkins has worked on farms throughout her high school

years and currently owns a small herd of Angus cows.

For more information about Accelerated Genetics internships, call 1-800-451-9275, email info@accelgen.com or go to www.accelgen.com.

Applications accepted for Missouri Youth Leadership Conference

The Missouri Junior Cattleman's

Association's Annual Show-Me Beef Leadership Conference will be hosted Sept. 9-11, 2016, starting at the Missouri Cattlemen's Association (MCA) headquarters in Columbia and touring in the Kansas City area. This year's conference theme, according to MCA Manager of Membership Kevin Johansen, is "Mapping Your Future."

"Young leaders will receive tips from

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▶ Wisconsin Jr. Angus Preview Show, June 4, Jefferson



▶Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Kaycee Lindner**, Platteville, reserve champion; and **Hailey Jentz**, Fennimore, champion.



▶Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Koleton Lorentz**, Woodville, reserve champion; and **Jaci Williams**, Bloomington, champion.



▶Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Claire Hawthorne**, Westby, reserve champion; and **Kolin Huth**, Richland Center, champion.



▶**Derek Horstmeyer**, Marshall, qualified to represent Wisconsin at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.

▶ Kentucky Jr. Angus Preview Show, June 10, Louisville



▶**Leslie Craig** (left), Harrodsburg, and **Destiny McCauley** (right), Cynthiana, qualified to represent Kentucky at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



▶Winning top showmanship honors are (from left) **Corbin Cowles**, Rockfield, senior champion; **Bradshaw Smoot**, Campbellsville, intermediate champion; **Ethan Blevins**, Greenup, junior A champion; and **Bryanna Smith**, Russell Springs, junior B champion.



▶Receiving the Kentucky Angus Auxiliary's Ladies of the Bluegrass scholarship are (from left) **Kaitlin Fouts**, London, recipient; **Maggie Jasper**, presenter; and **Emily Johnson**, Slaughter, recipient.

▶ Michigan Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 12, East Lansing



▶**Brady Zellmer** (left), Nashville, receives the Michigan Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) scholarship from Miss Michigan Angus Michelle Kosal.



▶**Kollin Johnson** (right), Quincy, receives the Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Janel Boehmer, Michigan Angus Auxiliary Scholarship chairperson.



▶**Kollin Johnson** qualified to represent Michigan at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



▶Winning top showmanship honors are (from left) **Blake Pillars**, Martin, junior champion; **Delaney Bates**, Sebawaing, intermediate champion; and **Katie Romzek**, Bad Axe, senior champion.

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industry experts on how to utilize genetic selection to produce the best end product for consumers,” said Johansen. “The conference is jam-packed with hands-on learning that takes participants beyond the office walls and onto farms and ranches, marketplaces for beef, breed associations and allied industry partners. This is also an awesome

opportunity for youth to network and make lasting friendships.”

The conference is open to junior members entering ninth grade through age 21 as of Jan. 1. Registration is open to the first 50 applicants, and the registration fee is \$100. This fee includes all meals, lodging, transportation for the entirety

of the program and a T-shirt. For more information, visit www.mocattle.org/show-meleadershipconference.aspx or contact Johansen at 573-499-9162.

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▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 12, Lebanon



▶**Left:** **Kade Patton**, Frankfort, won premier junior breeder. Pictured are (from left) Jim Patton; Steve Patton; Jacy Hill; Kade Patton; Karson Patton; and Kelli Patton.

▶**Right:** Winning novice showmanship are (from left) **Kaitlyn Lowes**, Greenfield, first place; **Audrey Korniak**, Rensselaer, second place; and **Sophia Royer**, Westpoint, third place.



▶Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Kaden Bennington**, Jamestown, first place; **Austin Nowatzke**, Michigan City, second place; and **Hunter Royer**, Westpoint, third place.



▶Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Ellie Sennett**, Waynetown, first place; **Kallie Knott**, Laotto, second place; and **Karsyn Zenor**, Attica, third place.



▶Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Madison Butler**, Vincennes, first place; **Kade Patton**, Frankfort, second place; and **Caleb Smith**, Whitestown, third place.



▶Qualifying to represent Indiana at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) **Andy Brock**, Stilesville, contestant; **Elizabeth Beer**, Milford, contestant; and **Shelby Sanders**, Argos, alternate.