



At the Backdrop

Juniors compete for multitude of honors.

Backdrop photos by **Shelia Stannard**; candid photos by **Mathew Elliott, Chelsea Good, Christina Harp & Shauna Rose Hermel**

The National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) provides a variety of educational contests and programs for members of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Members grow in their skills and broaden their experiences by competing in contests and meeting other juniors from across the country.

This year, juniors from 37 states traveled to Tulsa, Okla., to participate in the 2007 NJAS. Those who excelled in the various contests and who were otherwise recognized for their NJAA involvement and leadership are announced in this section.

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS



► Winning the sweepstakes award for 30 head of cattle or more is the **Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n**.



► Winning the sweepstakes award for 29 head of cattle or less is the **Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n**.

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP



► **Mallory Trospen** (left), Hamilton, Mo., receives the Outstanding Leadership Award. The award was instituted in 1994 in memory of Barbara Smalstig. Only one outstanding NJAA member receives the honor each year. Kindra Wood, NJAA leadership director, presents the award.



CRYSTAL AWARDS



►Tying to win the boys' Crystal Award are **Ransom Gardiner** and **Cole Gardiner**, both of Ashland, Kan. The Crystal Award is awarded to the boy and the girl who earn the most points while competing in the educational contests at the NJAS. It is given on behalf of the Janet Castle Family by the American Angus Auxiliary. Pictured are (from left) Cathy Watkins, Auxiliary award coordinator, and Ransom and Cole.



►**Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., won the girls' Crystal Award. Pictured are (from left) Watkins and Thelen.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



►**Left: Kindra Wood** (center), Holly Pond, Ala., receives the Woodlawn Farm Scholarship. Joan and Blanford Pierce, Woodlawn Farm, Creston, Ill., present the award. The Pierces donated \$25,000 to the Angus Foundation in 2005 to establish the scholarship fund. Interest revenue funds the scholarship on an annual basis.



►**Laura May** (left), Hurricane Mills, Tenn., receives the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB)/NJAA Scholarship. Amanda Schnoor, NJAA Foundation director, presents May the NJAA Gold Award. This \$1,000 scholarship, first given in 1990, is presented annually to a student pursuing college coursework in animal sciences, meat sciences, food sciences, agricultural communications or a related field of study.



►**Rebecca Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., receives the Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship. The Schaffs established the scholarship through the Angus Foundation with a \$10,000 permanent endowment. Interest revenue funds the scholarship on an annual basis.



►Juniors and their parents line up Monday to sign up to compete in various contests conducted throughout the week.

CRYSTAL AWARD

The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors the Janet Castle Crystal Award to promote and encourage participation in educational events. These contests allow all juniors, even those who might not show cattle, to participate in the NJAS. Points are earned for placing and participation in the following contests: photography, poster, graphic design, extemporaneous and public speaking, team sales, creative writing, quiz bowl, and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off. Awards are presented to the high-point boy and the high-point girl.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Through generous endowments to the Angus Foundation, Angus enthusiasts have created scholarships that, for years to come, will empower NJAA members to attend college and pursue studies in their respective career fields.



►There would be no contest winners without judges to evaluate the entries. Dozens of Angus enthusiasts volunteer their attention and time throughout the week to pick the winners.

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■ GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS



► Winning \$1,000 Angus Foundation scholarships are (from left) **Trevor Whiteside**, Queenstown, Md.; **Peter Scharpe**, Arlington, Minn.; **Robert Myers**, Yamhill, Ore.; **Katelyn Scharpe**, Arlington, Minn.; **Lindsay Waugh**, Goodhue, Minn.; **Jennifer Ringwelski**, Marengo, Ill.; **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan.; **Jason Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa; **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan.; **Roy Petteway**, Zolfo Springs, Fla.; **Sarah Holland**, Imboden, Ark.; **Ryan Mittensen**, Ada, Minn.; **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore, Wis.; **Kayla Alexander**, Sabina, Ohio; **Brittany Full**, Mount Airy, Md.; **Ann Blumer**, Chesnee, S.C.; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan.; **Justin Brosey**, Hamilton, Ohio; **Rebecca Hurst**, Dorsey, Ill.; **Andrew Foster**, Niles, Mich.; **Emma Collins**, Morton, Miss.; **Jenessa Monson**, Absarokee, Mont.; **Ricka Boehmer**, Williamston, Mich.; **Callie Smith**, Lebanon, Tenn.; **Lauren Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa; and **Ericka Waggener**, Harrodsburg, Ky. Not pictured are **Elizabeth Gavett**, Everson, Wash.; **Joseph Jackson**, Salvisa, Ky.; **Waco Phipps**, Kearney, Neb.; and **Amanda Wical**, Grundy Center, Iowa.



► Winning \$3,000 Angus Foundation scholarships are (from left) **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca, Ark.; **Brett Naylor**, Buffalo, Mo.; **Brittany Gillig**, Aurora, Mo.; **Andrew Rogen**, Brandon, S.D.; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark.; **Walt Stinson**, Talbott, Tenn.; **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas; **Matthew Tollefson**, Clark, S.D.; **Christina Egner**, Shelby, Ohio; **Ashlyn Carter**, Upland, Ind.; **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo.; **Holly Bellis**, Orrick, Mo.; **Melissa Miller**, Brandon, Fla.; **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie, Mo.; **Mallory Trospen**, Hamilton, Mo.; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind.; and **Jessica Weigand**, Warrensburg, Mo. Not pictured are **Kyle Grim**, East Berlin, Pa.; **Tess Ludwick**, Lawrence, Kan.; and **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb.



► **Emily Tennant**, Greensboro, N.C., and **Rebecca Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., received \$5,000 Angus Foundation scholarships given in memory of Richard L. Spader. Pictured are (from left) Tennant; **Sheri Spader**, Rosendale, Mo., presenting the awards; and Tokach.

■ AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS



► The American Angus Auxiliary's female scholarship winners are (from left) **Emma Collins**, Morton, Miss., first; **Ashlyn Carter**, Upland, Ind., second; **Danielle Foster**, Niles, Mich., third; **Britney Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., fourth; and **Gretchen Frost**, Tallula, Ill., fifth. Nancy Thelen, Auxiliary scholarship coordinator, presents the scholarships. The recent high school graduates received scholarships ranging from \$850 to \$1,200 and earned the right to compete for the title of Miss American Angus this November in Louisville, Ky.



► The American Angus Auxiliary's male scholarship winners are (from left) **Andrew Rogen**, Brandon, S.D., first; **Kevin Gleason**, Midlothian, Texas, second; **Trevor Whiteside**, Queenstown, Md., third; **Wesley Ruby**, Greene, Iowa, fourth; and **Joseph Jackson** (not pictured), Salvisa, Ky., fifth. Nancy Thelen presents the scholarships. The recent high school graduates received scholarships ranging from \$850 to \$1,200.

► GOLD AWARDS



► Gold Award recipients are (from left) **Rebecca Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D.; **Brett Naylor**, Buffalo, Mo.; **Ashley Wagner**, Genoa, Neb.; **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan.; **Sarah Holland**, Imboden, Ark.; **Peter Scharpe**, Arlington, Minn.; **Jordan Davis**, Foss, Okla.; **Roy Petteway**, Zolfo Springs, Fla.; **Mallory Trospen**, Hamilton, Mo.; **John Pfeiffer**, Orlando, Okla.; **Ann Blumer**, Chesnee, S.C.; **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan.; **Kindra Wood**, Holly Pond, Ala.; **Andrew Foster**, Niles, Mich.; and **Kristen Oaks**, Calhoun, La. Not pictured are **Zane Gray**, Toledo, Iowa; **Darren Herbst**, Salmon, Idaho, and **Laura May**, Hurricane Mills. For more information about the Gold Award winners, see page 256.

► PUBLIC SPEAKING



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., first; **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., second; and **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., third.



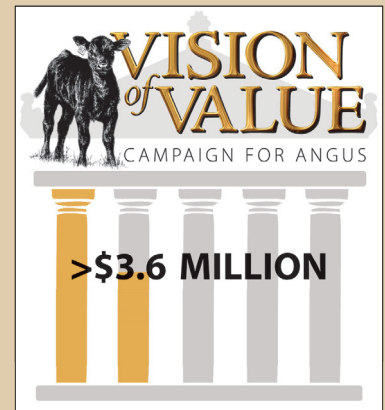
► Winning the intermediate division, ages 14-15, are (from left) **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City, Kan., first; **Hannah Wright**, Spring City, Tenn., second; and **Madison Malson**, Hickory, N.C., third.



► Winning the intermediate division, ages 16-17, are (from left) **Courtenay DeHoff**, Tonganoxie, Kan., first; **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, Kan., second; and **Justin Strate**, Enid, Okla., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Peter Scharpe**, Arlington, Minn., first; **Christina Egner**, Shelby, Ohio, second; and **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie, Mo., third.

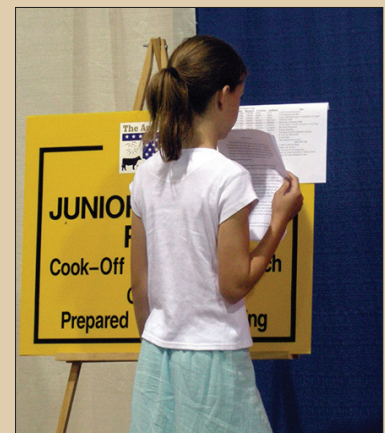


GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1997, the Angus Foundation has awarded nearly \$300,000 in general scholarships to outstanding Angus youth who have been active in the Angus breed and the NJAA's numerous activities and programs.

PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS

The public speaking contest was designed to better equip junior members with the communication skills necessary to succeed in the industry and in life. Juniors prepare a speech in advance and are evaluated on content, presentation and knowledge of the subject revealed in a question-and-answer session. The Angus Journal sponsors the senior division of the contest, awarding \$500 to third place, \$750 to second place and \$1,000 to the winner. The winning speeches in each age division are published, space permitting, in the Angus Journal. See page 237 for this year's winners.



► A participant in Tuesday's prepared public speaking contest checks the listing to see where she is positioned in the lineup.

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▶ **EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING AWARDS**



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Will Pohlman**, Prairie Grove, Ark., first; **Ransom Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., second; and **Amanda Laas**, Brookville, Kan., third.



▶Winning the intermediate division, ages 14-15, are (from left) **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., first; **Madison Malson**, Hickory, N.C., second; and **Jacinda Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan., third.



▶Winning the intermediate division, ages 16-17, are (from right) **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor, Ohio, first; **Teasa Nauta**, Douglas, Wyo., second; and **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster, Ohio, third.

▶ **NJAA/ANGUS JOURNAL PHOTO CONTEST**

Angus cattle:



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Kathryn Coon**, Bethel, Mo., first; **Jacob Heimsoth**, Lathrop, Mo., second; and **Catie Hope**, Berryville, Va., third.



▶Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Meghan Blythe**, White City, Kan., first; and **Ethan Whiteside**, Queenstown, Md., second. Not pictured is **Gabrielle Glenister**, Pulaski, N.Y., third.



▶Winning the senior division are (from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., first; and **Emily Murray**, Leesburg, Va., third. Not pictured is **Lynsey Frey**, Granville, N.D., second.

People:



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Renae Tokach**, Saint Anthony, N.D., second; and **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg, Mo., third. Not pictured is **Hanna Uden**, Franklin, Neb., first-place junior and first-place overall.



▶Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Dereck Washam**, Pierce City, Mo., first; **Christine Taylor**, Lavaca, Ark., second; and **Will Epperly**, Moneta, Va., third.



▶Winning the senior division are (from left) **Courtney Rump**, Galva, Kan., first; and **Emily Murray**, Leesburg, Va., third. Not pictured is **Jara Settles**, Hoskins, Neb., second.

Landscape:



▶Winning the junior division are (from left) **Adam Murray**, Leesburg, Va., first; and **Joshua Scott**, Loranger, La., second. Not pictured is **Hannah Uden**, Franklin, Neb., third.



▶Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Forrest Thompson**, Mount Vernon, Mo., first; **Amanda Holland**, Imboden, Ark., second; and **Lauren Jernas**, Knox, Ind., third.



▶Winning the senior division are (from left) **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., first; **Emily Murray**, Leesburg, Va., second; and **Courtney Rump**, Galva, Kan., third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., first; **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco, Kan., second; and **Will Earhart**, Verona, Va., third.



► Mary Greiman (left), American Angus Auxiliary president, and Sheri Spader (right) present the Richard L. Spader Award to **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich. Sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary, the award is presented to the winner of the senior division of extemporaneous speaking in memory of former American Angus Association Executive Vice President Richard L. Spader.

Around the farm or ranch:



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Madison Gooden**, Crocker, Mo., first; **Tyler Jones**, Bleiberville, Texas, second; and **Haley Hipp**, Harrison, Ark., third.

CREATIVE WRITING



► Winning the junior division are (from left) **Stephanie Lastovica**, Salado, Texas, first; and **Sydney Thummel**, Sheridan, Mo., third. Not pictured is **Morgan Jewell**, Clayton, Del., second.



► Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., first; **Meghan Blythe**, White City, Kan., second; and **Andrea Hosto**, Alhambra, Ill., third. Tribble's photo was selected as the overall intermediate winner.



► Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, Ind., first; **Jan Rowlett**, Hurricane Mills, Tenn., second; and **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, third.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., second; and **Rebecca Hurst**, Dorsey, Ill., third. Not pictured is **Lynsey Frey**, Granville, N.D., first.



► Winning the senior division are (from left) **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., first; **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., second; and **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., third.



► Participants in the extemporaneous speaking contest receive 30 minutes to prepare a 2- to 6-minute speech on a given topic.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING AWARDS

The NJAA and American Angus Association Junior Activities Department co-sponsor the extemporaneous speaking contest, which is fast becoming one of the most competitive contests at the NJAS. Each participant receives a topic and reference information 30 minutes prior to his or her scheduled speaking time. Prize money is awarded in age divisions as follows: first, \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25. The winner of the senior division receives a Harvey Rattey sculpture from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Richard L. Spader. The winners of the two intermediate divisions receive a Harvey Rattey pewter sculpture from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Pat Grote.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Photos were entered in one of four categories: Angus cattle, landscape, people, and around the farm or ranch. Judges evaluated the entries prior to the NJAS on the basis of photo quality and creativity. Winning photos can be seen in the August Angus Journal on pages 290-324.

CREATIVE WRITING

The creative writing competition allows NJAA members to express their thoughts through writing. Each age division has a different topic and word length requirement. Judging is based on correct grammar, spelling and content. Read the winning entries, beginning on page 242.

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POSTER CONTEST

Breed or association promotion:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, Ark., first; **Michaela Clowser**, Milford, Neb., second; and **Cole Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson, Kan., first; **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg, Kan., second; and **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., first; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark., second; and **David Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., third.

Membership recruitment:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, Ark., first; **Taylor Duckett**, New Liberty, Iowa, third; and **Madison Gooden**, Crocker, Mo., second.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., first; **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, second; and **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., first; **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., second; and **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City, Kan., third.

Herd advertisement:



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio, first; **Katlyn Tunstill**, Fayetteville, Ark., second; and **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, Mo., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro, Ohio, first; **Ethan Hager**, Stafford, Kan., second; and **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas, Ark., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Kyleigh Santee**, Langdon, Kan., first; **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., second; and **Kristen Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., third.

GRAPHIC DESIGN



►Winning the junior division are (from left) **Sierra Day**, Cerro Gordo, Ill., first; **Johanna Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., second; and **Jera Pipkin**, Republic, Mo., third.



►Winning the intermediate division are (from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point, Texas, first; **Peter Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., second; and **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City, Mo., third.



►Winning the senior division are (from left) **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich., first; **David Lundgren**, Ottawa, Kan., accepting the second-place award on behalf of his sister Kristen; and **Brandon Creamer**, Montrose, Colo., third.

QUIZ BOWL



► Winning first place in the junior division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Cody Theis**, Leavenworth; **Evan Woodbury**, Quenemo; and **Ransom Gardiner** and **Cole Gardiner**, both of Ashland.



► Winning second place in the junior division, representing the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan; **Maddison Gooden**, Crocker; **Jera Pipkin**, Republic; and **Carter Ward**, Plattsburg.



► Winning first place in the intermediate division, representing the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point; **Logan Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point; and **Mollie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg.



► Winning second place in the intermediate division, representing the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Taylor Short**, Ava; **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City; **Garren Bellis**, Orrick; and **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan.



► Winning first place in the senior division, representing the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Austin Sayre**, Creighton; **Jordan Hunter**, Fair Grove; **Rachel Bartholomew**, Archie; and **Brett Naylor**, Buffalo.



► Winning second place in the senior division, representing the Tennessee Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Walt Stinson**, Talbott; **Katie McKinnis**, Watertown; and **Will Mayfield**, Pulaski. Not pictured is **Laura May**, Hurricane Mills.

SILVER PITCHER AWARD



► **Garrett Blanchard**, Firebaugh, Calif., won the boys' Silver Pitcher Award. Pictured are **Sharee Sankey** (left), American Angus Auxiliary past president, presenting the award, and **Blanchard**.

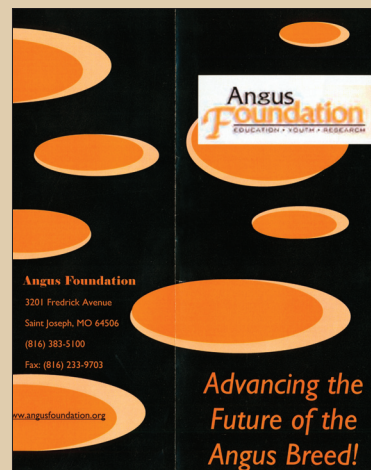


► **Callie Smith**, Lebanon, Tenn., won the girls' Silver Pitcher Award. Pictured are **Sankey** (left) and **Smith**.

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POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest, judged during the NJAS, is divided into three subject areas — breed or association promotion, membership recruitment, and herd advertisement. In each division and age category, the third-place winner receives \$10, the second-place winner receives \$20, and the first-place winner receives \$30.



► The graphic design contest enables junior members to use computer technology to design materials that promote the Angus breed and Angus activities.

GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST

The purpose of the graphic design contest is threefold: 1) to display the creative talent of NJAA members; 2) to share ideas that may be useful in promotion of our breed, our organizations and our individual herds; and 3) to provide another fun, educational and competitive activity for interested juniors who may or may not be able to participate in other programs.

QUIZ BOWL

There are two parts to the quiz bowl competition. The first round involves a written test. States may enter as many teams as they wish. The age classification for the team is determined by the oldest member of the team. Multiple-state teams may be entered; however, state teams must be filled before juniors may participate in a multi-state team. The eight high-scoring teams in each age division qualify for the verbal round, which consists of a single-elimination quiz bowl tournament. Each placing state junior Angus association will receive the following premiums: first, \$75; second, \$50; and third, \$25.

SHOWMANSHIP



►From left, judges Ryan Cotton, Clarkesville, Ga.; Tammy Wallace, Stotts City, Mo.; and Cody Sankey, Lansing, Mich., are pictured with the top five showmanship winners: **Allison Bond**, Inola, Okla., first; **Megan Fink**, Randolph, Kan., second; **Katie Lents**, Eton, Ga., third; **Kirbe Schnoor**, Chowchilla, Calif., fourth; and **Samantha Harl**, Hastings, Neb., fifth. Each of the top five finishers receives a cash prize from the Hamilton James Memorial Fund and a silver Revere bowl from the American Angus Auxiliary.



►Exhibitors receiving honorable mentions are (from left) **Garrett Johnston**, Staunton, Va.; **Sarah Butler**, Bliss, Idaho; **Allison Burns**, Troutdale, Ore.; **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, Ark.; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, Ind.; **Lauren Schroeder**, Clarence, Iowa; and **Zach Kinne**, Eagleville, Mo.

►Right: Pictured (from left) with judges Cotton, Sankey and Wallace are the top 15 finalists at the 2007 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest: **Trey Davis**, Doerun, Ga.; **Ty Goossen**, Hillsboro, Kan.; **Walt Stinson**, Talbott, Tenn.; **Kirbe Schnoor**, Chowchilla, Calif.; **Ashlyn Carter**, Upland, Ind.; **Jordan Hunter**, Fair Grove, Mo.; **Katie Lents**, Eton, Ga.; **Samantha Harl**, Hastings, Neb.; **Katri-na Womack**, Telephone, Texas; **Jordan Davis**, Foss, Okla.; **Megan Fink**, Randolph, Kan.; **Allison Bond**, Inola, Okla.; **Seth Sumrall**, Monticello, Miss.; **Julie Thelen**, Saline, Mich.; and **Katie Jensen**, North English, Iowa.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING



►Winning the 9-10-year-old division are (from left) **Jessica Judge**, San Luis Obispo, Calif., first; and **Jordyn Wagner**, Billings, Mont., third.



►**Katelyn Holmes**, Benton, Iowa, won second place in the 9-10-year-old division.



►Winning the 11-13-year-old division are (from left) **Samuel Wallace**, Stotts City, Mo., third; **Jacob Coon**, Bethel, Mo., second; and **Kyndal Reitzenstein**, Kersey, Colo., first.



►Left: Winning the 14-17-year-old division are (from left) **Weston Brandt**, Corning, Iowa, first; **Harlie Runner**, Agra, Okla., second; and **Garrett Knebel**, Winamac, Ind., third.



►Right: Winning the 18-21-year-old division are (from left) **Gwen Powers**, Bethel, Pa., first; **Jacob Hoffschneider**, Arlington, Neb., second; and **Lindsay Waugh**, Goodhue, Minn., third.

▣ CARCASS STEER

► **Right:** **Glen Mommsen** (left), De Witt, Iowa, and **Cullen Walser**, Minnesota Lake, Minn., claimed grand champion and reserve grand champion carcass steers, respectively. Mommsen's 1,239-pound (lb.) steer sired by O'Neill's Expedition graded high-Choice with a 2.09 yield grade (YG), and Walser's 1,119-lb. steer sired by TC Foreman 016 had a 3.00 YG with a quality grade of low-Prime.



► Winning grand champion state carcass group, representing the Oklahoma Junior Angus Ass'n, are **James Pfeiffer** (left), Mulhall, and **Clinton Grissom**, Seminole.



► Winning reserve grand champion state carcass group, representing the Oklahoma Junior Angus Ass'n, are **Clinton Grissom** (left), Seminole, and **John Pfeiffer**, Mulhall.

▣ TEAM FITTING

► **Right:** Winning first place are members of the Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) **Jared Radcliffe**, Schofield; **Courtney Jentz**, Fennimore; **Kelli Retallick**, Glen Haven; and **Ty Bayer**, Ringle.



► Winning second place are members of the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) **Tyler Ottensmeier**, McLouth; **Clayton Lampe**, Scott City; **Brooke Bergkamp**, Arlington; and **Joshua Laflin**, Olsburg.



► Winning third place are members of the Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) **Auston Bockelman**, Napoleon; **Cameron Alexander**, Sabina; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro; and **Justin Bachman**, Lancaster.

SHOWMANSHIP

The NJAA Showmanship competition takes place annually in conjunction with the NJAS. Originally organized by former American Angus Association Director of Activities Dean Hurlbut to encourage young men and women to become interested in showing Angus cattle, the contest is now one of the most prominent in the country. Participants are chosen to attend the contest by their respective state Angus associations.



► A junior member marks her card during the livestock judging contest Tuesday.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

For the second year in a row, juniors were given the opportunity to participate in the cattle judging contest. Individuals evaluated and placed four classes of Angus cattle and answered one set of questions. Awards were presented to the top three individuals in each age class.

TEAM FITTING

The team fitting competition allows NJAA members to work together to completely fit a heifer, bull or steer. Points are awarded on the ability to fit, organization of the supplies and equipment, participation of each team member, and knowledge and response to questions.



► The team fitting competition has no age divisions. Teams of four work together to prepare their animal for presentation.

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TEAM SALES



►Winning first place in the junior division, representing the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Ransom Gardiner** and **Cole Gardiner**, both of Ashland; and **Mitchell Rucker**, Burdett.



►Winning second place in the junior division, representing the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Jacob Steph**, Tatum; **Tyler Jones**, Bleiberville; and **Tylee Jo Williams**, Lockney.



►Winning third place in the junior division, representing the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Cameron Ward** and **Carter Ward**, both of Plattsburg; and **Ryan DeHaan**, Taylor.



►Winning first place in the intermediate division, representing the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Lauren Akin**, Iberia; **Austin Thummel**, Sheridan; and **Paige Wallace**, Stotts City.



►Winning second place in the intermediate division, representing the Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro; and **Kayla Alexander**, Sabina.



►Winning third place in the intermediate division, representing the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point; and **Mollie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg. Not pictured is **Brittany Blum**, Howe.

►Right: Winning first place in the senior division and claiming the Bob Laflin Memorial Award is the Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n. Pictured are (from left) **Cody Sankey**, **Jeana Sankey**, **Joshua Laflin** and **Sharee Sankey**, presenting the award to **Jessica Weigand**, Warrensburg; and **Holly Bellis**, Orrick; along with **Clinton Laflin** and **Guy Laflin**, also presenting. Not pictured is **Shane Kinne**, Eagleville.



►Left: Winning second place in the senior division, representing the Texas Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Logan Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; **Tarilton Holloway**, Stamford; and **Zachary Wells**, Hamilton.



►Right: Winning third place in the senior division, representing the Wisconsin Junior Angus Ass'n, are (from left) **Kaley Bockhop**, Belmont; and **Kelsi Retallick** and **Kelli Retallick**, both of Glen Haven.

HONORARIES

► **Right: Anne Lampe** (left), Scott City, Kan., was named Advisor of the Year. Justin Brosey, NJAA Board member, presents the award. Lampe received the prestigious honor after 14 years of service to the Kansas Junior Angus Ass'n, during which they won 10 NJAS sweepstakes awards. She currently serves as the co-chairman for the All-American CAB® Cook-Off as well as chairman of the Miss Kansas Angus and Ambassador programs.



► **Left: Henry and Nan Gardiner**, Ashland, Kan., were inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Presenting the award is Zebadiah Gray, NJAA membership director, far left. The Gardiners earned the honor for their dedication and service to the Angus breed and junior members.

► **Right: Julie McMahon French** (right), Beaverton, Mich., was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Presenting the award is Gray. French was recognized for her contributions to educational opportunities for Angus youth. Her most recent project, an NJAS newspaper, debuted at this year's show. For more information, see page 296.



► **Left: Bob Norton** (right), Saint Joseph, Mo., was inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Presenting the award is Gray. Norton was recognized for his commitment to the breed through his leadership and philanthropic efforts.

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► Teams showcase their ability to merchandise Angus cattle before judges in the team sales competition Wednesday.

TEAM SALES

The team sales competition puts NJAA members in a situation where communication, teamwork and marketing are all essential to sell their animal to the judges. Each team is allowed to bring in a sales package of performance data, pictures and show records for each judge. Contestants are judged on their content, ability to communicate, team organization, overall effect and ability to respond to questions from the judges.



► State and multi-state teams took a written exam Wednesday evening to qualify for the final verbal round of the quiz bowl competition. Eight teams in each age division earn the right to compete at the next level.



► Teams go head-to-head in the verbal round of the quiz bowl competition Thursday.

► **COOK-OFF**

Deli Meat Competition:



► Placing first in showmanship, recipe and overall in the junior deli division is Texas. Team members are (from left) **Wade Wells**, Hamilton; **Tylee Jo Williams**, Lockney; **Tyler Jones**, Bleiberville; **Emory Geye**, Rising Star; and **Clayton Stevenson**, Brenham. They prepared "Ranch-Style Monte Cristo Sandwiches."



► Placing first in the showmanship and recipe categories in the intermediate deli meat division is Kansas. Team members are (standing, from left) **Clinton Laflin**, Olsburg; **Tanner Rayl**, Hutchinson; **Hannah McCabe**, Elk City; **Meghan Blythe**, White City; **Megan Fink**, Randolph; and (in wagon) **Mackenzie Flory**, Baldwin City. They prepared "CAB® Salad Skewers."



► Placing first in the showmanship and recipe categories in the senior deli meat division is Kansas. Team members are (from left) **Chelsea Dickinson**, Glasco; **Courtney Rump**, Galva; **Bailey Shaw**, Erie; **Benjamin Gruver**, Luray; and **David Lundgren** and **Kristen Lundgren**, both of Ottawa. They prepared "Southwest Beef Linguini."

Heat-and-Serve Competition:



► Placing first in the recipe, showmanship and overall categories in the junior heat-and-serve category is Missouri. Team members are (from left) **Sydney Thummel**, Sheridan; **Jacob Heimsoth**, Lathrop; **Caleb Sayre**, Creighton; **Samuel Wallace**, Stotts City; **McKenzie Adam**, Long Lane; and **Chase Thummel**, Sheridan. They prepared "Beefy Breakfast Burritos."



► Placing first in the recipe and showmanship categories in the intermediate heat-and-serve division is Texas. Team members are (from left) **Gretchen Ettredge**, Pilot Point; **Brittany Blum**, Howe; **Katy Satree**, Montague; **Mollie Lastovica**, Fredericksburg; and **Megan Ahearn**, Wills Point. They prepared "Quesadilla Burgers."



► Placing first in the showmanship category in the senior heat-and-serve division is South Dakota. Team members are (from left) **Heidi Graff**, Rutland; **Brian Graff**, Rutland; **Sydney Geppert**, Mitchell; **Andrew Rogen**, Brandon; **Weston Geppert**, Mitchell; and **Matthew Tollefson**, Clark. They prepared "Barbecue Beef Pizza."

Fresh Meat Competition:



► Placing first in recipe, showmanship and overall in the junior fresh meat division is Michigan. Team members are (from left) **Dee Anne Merriman**, Lowell; **Hailey McNees**, Grand Junction; **Justin Ruggles**, Kingston; **Dylan Kennedy**, Nashville; and **Randy McNees**, North Branch. They prepared "Rodeo Roundups 'Loose Meat' CAB® Sandwich."



► Winning the Pat Grote LEAD Award as well as the recipe category of the intermediate fresh meat division is Ohio. Team members are (from left) **William Harsh**, Radnor; **Krystin Bachman**, Lancaster; **Bailey Harsh**, Radnor; **Lauren Grimes**, Hillsboro; **Lindsey Grimes**, Hillsboro; and **Tyler Wise**, Tiffin. They prepared "Granny's Filet of Beef."



► Placing first in the showmanship category in the intermediate fresh meat division is Michigan. Team members include (from left) **Chelsea Ruggles**, Kingston; **Justin Kennedy**, Nashville; and **Patricia Vaassen**, Ann Arbor. They prepared "Mel's All-American CAB® Burger."

► **Right:** The Louisiana senior team in the fresh meat competition won the Black Kettle Award for having the overall highest placing team. Pictured are (from left) Casey St. Blanc and Emma Collins, presenters; team members **Katie Hymel**, Vacherie; **Allison Gravois**, Vacherie; **Kayla St. Blanc**, Folsom; **Stephanie Hymel**, Vacherie; **Ben Greene**, Covington; and **Matthew Greene**, Covington; and Garrett Lampe, Clayton Lampe and Carter Lampe, presenters. They prepared “Crab-Stuffed Filet Mignon with Crab Sauce.”



► Placing first in the recipe category in the senior division of the heat-and-serve division is Oklahoma. Team members are (from left) **Kelsey Pfeiffer**, Orlando; **Jordan Davis**, Foss; **Amanda Rauh**, Thomas; **Cali Emberson**, Nowata; **Brooklynn Bell**, Delaware; and **Colton Henricks**, Anadarko. They prepared “Celebrity ‘Prime’ Rib with Chipotle Butter.”

COOK-OFF

The Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off gives both juniors and adults the opportunity to show what they can do with Angus beef. Participants are judged on showmanship (or presentation of the dish) and the recipe (or the taste of the dish) within separate competitions for deli meats, fresh meats, and heat-and-serve products. Contestants dress along with the theme to their skits and present their dishes to the judges. The Black Kettle Award, given in memory of Paul St. Blanc, is presented to the highest-placing team among all age groups.

► **Left:** Teams presented recipes featuring CAB product through a variety of skits. They were evaluated on showmanship and recipe.



► Placing first in the showmanship and recipe categories in the adult fresh meat division is Missouri. Team members include (standing, from left) **Payree Short**, Ava; **Tammy Pleimann**, Jackson; **Gary Naylor**, Buffalo; **Joann Pipkin**, Republic; **Pam Naylor**, Buffalo; and (kneeling) **Kelly Smith**, West Plains. They prepared “Granny’s Beef Kabobs on Mini Pot-Passers.”



► The Louisiana senior team presented a spoof of the television cooking show *Iron Chef America* in the fresh meat competition Tuesday. Their efforts were rewarded with the Black Kettle Award.

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HERDSMANSHIP



► Above: The Missouri Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship for 46 head or more of cattle.



► Left: The Georgia Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in the herdsmanship division of 31-45 head of cattle.

► Below: The South Carolina Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in herdsmanship with 15 head or fewer.



► The Virginia Junior Angus Ass'n won first place in the herdsmanship division of 16-30 head of cattle.



SCRAPBOOK



► Winning first place in the scrapbook contest is the **Michigan Junior Angus Ass'n**.



► Winning second place in the scrapbook contest is the **Ohio Junior Angus Ass'n**.



► Winning third place in the scrapbook contest is the **Alabama Junior Angus Ass'n**.

HERDSMANSHIP

The purpose of this competition is to encourage cooperation, fellowship and teamwork among state juniors in developing and maintaining a display of cattle and stall area. It also promotes pride and enthusiasm for state junior organizations and rewards those organizations that achieve this purpose. Divisions are based on the number of cattle exhibited by the states — 46 head or more, 31-45 head, 16-30 head, and 15 or fewer head. Judging is based on cleanliness and general appearance of the aisle and bedding; appearance of the animals; appearance and organization of equipment and signs; youth tending the cattle; and promotion of state association, Angus or beef. Each placing state junior Angus association receives the following premiums: first, \$125; second, \$100; third, \$75; fourth, \$50; and fifth, \$25.



► Judges evaluate the scrapbook competition Tuesday. The scrapbooks are displayed all week and allow states to share their state activities with others.

SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contest is intended to encourage recordkeeping and provide a means to show others statewide activities and accomplishments during the past year. Any state or regional association may enter a scrapbook. They do not have to have cattle on display at the NJAS, so it provides an opportunity to compete for those who could not travel to the event.

