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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights. Compiled by *Kasey Brown*, special projects editor

The importance of summer

“Summertime is always the best of what might be,” says Charles Bowden, an American nonfiction author. This quote summarizes the excitement and opportunity that comes with summer. After surviving a long school year, summer is the promise of new adventures and hopefully a little relaxation.

However, this quote can be interpreted from a different perspective. Bowden states, “... the best of what may be.” That is a very powerful statement; it highlights summer as an important time to focus on personal growth, commit to the future, make big decisions and explore new opportunities.

Seize the season

While summer can be full of activities like swimming, camping, hiking, picnics and vacations, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members understand summer also includes rinsing, sticking, walking, brushing, clipping cattle and even baling hay.

I would like to focus on summer as a time for learning. For example, taking summer classes, internships, reading and staying current on events in the cattle industry are all great ways to grow and develop during the summer months. These activities can be full of learning, but also full of fun. For instance, as you prepare for the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB[®]) Cook-Off, quiz bowl and team sales, in addition to all National Junior Angus



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Show (NJAS) contests, you are learning and developing important life skills while also enjoying time with friends and having fun.

The NJAA, the American Angus Association, and the Angus Foundation host a wide variety of summertime learning opportunities, including the NJAS, Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, the Angus Ambassador Program, and multiple internship opportunities.

Each summer, the American Angus Association invites college students to gain real-world knowledge and acquire hands-on skills by serving as an intern for the American Angus Association. This 10-week, paid internship program offers three (or sometimes more) students the chance to experience the inner workings of the nation’s largest beef breed organization, as well as applicable knowledge about the beef cattle industry. This is a great opportunity to explore potential career options that match academic and personal interests. For more internship opportunities, check out the NJAA

website and look at the list provided in the jobs and internships tab.

Internships are a great way to start preparing for the future. This summer, I’ve had the incredible opportunity to serve as the summer intern for the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) in their Denver, Colo., headquarters. This internship (sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board) has provided me a firsthand understanding about the work environment and fostered goals for my future career.

While in Denver, I worked directly with international trade teams, foreign buyers touring our various domestic harvesting plants, and have participated in several meetings discussing strategy to place our U.S. red meat products in various international markets.

Moreover, I had the opportunity to attend the annual USMEF Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C., where various speakers and member-led sessions discussed global market opportunities for U.S. beef, pork and lamb. Many of these sessions focused on enhancing current markets and building new trade relationships.

In addition, I traveled with the Central America USMEF Pork Trade Team to Iowa, where we attended the World Pork Expo. This internship has provided me with valuable knowledge and skills that I will use for the rest of my life. I owe this all to just one summer.

Take advantage of these sunny days and glorious three months; do something new, learn about yourself and, most importantly, have fun! As summer is winding down, it is not too early to begin thinking and planning for next summer. Many internships and summer opportunities have fall or winter application deadlines. Start your search early.

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Canadian Junior Angus presents 2017 scholarships totaling \$4,500

Canadian Junior Angus has presented three young women with scholarships. Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador Macy Liebreich received the first-place scholarship of \$2,000; Alexis DeCorby of Rocanville, Sask., received the second-place scholarship of \$1,500; and Ella Wood of Clyde River, PEI, received the third-place scholarship of

► **Nebraska State Jr. Angus Heifer Show, May 26-28, Broken Bow**



► **Miranda Raithel**, Falls City, was named Premier Exhibitor. Pictured are (from left) Mandy Raithel, Miranda Raithel and Madison Loschke.



► Elected to serve on the Nebraska Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) **Reagan Skow**, Palisade, second vice president; **Dakota Lovett**, Bladen, president; **Miles Stagemeyer**, Page, director; **Miranda Raithel**, Falls City, secretary-treasurer; **Jace Stagemeyer**, Page, director; **Montana Lovett**, Bladen, first vice president; **Kyra Meyer**, Blue Hill, historian; and **Caitlin Havelka**, Anselmo, communications director.



► Serving as Angus royalty are (from left) **Reagan Skow**, 2017-2018 queen, and **Sydni Lienemann**, Princeton, 2016-2017 queen.



► Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Kasey Meyer**, Blue Hill, champion; and **Tucker Stagemeyer**, Page, reserve champion.



► Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Savannah Schafer**, Newhawka, champion; and **Miles Stagemeyer**, Page, reserve champion.



► Qualifying to represent Nebraska at the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) **Dakota Lovett** and **Montana Lovett**, both of Bladen.



► Winning Young Angus Producer scholarships are (from left) **Savannah Schafer**; **Donovan Buss**, York; and **Sydni Lienemann**.

► **Colorado Jr. Angus Ass'n "Golden Trend" Preview Show, June 2-3, Wellington**



► These juniors won their divisions in showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Taylin Harthun**, Kremmling, junior champion; **Brock Miller**, Kiowa, reserve junior champion; **Madalyn Rohr**, Elbert, reserve intermediate champion; **Alex Vieselmeyer**, Amherst, intermediate champion; **Molly Cooksey**, Roggen, reserve senior champion; and **Austin Vieselmeyer**, Amherst, senior champion.

\$1,000. The scholarships were presented at Showdown, the annual national Canadian Junior Angus show.

Liebreich is from Radville, Sask., and has just completed the first month of her term as Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador. She was one of 12 Canadian Junior Angus members who represented Canada at the World Angus Forum youth competition in Edinburgh that wrapped up earlier this month. Liebreich is currently working toward her bachelor of commerce degree at the University of British Columbia. Her family operation is Merit Cattle Co. In addition to 4-H involvement, she played competitive hockey and was involved in the

Junior Achievement program before starting university.

DeCorby is entering her third year of animal science at the University of Saskatchewan and has a special interest in feeding and animal nutrition. She has served as a director and secretary of the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Association. Her family operation is Section 7 Ranch. After graduation, she hopes to work as a feed representative while also managing her own purebred Angus operation.

Wood is studying ag business at the Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture in Truro, N.S. Her goal is to become a financial advisor for farmers and agricultural businesses. She

is currently president of the Maritime Junior Angus Association and the Maritime Director on the Canadian Junior Angus board. Since 2015 she has held a seasonal student research assistant position with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, where she works with organic field trials, makes field plans, plants crops, takes soil samples, suppresses weeds, extracts membranes and traps wire worms.

Canadian Angus youth earn honors at World Angus Forum

Twelve Canadian Angus youth returned from Edinburgh, Scotland, where they spent two weeks competing in a number

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▶ Wisconsin Jr. Angus Preview Show, June 3, Johnson Creek



▶Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Emily Retallick**, Cassville; **Tucker Bayer**, Ringle; and **Kaycee Lindner**, Platteville.



▶Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Klayton Lorentz**, Woodville; **Kelly Gaffney**, Barneveld; and **Josie Lorentz**, Woodville.

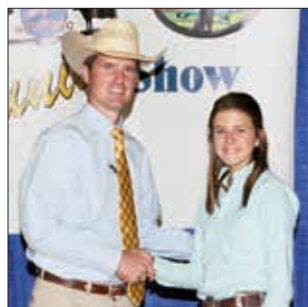


▶Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Samuel Henderson**, East Troy, champion; and **Grace Link**, Deerfield, reserve champion.



▶Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Ev-an Henning**, Janesville, champion; and **Claire Hawthorne**, Westby, reserve champion.

▶ Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show & American Angus Breeders' Futurity Jr. Show, June 9-10, Louisville, Ky



▶Left: **Ellie Kidwell** (right), Walhonding, Ohio, receives her Bronze Award from **Alex Tolbert**, American Angus Ass'n regional manager.



▶Right: **Brody Fitzgerald** (right), West Grove, Pa., receives his Bronze and Silver awards from Tolbert.

▶ Pennsylvania Breeder's Jr. Angus Show, June 15-16, Huntingdon

▶Right: These junior Angus members won top honors in their division of showmanship. Pictured are (from left) **Elizabeth Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, reserve champion overall and senior champion; **Zachary Wasser**, Ottsville, reserve senior champion; **Daniel Rohrbaugh**, Seven Valleys, champion overall and intermediate champion; **Owen Griffith**, Delta, reserve intermediate champion; **Grant Fitzgerald**, Seven Valleys, junior champion; **Kiersten Baker**, James Creek, reserve junior champion; **Karli Berkheimer**, Dillsburg, novice champion; and **Conner Grim**, Dover, reserve novice champion.



▶ Northwest Regional Preview Jr. Angus Show, June 18-20, Moses Lake, Wash.



▶From left, Judge **Brittany Creamer** presents honors to junior showmanship winners **Seth Cox**, Eagle Point, Ore., champion; and **Perry Imler**, Colfax, Wash., reserve champion.



▶Creamer presents intermediate showmanship honors to **Tanner Pugh**, Moses Lake, Wash., champion; and **Corrie Falleur**, Gearhart, Ore., reserve champion.



▶Creamer presents senior showmanship honors to **Ashley Cox**, Eagle Point, Ore., champion; and **Heather Worlein**, Prineville, Ore., reserve champion.

► **Montana Jr. Beef Expo Angus Show, June 17, Lewistown**

► **Right:** Winning top honors in their showmanship divisions are (from left) **Jordyn Wagner**, Billings, senior champion; **Faith Stevenson**, Hobson, reserve senior champion; **Bentley McCullough**, Fort Benton, intermediate champion; **Abby Leachman**, Toston, reserve intermediate champion; **Madelynn Albin**, Billings, junior champion; **Morgan Friede**, Chinoook, reserve junior champion; **Jager Flesch**, Shelby, peewee champion; and **Cade Vanek**, Lewistown, reserve peewee champion.



► **Left:** Crowned Angus royalty and pictured with their parents are (from left) **Laurie McCullough**; **Jonna McCullough**, junior princess; **Bentley McCullough**, princess; and **Jack McCullough**, all of Fort Benton; and **Sara Stevenson**; **Claire Stevenson**, queen; and **Darrell Stevenson**, all of Hobson.

► **Ohio Angus Ass'n Jr. Preview Show, June 17-18, Marysville**



► Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Sydney Sanders**, first, and **Carly Sanders**, second, both of Leesburg; **Josie Kidwell**, Walhonding, third; **Kacey Felumlee**, Newark, fourth; and **Hanna Millikan**, Napoleon, fifth.



► Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Ellie Kidwell**, Walhonding, first; **Sarah Millikan**, Napoleon, second; **Samantha Wallace**, Kansas, third; **Kyle Piscione**, Burbank, fourth; and **Caroline Winter**, Ashville, fifth.

► **Right:** Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Christina Winter**, Ashville, second; and **Michelle Bockelman**, Napoleon, first.



► **Pennsylvania Angus Breeder's Show, June 17, Huntingdon**



► Placing in the boy's division of cattle judging are (from left) **Owen Griffith**, Delta, first; **Lee Sweitzer**, Wellsville, second; **Dylan Fessler**, Robesonia, third; and **Jacob Werner**, fourth, and **Justin Werner**, fifth, both of Hanover.



► Placing in the girl's division of cattle judging are (from left) **Victoria Meyer**, Centre Hall, first; **Madison Weaver**, Ephrata, second; **Elizabeth Trowbridge**, Meshoppen, third; and **Kaitlin Bell**, Nottingham, fifth. Not pictured is **Hayden Maine**, Mercer, fourth.

► **Right:** **Elizabeth Voight** (center), Fredericksburg, receives the Golden Pitchfork award from **Dale Rains** (left) and **Brenda Rains**.



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of challenges at the World Angus Forum (WAF) Youth Programme. Travis Hunter of Didsbury, Alta., was the individual champion and Team Canada Believe, composed of Michaela Chalmers of Oro-Medonte, Ont.; Travis Hunter of Didsbury, Alta.; Wade Olynyk of Goodeve, Sask.; and Kelsey Ribey of Paisley, Ont., tied with Team Australia Red for third place. Team New Zealand Toa and

Team New Zealand Kaha placed first and second, respectively.

The 2017 WAF youth program included a trip to the Royal Highland Show, stock judging, attendance at the Forum Conference, agri-skills competitions and activities, farm visits, tours with the WAF delegates, a visit to Scotbeef and the competition finale. This was the second

World Angus Forum to have a youth competition. The first youth competition was at the WAF in New Zealand in 2013.



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▶ Iowa Angus Summer Jr. Show, June 17, Iowa City



▶ Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Carson Mather**, State Center, champion; and **Jack Johnson**, Prole, reserve champion.



▶ Winning intermediate showmanship are (from left) **Avery Mather**, State Center, reserve champion; and **Sara Sullivan**, Dunlap, champion.



▶ Winning top honors in senior showmanship and qualifying to represent Iowa at the 2017 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are (from left) **Roni Kruse**, Rudd, alternate; **Tim Mardesen**, Oxford, champion; **Riley Sieren**, Washington, champion; and **Kale Kiesewetter**, Letts, alternate.



▶ **Emma Troyer** (left), Kalona, and **Jordan Johnson** (right), Fort Dodge, receive their Bronze and Silver awards.



▶ Crowned as Angus royalty are (from left) **Abigail Bennett**, Gravity, queen; **Jordan Johnson**, princess; **Morgan Knapp**, princess; and **Olivia Johnson**, princess.



▶ Receiving Iowa Angus Auxiliary scholarships are (from left) **Baxter Knapp**; **Haley Greiman**; and **Cassidy Becker**.

▶ **Right:** Elected to serve as officers and directors on the Iowa Jr. Angus Ass'n board are (from left) **Baxter Knapp**, second vice president; **Haley Greiman**, secretary; **Avery Mather**, first vice president; **Taylor Duckett**, president; **Olivia Johnson**, treasurer; **Abigail Bennett**, historian; **Emilee Bennett**, historian; and **Austen David**, historian.



▶ **Left:** Elected to serve as area directors are (from left) **Ryland McCormick**, **Emma Troyer**, **Lexie Moore**, **Julia Deppe**, **Cassidy Becker**, **Lexi Knapp**, **Jude Moser** and **Korey Moser**.

► **Texas Jr. Angus Ass'n State Show, June 10-11, Belton**



► **Brooke Adams**, Terrell, was named Premier Exhibitor. Pictured are (from left) Miss Texas Angus Lexi Stevenson; Brooke Adams, recipient; and Kyle Perez, judge.



► **Mikala Snead**, Willis, receives the Newcomer Award. Pictured are (from left) Stevenson; Mikala Snead, recipient; and Perez.



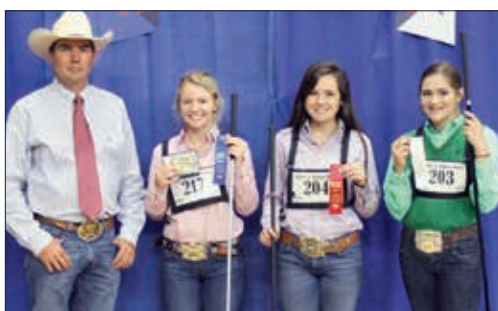
► Qualifying to represent Texas at the 2017 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest are **Hannah Steph** (left center), Tatum, and **Karlee Jones** (right center), Earth. Presenting awards are Stevenson and Perez.



► **Left:** From left, Perez awards pee-wee showmanship honors to **Jera Johnson**, Blossom, first; **Brigham DeBorde**, Bardwell, second; and **Cooper Gardner**, Garrison, third.



► **Right:** From left, Perez awards junior showmanship honors to **Lauren Burton**, Atlanta, first; **Kilye Winge**, Cisco, second; and **Graci Bowden**, Terrell, third.



► **Left:** From left, Perez awards intermediate showmanship honors to **Emma Travland**, Fredericksburg, first; **Kara Pinkerton**, Arp, second; and **Cortni Cox**, Friendswood, third.



► **Right:** From left, Perez awards senior showmanship honors to **Brooke Adams**, Terrell, first; **Noah Grounds**, Barry, second; and **Kaydee Free**, Salado, third.

We missed one

We inadvertently missed a picture in our July "Next Generation" column.

► **Mississippi Angus Ass'n Meeting & Banquet, May 5, Raymond**



► **Kristopher Beatty** (center), Pulaski, was recognized for exhibiting the reserve champion Mississippi-bred bull, CC Mr. Insight 1014, at the Dixie National. Pictured are (from left) Stephen Gaines, Mississippi Angus Ass'n president, presenting; Kristopher Beatty; and Mike Beatty, Caney Creek Angus Farm, Pulaski, who bred the bull.

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▶ Northern Illinois Angus Ass'n Preview Show, June 25, Oregon



▶Winning peewee showmanship are (from left) **Brooke Allen**, Byron, first; **Cooper Alderks**, Chana, second; and **Coehen Kirchner**, Leaf River, third.



▶Winning junior showmanship are (from left) **Cheyenne Handsaker**, Pearl City, first; **Bode Martin**, Oregon, second; and **Anna Johnson**, Durand, third.



▶Winning senior showmanship are (from left) **Kiley Carrol**, Lanark, first; **Garrett Handsaker**, Pearl City, second; and **Nicole Haverback**, Adkinson, third.



▶**Benjamin Marsh** (left), Union, receives the Northern Illinois Angus Ass'n Scholarship award from Dan Deuth, Northern Illinois Angus Ass'n reporter.

