# A step above the rest

More times than not, we, as breeders and exhibitors of Angus cattle, forget how blessed we are to have the support of our great American Angus Association. Whether it's the numerous scholarships our Angus Foundation provides our youth, or the outstanding maternal and carcass traits that our breed is known for, seldom do we think about our blessings, or the difficulties that other breed members might face.

# So much support

Recently I had the privilege of working with the chairs of the 2016 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Neb.

My eyes were opened as to the actual amount of hard work and dedication it takes to put on a show the size and caliber of the NJAS. Like most of you, I always understood that the NJAS was a tremendous



Reese Tuckwiller

undertaking, but I honestly had no clue about the amount of money and effort that was needed to make our show the premier event that it is.

Nevertheless, it was remarkable to work behind the scenes on this year's fundraising plan that Nebraska and South Dakota juniors developed for the NJAS. One of the main components of that plan was called the "16 for 16." Fifteen Angus breeders from Nebraska and South Dakota donated the proceeds from the lot 16 bull in their spring bull sales to the 2016 NJAS. Their combined efforts raised more than \$109,000 for the

"Stampede the Sandhills" show.

Without the help and support of our Angus family throughout this country, things like the National Junior Angus Show wouldn't be possible. So if you get the chance, say thank you to someone who has put in countless hours or has donated his or her time toward the education and development of our youth. My experience with this year's show taught me that one of the greatest strengths of our Association is the members and volunteers who invest their time and money in you and me — the juniors who will become the next generation of Angus breeders producing the next generation of great Angus cattle. So give thanks, and let us never take for granted these folks, because not every breed association has the remarkable support and family that we do.

- Reese Tuckwiller, Virginia

# National Junior Angus Recognition Program

Daniel Adams, Union Springs, Ala.; Grant Cash, York Pa.; Ethan Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.; Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.; Katelyn Eathington, Avon, Ill.; Paige Gaffney, Barneveld, Wis.; Claire Hawthorne, Westby, Wis.; John Henderson, East Troy, Wis.; Amanda Kosal, Deckerville, Mich.; Austin Nowatzke, Michigan City, Ind.; Miranda Raithel, Falls City, Neb.; and Nicholas Sheridan, Yamhill, Ore., have earned the National Junior Angus Association's (NJAA) Bronze and Silver awards, according to Jaclyn Clark, education and events director of the American Angus Association. Kris Kosal, Deckerville, Mich., earned his Bronze award.

Daniel Adams, the 20-year-old son of Rob and Connie Adams, attends Millsaps College and is a member of the NJAA and the Alabama Junior Angus Association.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Daniel participated in the livestock judging, poster contests and the All-American *Certified Angus Beef* (CAB®) Cook-Off.

He has submitted weight data to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and consigned cattle at the Southeast Classic Bull Sale.

Grant Cash, the 17-year-old son of Chad and Jamie Cash, attends Central York High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Pennsylvania Junior Angus Association, which he has served as treasurer.

He has participated in local, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Grant participated in the team fitting, photography and livestock judging contests.

Ethan Dickerson, the 16-year-old son of David and Stephanie Dickerson, attends Natoma High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Kansas Junior Angus Association (KJAA), which he has served as director.

He has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Ethan participated in the photography, poster and quiz bowl contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. He was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2013.

Grady Dickerson, the 17-year-old son of David and Stephanie Dickerson, attends Natoma High School and is a member of the NJAA and the KJAA, which he currently serves as treasurer and has also served as membership director and district director.

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#### **□** Ohio Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 10-12, Marysville



►Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Ty Raines**, Seaman, first; **Ellie Kidwell**, Walhonding, second; **Landon Bockelman**, Napoleon, third; **Brayden Hayes**, Oak Harbor, fourth; and **Jacob LeBrun**, Lucasville, fifth.



►Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Kinsey Crowe**, West Alexandria, first; **Christina Winter**, Ashville, second; **Samantha Wallace**, Kansas, third; **Keri Felumlee**, Newark, fourth; and **Marissa Hall**, Cardington, fifth.



- ▶Left: Winning senior showmanship are (from left) Michelle Bockelman, Napoleon, first; Emily Wogan, Hebron, second; and Mitchell Montgomery, Johnstown, third.
- ► Right: Michelle Bockelman (left) and Kerrie Miller (right), Wapakoneta, qualified to represent Ohio at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



### Dhio Angus Ass'n Preview Show, June 10-12, Marysville



►Left: Winning Herdsman of the Year is Christina Winter (center), Ashville. Also pictured is Katie Livingson (left) and Caroline Winter.



- ►Left: Jacob LeBrun (right), Lucasville, receives the Premier Exhibitor award from Emily Griffiths, judge.
- ► Right: Winning the Junior Herdsman award are Ty Raines and Mc-Kayla Raines, both of Seaman.



# Northern Illinois Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 26, Oregon



▶Peewee showmanship winners are (from left) **Brooklynn Hulmes**, Lee, third; **Coehen Kirchner**, Leaf River, second; and **Ella Brooks**, Prophetstown, first.



►Intermediate showmanship winners are (from left) Austin Miller, Lanark, third; Garrett Handsaker, Pearl City, second; and Emily Brooks, Prophetstown, first.



► Senior showmanship winners are (from left) **Benjamin Marsh**, Union, third; **Kiley Carroll**, Lanark, second; and **Clayton Ruter**, Shannon, first.

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#### **► Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n Preview Show,** June 3-4, Hutchinson



► Tate Laftin (left), Olsburg, receives the novice showmanship reserve champion award and Ellie Laftin (right), Olsburg, receives the novice showmanship champion award from Miss Kansas Angus Bryanna Hite (center).



►Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Jayce Dickerson**, Paradise, champion; Hite, presenting; and **Abbie Schwab**, Goddard, reserve champion.



►Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) Sarah Loomis, Council Grove, reserve champion; Hite, presenting; and Morgan Woodbury, Quenemo, champion.



►Left: Winning senior showmanship are (from left) Chelsey Figge, Onaga, reserve champion; Hite, presenting; and Reid Shipman, Manhattan, champion.

► Right: Qualifying to represent Kansas at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Taylor Nikkel, Maple Hill; Chance Stout, Olpe. Hite presents the awards.





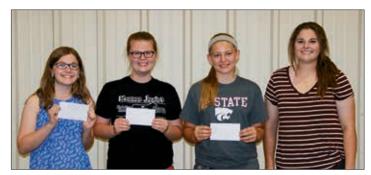
►Bailey Osborn (right), Murdock, receives her Bronze and Silver Awards from Evan Woodbury, National Junior Angus Board Foundation director.



► Cooper Woodrow, Emporia, won top honors in the peewee division of quiz bowl.



►Winning the junior division of quiz bowl are (from left) **Kelsey Theis**, Leavenworth, second; **Bridget Kucan**, Holton, third; and **Carson** and **Jensen Woodworth**, both of Enterprise, tied for fourth. Not pictured is **Clay Pelton**, Paradise, first.



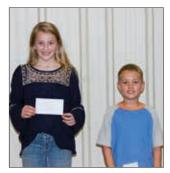
►Winning the intermediate division of quiz bowl are (from left) Baylee Wulfkuhle, first, and Madison Wulfkuhle, second, both of Berryton; Kady Figge, Onaga, third; and Taylor Nikkel, fourth.



►Winning in the senior division of quiz bowl is **Claire Wingert**, Ottawa.



►Winning their division of extemporaneous speaking are (from left) Eva Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, intermediate champion, and Claire Wingert, senior champion.



►Winning the junior division of team sales are (from left) **Kelsey Theis,** first, and **Austin Woodrow,** Emporia, second.



►Winning the intermediate division of team sales are (from left) Sarah Loomis, Council Grove, first; Nicholas Siemens, Towanda, second; and Morgan Woodbury, third.



►Winning top honors in the senior division of team sales is Claire Wingert.



► Kady Figge (right) receives the junior challenge award from Beverly Figge, Kansas Angus Auxiliary vice president.



► Reid Shipman (right) receives the junior challenge award from Beverly Figge.



▶ Bryanna Hite (left), Valley Center, receives the Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Melody McCurry, Kansas Angus Auxiliary scholarship chairperson.



►Winning top honors in the photography contest is **Chelsey Figge**.



►Winning team fitting are (from left) Jayce Dickerson, Taylor Nikkel and Chance Stout, Olpe.



►Winning the junior division of public speaking are (from left) Abbie Schwab, Goddard, first, and Elyse Louderback, Saint George, third.



►Winning intermediate public speaking are (from left) Morgan Woodbury, first; and Kady Figge, second.



▶ Elected to the Kansas Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) Chelsey Figge, president; Megan Green, Leavenworth, president-elect; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, second vice president; Cale Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, secretary; Morgan Woodbury, treasurer; Alexandria Cozzitorto, Lawrence, historian; Eva Hinrichsen, reporter; (second row, from left) Esther McCabe, Elk City, past president; Ethan Dickerson, Paradise, and Kady Figge, both membership directors; directors (third row, from left) Kelsey Theis; Nicholas Siemens; Jayce Dickerson; Bridget Kucan; (back row, from left) Cassidy Birk, Burlington; Sarah Loomis; and Abbie Schwab.

#### **► Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet,** June 11, Belton



► Faith Massingill (left), Hamilton, receives the Texas Angus Ass'n Scholarship from Joseph Bush, Texas Angus Ass'n director.



► Derek Wolf (left), Windthorst, receives the Texas Angus Ass'n Scholarship from Bush.



► Receiving the Texas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship are (from left) **Hannah Steph**, Tatum, recipient; Barbara Ettredge, American Angus Auxiliary, presenting; and **Derek Wolf**, recipient.



▶ Brooke Adams (left), Terrell, receives the Christian Cattle Co. Angus Spirit Scholarship from Mike Christian.



▶These young Angus enthusiasts participated in the peewee coloring contest.



►Winning the junior division of creative writing are (from left) **Presley Sliger**, Hamilton, first; and **Payton Alexander**, Nemo, second.



► Faith Massingill receives first place in the intermediate division of creative writing



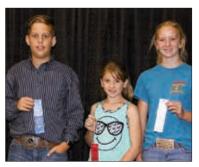
► Morgan Christian, Hico, receives first place in the junior division of graphic design.



▶ Brantley Humpert, Windthorst, receives top honors in all four categories of the peewee division of photography.



►Winning the junior division of Angus cattle photography are (from left) **Kaden Morris**, Wills Point, first; **Presley Sliger**, second; and **Cailynn Aragon**, Moulton, third.



►Winning the junior division of around the farm or ranch photography are (from left) **Kaden Morris**, first; **Payton Alexander**, second; and **Lauren Burton**, Atlanta, third.



►Winning the junior division of landscape photography are (from left) **Karsen Smoot**, Argyle, first; **Morgan Christian**, Hico, second; and **Kaden Morris**, third.



►Winning the junior division of people photography are (from left) **Presley Sliger,** first and overall champion; and **Brenlen Humpert,** Windthorst, second.



►Winning the intermediate division of Angus cattle photography are (from left) Randy Denton, Grand Saline, first and overall champion; Jaycie Henefey, D'Hanis, second; and Faith Massingill, third.



►Winning the intermediate division of around the farm or ranch photography are (from left) Faith Massingill, first and overall champion; Kristen Massingill, Hamilton, second; and Lexi Stevenson, Argyle, third.



►Winning the intermediate division of landscape photography are (from left) Jaycie Henefey, first and overall champion; Dylan Denny, Lubbock, second; and Georgia Blackwell, Venus, third.



►Winning the intermediate division of people photography are (from left) **Georgia Blackwell**, first; **Faith Massingill**, second; and **Dylan Denny**, third.



►Winning the senior division of Angus cattle photography are (from left) **Brooke Denton**, Grand Saline, first; **Logan Morris**, Wills Point, second; and **Derek Wolf**, third.



►Winning the senior division of around the farm or ranch photography are (from left) Logan Morris, first; Brooke Denton, second; and Derek Wolf, third.



►Winning the senior division of landscape photography are (from left) Emily Stovall, Corsicana, first; Logan Morris, second; and Brooke Denton, third.



►Winning the senior division of people photography are (from left) **Brooke Denton**, first; **Derek Wolf**, second; and **Logan Morris**, third.



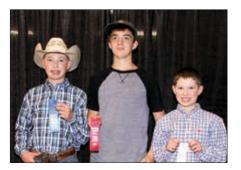
►Winning the junior division of posters on breed or association promotion are (from left) Payton Alexander, first; and Brenlen Humpert, second.



►Winning the junior division of posters on membership recruitment are (from left) Brantley Humpert, first; and Morgan Christian, second.



►Winning the junior division of posters on herd advertisement are (from left) **Brenlen Humpert,** first; and **Kilye Winge,** Cisco, second.



►Left: Winning junior quiz bowl are (from left) Cutter Pohlman, Hereford, first; Jeremiah Steph, Tatum, second; and Colter Pohlman, Hereford, third.

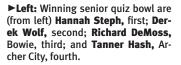
▶ Right: Winning intermediate quiz bowl are (from left) Emma Nowotny, New Braunfels, first; Dylan Denny, second; and Rose Craig, Frost, and Rylie Philipello, Bryan, tied for third.



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#### **■ Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet** continued from PAGE 45





▶ Right: Winning junior individual sales talk competition are (from left) Cutter Pohlman, first; Colter Pohlman, second; Jeremiah Steph, third; and Cailynn Aragon, fourth.





►Left: Winning intermediate individual sales talk competition are (from left) Kaydee Free, Salado, first; Dylan Denny, second; Kara Pinkerton, Arp, third; and Railey Aragon, Moulton, fourth.

► Right: Winning senior individual sales talk competition are (from left) Brooke Adams, first; Emily Stovall, second; Tanner Hash, third; and Derek Wolf, fourth.





► Qualifying to represent Texas at the NJAS team fitting contest are (from left) **Emma Nowotny**, first; **Kaitlyn Kindt**, Somerville, second; **Rylie Philpello**, third; and **Thomas Smith**, Pottsboro, fourth.

# **► Montana Jr. Beef Expo Angus Show,** June 18, Lewistown



► Winning top honors in their showmanship division are (from left) Jordyn Wagner, Billings, senior division; Brooke Vincent, Moccasin, senior division; Kristen Vincent, Moccasin, intermediate division; Sydney Cutler, Philipsburg, intermediate division; Claire Murnin, Huntley, junior division; and Wes Brown, Stevensville, junior division.

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He has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests.

At the NJAS, Grady participated in the extemporaneous speaking, photography, poster, quiz bowl, livestock judging and team sales contests and the cook-off. He was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2008.

Grady has submitted weight data to AHIR and has consigned cattle at the Bar S Ranch Production Sale. He is actively involved with his local FFA.

Jayce Dickerson, the 13-year-old son of David and Stephanie Dickerson, attends Natoma Junior High School and is a member of the NJAA and the KJAA.

He has participated in state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Jayce participated in the photography, livestock judging and team fitting contests and the All-American CAB Cook-Off. He was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2013.

Jayce has submitted weight data to AHIR. Katelyn Eathington, the 16-year-old daughter of Kevin and Patricia Eathington, attends Spoon River Valley High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Illinois Junior Angus Association.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Katelyn participated in the quiz bowl and livestock judging contests and the cook-off.

Paige Gaffney, the 16-year-old daughter of Scott and Valerie Gaffney, attends Barneveld High School and is a member of the NJAA and the Wisconsin Junior Angus Association (WJAA), which she has served as secretary and historian.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Paige participated in the photography, quiz bowl, livestock judging and career development contests and the cook-off. She was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2013 and 2015, served as a voting delegate in 2014 and 2015 and

participated in the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conferences in 2014-2015.

Paige has submitted weight data to AHIR and has consigned cattle at the Gaffney Family Cattle Sale and the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Foundation Female Sale. She is actively involved with her local 4-H club.

Claire Hawthorne, the 17-year-old daughter of Jim and Kim Hawthorne, attends Westby Area High School and is a member of the NJAA and the WJAA, which she currently serves as president and has also served as vice president and treasurer.

She has participated in local, state and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Claire participated in the quiz bowl contest. She was also a participant in the mentoring program in 2007 and 2008, served as voting delegate in 2015 and participated in the LEAD conferences in 2011 and 2013-2015.

Claire has also consigned cattle at the Thornberry Angus Online Sale.

John Henderson, the 17-year-old son of Chad and Becky Henderson, attends Catholic Central High School and is a member of the NJAA and the WJAA, which he currently serves as vice president and also served as membership chairperson, show chairperson and vice show chairperson, historian, and fundraising chairperson.

He has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, John participated in the quiz bowl, livestock judging, team fitting, and photography contests.

Amanda Kosal, the 16-year-old daughter of Jeremy and Michelle Kosal, attends
Deckerville Community School and is a member of the NJAA and the Michigan
Junior Angus Association, which she served as awards director, district director and royalty.

Amanda has participated in local and state shows and showmanship contests. She has also consigned cattle in the Michigan Beef Expo Sale and the Sanilac County 4-H Fair and Sale.

Austin Nowatzke, the 13-year-old son of Barry and Kristine Nowatzke, attends Coolspring Elementary and is a member of the NJAA.

He has participated in state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Austin participated in the team sales, livestock judging and team fitting contests.

He has also consigned cattle at the National Western Bull Sale.

Miranda Raithel, the 16-year-old daughter of Ed and Mandy Raithel, attends Sacred Heart High School and is a member of the NJAA.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the NJAS, Miranda participated in team fitting, team sales and quiz bowl contests.

She has submitted weight data to AHIR and consigned cattle at the Herbster Angus Farms Bull Sale.

Nicholas Sheridan, the 15-year-old son of Mark and Kim Sheridan, attends Yamhill-Carlton High School and is a member of the NJAA.

He has participated in local, state and regional shows and showmanship contests.

Nicholas was also a participant in the Oregon Junior Angus Association Leadership Camp in 2012 and the LEAD conferences in 2014-2015.

He has also consigned cattle at the Klamath Bull Sale. He is also involved in his local 4-H club and FFA.

Kris Kosal, the 11-year-old son of Jeremy and Michelle Kosal, attends Deckerville Community School and is a member of the NIAA.

Kris has participated in local and state shows.

#### South Dakota Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, June 18, Watertown



▶Left: Elected to serve on the South Dakota Jr. Angus Ass'n board of directors as officers are (from left) Brianna Erdmann, Leola, vice president; Madison Styles, Brentford, president; and Tyler Bush, Britton, secretary-treasurer.

▶Below: Elected to serve as directors on the South Dakota Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) Wyat James, Bruce; Brianna Erdmann; Tristen Kwasniewski, Clear Lake; Ty Mogck, Olivet; Tate Bergh, Florence; and Sawyer Styles, Brentford.





► Receiving their Gold awards are (from left) Kylee Geppert, Mitchell; Alex Rogen, Brandon; and Christina Mogck, Olivet.



► Madison Styles (left) receives the South Dakota Angus Auxiliary Scholarship from Jeana Hurlbut, South Dakota Angus Auxiliary Scholarship chairperson.



► Madison Styles (left) receives her Bronze and Silver Awards from Rod Geppert, Association regional manager.



►Winning top honors in their showmanship division are (from left) **Tyler Bush**, intermediate champion; **Kylee Geppert**, senior champion; and **Sawyer Styles**, junior champion.

#### **Partnering for Student Career Success**

Agriculture Future of America (AFA), a leadership-development organization for young leaders in agriculture, and *AgCareers.com*, a provider of global talent solutions in agriculture and food, are pleased to announce a career success partnership. This partnership will utilize both organizations' strengths to continue spurring

collegiate students forward in their pursuit of careers in agriculture.

"This partnership will enhance the student search for internships and first full-time positions," said Mark Stewart, AFA president. "Internships are a vital step in the career-development process. Through this partnership we look forward to continuing to

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provide resources to students to help them find and make the most of their internships. We want our students to know *AgCareers.com* is their go-to resources for job searches, and we want our partners to have a site to utilize if needed."

Through this partnership, AFA industry partners can post their internships free of charge through the <a href="http://AgCareers.com">http://AgCareers.com</a> site. AFA will be actively encouraging students who participate in AFA programs to seek experiential opportunities through the <a href="http://AgCareers.com">http://AgCareers.com</a> site. The two are working together to create more promotion of opportunities and remove barriers to searching for internships and first full-time positions.

"AgCareers.com is excited to strengthen our relationship with AFA. The experiences and opportunities they provide to young people within our industry develops top talent, and we're proud to be their preferred resource for discovering and connecting with career opportunities," shared Eric Spell, president of *AgCareers.com*. "This career success partnership is an integral component of our vision to feed the world with talent."

Additionally, AFA partner companies will have an exclusive opportunity to engage with selected AFA delegates from across the country in the first AFA/AgCareers.com Virtual Opportunity Fair. This opportunity will be hosted Sept. 13, 2016.

If you are a student interested in learning more about this resource, visit www.agfuture.org/careerexperiences.

# Canadian Junior Angus Association presents 2016 scholarships totaling \$4,500

The Canadian Junior Angus Association

(CJAA) presented three young women with scholarships. **Michaela Chalmers** of Ontario received the first-place scholarship of \$2,000; **Melanie Wood** of Prince Edward Island received the second-place scholarship of \$1,500; and **Rebecca Redner** of Ontario received the third-place scholarship of \$1,000. The scholarships were presented at Showdown, the annual national Canadian Junior Angus show.

Michaela Chalmers was recently named the 2016 Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador. She is enrolled in the University of Guelph Animal Biology program working toward an honors bachelor of science degree and has been directly involved in her family operation JPD Angus, exhibiting cattle at shows across Canada. She has been a 4-H member and served as president of the Ontario Junior Angus Association. She currently sits as a director with the Canadian

#### Minnesota Jr. Angus Ass'n Field Day, June 12, Preston



► Elected to serve on the Minnesota Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) Nick Krog, Lake Benton, treasurer; Wesly Johnson, Pipestone, president; Alyssa Nesler, La Crescent, secretary; Jasi Borman, Holland, vice president; MaKenna Ludwig, communications director, and Madelyn Ludwig, historian, both of Richmond; and Caroline Mayer, Peterson, membership director.



► Minnesota Angus royalty are (from left) MaKenna Ludwig, Richmond, outgoing Minnesota Angus princess; Emily Altenburg, Arlington, outgoing Minnesota Angus queen; Jasi Borman, 2016 Minnesota Angus queen; and Alyssa Nesler, 2016 Minnesota Angus princess.



► From left, **Jorli Hauge**, Winona, and **Wesly Johnson** receive Minnesota Angus Ass'n scholarships from Mark Purfeerst and Kari Scholtz, presenting.



►Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Cora Mayer**, Peterson, champion; and **Aiden Hiniker**, Pipestone, reserve champion.



►Junior showmanship winners are (from left) Miranda Nesler, La Crescent, reserve champion; and Alyssa Nesler, champion.



▶Left: Intermediate showmanship winners are (from left) Caroline Mayer, reserve champion; and Dawson Johnson, Pipestone, champion.

► Right: Senior showmanship winners are (from left) Jorli Hauge, reserve champion; and Wesly Johnson, champion.



► Wesly Johnson receives his Bronze and Silver Awards.

#### lowa Angus Summer Jr. Show, June 17, Eldora



► Receiving Iowa Angus Auxiliary Scholarships are (from left) Tonna Damewood, Corning; Emma Troyer, Kalona; and Nicholas Prevo, Pulaski.

Junior Angus Association and helped organize the 2016 Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders (GOAL) conference.

Melanie Wood is studying plant science at Dalhousie University in the faculty of agriculture. She hopes to become a certified crop advisor and work with both farmers and organizations upon graduation. She has been involved in 4-H, the Maritime Junior Angus Association and Canadian Junior Angus Association, as well as volunteering in her local community. Additionally, Wood has played varsity volleyball and varsity rugby for the Dalhousie Rams.

Rebecca Redner will begin her postsecondary studies in food and agricultural business at the University of Guelph this fall. She was introduced to the beef cattle industry four years ago after being raised with dairy cattle and has been involved with 4-H throughout her youth. Redner has volunteered with her local cattlemen's association, serving beef at the annual Surf 'n Turf day at the Trenton Air Base and with a long-term care home. She also plays many sports, including soccer, basketball and curling.

Showdown began in 2000 as an outlet for juniors from across the nation to gather in one location to exhibit their Angus cattle in conformation divisions. There have been many different activities and contests added over the years, with print marketing, sales talk, judging, team judging, team grooming, photography, literature, art, scrapbooking, graphic design, farm sign, public speaking, Angus cook-off, Spirit of Angus youth and grand aggregate as the current competitions.

The CJAA is the national association for Angus youth up to age 21. The CJAA's goal is to help prepare future cattlemen for the beef industry by educating and informing juniors about the Angus industry.

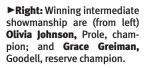
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►Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Emily Collison**, Rockwell City; **Sawyer Claussen**, Stockton; **Baxter Joos**, Bloomfield; **Kyndell Burns**, Oxford; **Callie Jensen**, Plainfield; and **Colby Bacon**, Manson.



▶Left: Winning junior showmanship are (from left) Shelby Greiman, Goodell, champion; and Carson Mather, State Center, reserve champion.





► Right: Qualifying to represent lowa at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) Courtney Younge, Ventura, delegate; Abby Collison, Rockwell City, delegate; and Tim Mardesen, Oxford, alternate.





►Left: Elected to serve on the lowa Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) Tim Mardesen, president; Haley Greiman, Perry, first vice president; Baxter Knapp, Bloomfield, second vice president; Lexie Moore, South English, secretary; Katelyn Holmes, Benton, treasurer; and Hannah Rogers, Wilton, historian.



► Elected to serve as area directors on the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (front row, from left) Emma Deppe, Vincent; Catie Collison, Lake City; Hannah Rogers, Wilton; (second row, from left) Jordan Johnson, Fort Dodge; Morgan Knapp, Bloomfield; Maggie Maas, Adair; Olivia Johnson, Prole; Julia Deppe, Waverly; Franchesca DeVore, Promise City; Lexi Knapp, Bloomfield; (third row, from left) Lucas Moser, Larchwood; Cassidy Becker, Diagonal; Abigail Grieman, Perry; Lexie Moore, South English; Ryland McCormick, Pleasantville; Emma Troyer, Kalona; Avery Mather, State Center; and Kara Collison, Rockwell City.