

CJA CANADIAN JUNIOR ANGUS

FALL 2024 CONNECTIONS



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President's Message

by Morgan MacIntyre



of the exciting things our association has been up to.

Our year started off in Kelowna, BC for the Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders (GOAL) conference. The representation from across the country was astounding, with a weekend filled with great speakers, tours, beautiful scenery, and some dance lessons mixed in!

On July 18-20, Showdown 2024 was held in Grassie, Ontario. We had a great turn out of cattle and juniors from across the country with about 120 kids and 150 head of cattle. Our new executive was elected and we welcomed our new incoming directors, as well. Our 2024/25 executive is: President - Morgan MacIntyre; Vice President - Chase Bruynooghe; Secretary - Lexi Dietrich and Treasurer - Thomas Wildman. I am very excited to welcome Kylie Willms from Saskatchewan, Emma Fox from Manitoba, and Allison Morse from Quebec as our new directors on the CJA board. I would also like to take the time to thank Hillary Sauder from Saskatchewan and Lainie Muir from Manitoba for all their hard work and dedication towards numerous events and activities for our junior members over the years. There are director positions available each year, with nominations due January 31. Please reach out to any of our directors if you are interested in joining our board.

Canadian Junior Angus awards three scholarships at Showdown each year. Congratulations goes out to our 2024 recipients Kylie Willms, Hanna Fitchett, and Lauren Irvine. The Canadian Angus Foundation (CAF) Legacy Scholarship

Hello juniors! I hope everyone had an awesome summer and were able to attend some shows in your area. As we head into the fall, I'm excited to report some

was also presented at GOAL. Five awards are presented each year with an application deadline of January 5th. We would like to congratulate Lainie Muir, Chase Bruynooghe, Elle Groeneveld, Percy King and Lilly Howell. These scholarships would not be possible without all those who donate and support the CJA and CAF fundraisers. Keep an eye out for our 2024 Donation Heifer, Red JLL Miss Deal 417M donated by JLL Livestock, to sell by Dutch Auction at the All Star Angus Sale at Agribition.

The Canadian Junior Angus Ambassador title was awarded to Lainie Muir at the Canadian Angus Convention in Toronto, Ontario. Five finalists are selected to attend Convention each year, where they all receive a scholarship as well as a trophy buckle along with a great experience and piece for their resume, make sure to check it out! The Dick Turner Scholarship winner was also announced at Convention - congratulations to Lexi Dietrich.

Canadian Junior Angus has so many opportunities for junior members to take advantage of; scholarships, awards, travel bursaries, exchange trips, educational sessions, vouchers for purchasing females and more! I strongly encourage you to talk to another junior or director that has attended an event. They can answer any questions or explain some of the things we offer to help you take advantage of every opportunity possible!

Looking into the new year, we are excited to host the 2025 GOAL conference in Saskatoon, SK February 15-17th. As always, you can expect a great lineup of speakers and activities so be sure to send in your registration by January 10th! Showdown 2025 will be held in Stettler, AB July 24-26th. Mark your calendars and keep an eye on our website and social media for details coming soon.

I wish you all the best with the remainder of the year and hope to see you soon!

Provincial Reports

British Columbia



Hello juniors. I'm hoping everyone had a wonderful summer!

Congratulations to this years BC Angus Bursary winner Cameron MacDonald, a well deserving recipient. Hanna Fitchett attended this years Showdown in Grassie, Ontario. We had a successful show season with many new members in the junior shows. Congratulations to the winners and all those who entered. Wishing everyone a wonderful fall!

Riley Bapty

Alberta



Dear Fellow Juniors,

I'm thrilled to report that the Alberta Junior Angus show went fantastic. We had it once again in Bashaw, Alberta, from August 11th to the 13th, 2024. There were about 100 head at this year's show, coming out on top in the purebred was Kasey Adams with her 2 year-old black Angus pair Ter-Ron Forever Lady 56K and for our commercial show Will Bradford won it with his 2 year-old pair Bar 17 Lady Blossom 229. These two pairs were highly competitive all summer being undefeated and earning the Commercial and Purebred Triple Crowns. This award is given to the females that gain the most points from placings from our three shows, Summer Synergy, Alberta Junior Angus Show and the Western Canadian Junior Nationals.

In addition to our annual show, another show that was highly competitive was the Summer Synergy show in Olds, Alberta July 8th to 12th. This event

always promises to be a highlight for all participants and did not disappoint. In the competition our champions were as follows: Champion Commercial Red Angus was Carmen White with Red Blairs Scream 176L, Black Angus Commercial Champion was Will Bradford with Bar 17 Lady Blossom 229, Red Angus Purebred Champion was Owen Wilms with Red Blairswest Feature 48L, and our Black Angus Purebred Champion was Ter-Ron Forever Lady 56K. Congratulations to our winners and the Supreme Champion Commercial and Purebred females that went on to win against all of the other breeds, Kasey Adams and Will Bradford.

We are excited for Showdown 2025 that will be held in Stettler Alberta on July 24-26th, 2025!! We can't wait to see everyone there!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers and sponsors. Your support and dedication are the backbone of our success, and we couldn't have achieved what we did last summer without each and every one of you. On behalf of all the juniors, thank you.

Looking forward to another incredible year in Alberta!

Warm regards,
Lexi Dietrich & Thomas Wildman



Saskatchewan

Hi everyone! We hope you all had a successful harvest and are settled back into the routine of school.

This summer has been a busy and fun time for Saskatchewan juniors! It was awesome to see a group of Saskatchewan juniors in attendance at Showdown in Grassie, Ontario. In August, the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Gold Show was held in conjunction with the Prince Albert Fair. It was great to have juniors from across the province gather to participate in numerous competitions and exhibit high quality livestock. Thanks so much to the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Board for all your hard work in planning the event, as well thanks to the sponsors and volunteers for your generous contributions.

Don't forget to apply for our Saskatchewan Angus Scholarships – there are two \$1000 awards up for grabs and the deadline to apply is November 15.

We are looking forward to our Annual General Meeting Wednesday, November 27 and Fun Day Friday, November 29 at Agribition and just a heads up to mark your calendars for the 2025 GOAL Conference to be held in Saskatoon, SK next February break. We hope to see lots of juniors in attendance!

See you all at various shows and sales down the road this fall!

Chase Bruynooghe & Kylie Willms

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Manitoba

Hello everyone! What a busy and enjoyable summer for Manitoba juniors!

Beginning in early July we had our Manitoba Junior Angus Summer GOLD Show in Harding, Manitoba. Soon after was the Canadian Junior Angus Showdown in Grassie, Ontario from July 18th to the 20th. It was so exciting to see all of the Manitoba juniors throughout the weekend successfully competing in the many different events offered! This year, I was fortunate to attend as Manitoba's new director and I couldn't have been more impressed by the many junior members across the country working together and honoring the breed that brought us all together, Angus. Celebrating the successes of

both new and old friends alike made the experience even more exceptional. Having the opportunity to participate and bring cattle to show was a fantastic experience. I can't wait to see you all next year for Showdown in Stettler, AB from July 24th to the 26th!

On August long weekend, Manitoba's Youth Beef All-Breed Round Up showcased the talents of many fine Angus juniors and the Supreme Champion Female was a beautiful Angus pair. Looking into the fall, Manitoba's AgEx will be happening in Brandon, MB from October 23rd to the 26th providing lots of opportunity for Junior members to exhibit and learn more about many different aspects of cattle production through Moomania. Hopefully some Manitoba junior members will also take the opportunity to participate in Agribition in November! It will be great to see you all there!

As for me, I am back at Oklahoma State University for my sophomore year studying Animal Science. I am fortunate to work at the OSU Purebred Beef Center and occasionally with Express Ranches; both places where high quality Angus cattle are produced and sold. Getting to experience the Angus breed on an international stage is great to witness and I am honored to be a part of it.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for the GOAL Conference happening February 15th – 17th, 2025 in Saskatoon, SK!

I hope you all have a great fall, and I can't wait to see you at one of the many Angus events to come!

Wishing you all the best,
Emma Fox



Ontario

Hello everyone! What a busy but fantastic spring and summer for Angus enthusiasts in Ontario - I hope everyone had a great time!

The 2024 show season started off strong in March with the annual Spring 4Ward Junior Beef Event, followed by Youth Forum, and the Valley Junior Beef Sweepstakes. The Angus breed is strong in Ontario, taking supreme at two of the three shows! Congratulations to all the Angus exhibitors.

The 2024 edition of the Canadian Angus Convention in Ontario was filled with a tours, speakers, and some great Angus beef at the Verified Angus BBQ Competition! It was great to see so many juniors in attendance.

The highlight for our juniors in Ontario was definitely Showdown at the West Niagara Fairgrounds July 18-20th. The show was a huge success with about 120 juniors and 150 head exhibited. Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and exhibitors for making this a fantastic weekend!

A quick reminder that the A. Cameron McTaggart Scholarship through the

Ontario Angus Association is due November 30th each year and is open for all junior Angus members graduating high school. Contact any OJA or OAA board members for more information.

Keep an eye on the OJA Instagram and Facebook page for information about our AGM in the spring and see what else we're up to!

Congratulations everyone on a fantastic spring and summer and good luck with the remainder of the show season.

Morgan MacIntyre



Quebec

Hello juniors,

I hope you all had a great summer and are now looking forward to the fall shows! Quebec had a strong summer,

starting off with amazing weather that permitted haying to get done quickly

in the season. We were very fortunate and didn't get a long dry period or long wet periods as previous years. Quebec Juniors started off their summer at the Quebec Junior Beef Show, this all-breeds show consisted of approximately 50 juniors and 25 head of Angus Cattle. The Angus division was strongly represented, cleaning up the Supreme Male. Later in the summer came Showdown, we were lucky to have four juniors represent the province and

are super excited to see more over the years. St-Hyacinthe Fair came around the corner and both Male and Female Supreme Champions were Angus, so congratulations to Rose Noiseux from Ranch Dynamic Angus. As the school year started, juniors are super excited for our two Gold shows and some great cattle being displayed. I wish everyone luck in the upcoming fall shows as well as a good calving season.

Allison Morse

Provincial Reports



Maritimes

I hope everyone had a great summer of finishing up haying and attending some summer shows. Now we are settling back into some fall shows, harvest, and school!

This summer began with the Canadian Junior Angus Annual Showdown held in Grassie, Ontario from July 18th-20th, 2024. This year I am delighted to say that we had six junior members from the Maritimes attend this event, including myself. Each of these members participated in several of the events. Overall these juniors had a great time attending Showdown, as it was a few of their first time participating at this event. All the members placed well and congratulations to these members for participating at this well recognized event. Next year's Showdown will be held in Stettler, Alberta, so any Maritime juniors that are interested and wanting more information regarding this event, please feel free to reach out to me!

On August 10th-11th the annual Maritime Junior Angus Field Day was held at the Crapaud Exhibition Grounds in Crapaud, PEI. There were over 20 juniors in attendance and a little over 20 head of purebred Angus cattle at this event. The event kicked off on Saturday afternoon with a judging demonstration and competition, quizzes, some random prize draws,

and our annual general meeting for the junior members. Almost all the junior members participated in every event and did well. Then Saturday night was capped off by a banquet supper, awards, and a silent/live auction, in which the items bought for this auction were almost all provided by Maritime Junior Angus members! On Sunday, the day started out with breakfast followed by two very informative and fundamental presentations provided from industry peers. Then on Sunday afternoon, the showmanship and conformation events were held with each junior member placing well in their respective categories. Congratulations to all the juniors who participated in this event and thank you to the hosts, sponsors, and organizing committee who made this event possible for us juniors. I hope to see everyone in New Brunswick next summer for the 2025 Maritime Junior Angus Annual Field Day.

The first GOLD show of the Maritimes was held during the Old Home Week Fair in Charlottetown, PEI on August 16th. There were a large number of Black Angus attending this event and as always there was an exceptional turnout of quality within each animal. There were Angus exhibitors from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island participating in the Angus show. After the open show, the Angus Futurity was held and this event saw an increase in numbers compared to years prior. The futurity is always a great event that exhibitors enjoy, so it was wonderful to see an increase in the number of cattle. After the futurity, the annual PEI Angus

Social was held in the lounge providing exhibitors with a free meal and a ticket for some random draw prizes. As always there was a large turnout for the social event with exhibitors and producers in the industry in attendance.

There will be two more GOLD shows held in the Maritimes throughout the fall for Angus exhibitors to compete at. The NB Beef Expo is a recognized Gold Show and this event will be held in Sussex, New Brunswick on October 18th-19th, 2024 as well as the Heritage Classic Beef Show hosts a Gold show and it will be held in Windsor, Nova Scotia on September 20th-21st, 2024. I hope to see many Maritime Angus exhibitors attend both these exciting events!

The annual Atlantic Alliance will be coming up in October and will be held at the Nappan Beef Testing Station in Nappan, Nova Scotia. There will be a great offer of Black and Red Angus females on offer at this sale, so juniors make sure to keep an eye out for all the great females on offer.

That is all for me for now. Maritime juniors I encourage you to look into travel bursaries and all the amazing opportunities that Canadian Junior Angus has to offer that can help you attend events like Showdown and GOAL if you are interested. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to answer them.

Chloe Loane

The Canadian Angus Board of Directors has elections in the Spring of each year.

Four positions are available in 2025. One position in each of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Ontario.



Nominations are to be submitted to the Canadian Junior Angus Office by January 31, with a mail-in ballots election to be completed in March. Nominees must be Canadian Junior Angus members in good standing. The two year positions will commence at Showdown in July.

For more information, please contact a current CJA Director or Belinda Wagner
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CEO Report

Data-based decisions.

This is a topic that you will continue to hear more and more about as our industry evolves. All sectors of the beef industry will look to increase their margins and profitability through efficiencies in novel ways and unique to how they have been done in the past. You will begin to hear more and more about data, genomics, artificial intelligence, databases, camera technology, mobile apps and other tools in development by a number of organizations across the globe looking at using data to support the decision-making process at the farmgate.

The CAA has continued to keep an eye on these developments and to continue to identify the ones that we need to embrace and the ones that may not have merit today to brainstorm how we can also make these tools available through a number of different platforms for our members.

While our industry will remain as one where it will be difficult to see the results of these investments initially as the systems for how calves are purchased in our marketing system

doesn't always showcase the value on genetic improvement implemented at the seedstock sector, the results are there. The feedlot sector works the "environment" aspect by sorting calves by sex, weight, breed, size and tailor a diet and management system to get the most out of the genetics that they think they bought. Improved genetics were just a part of the package that they bought whether it was intended or not and the industry has seen the results.

As recently reported by Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC), between 1997 and 2023 the percentage of carcasses falling into the two lowest quality grades dropped from 72% to 26% while the highest two grades of Prime and AAA rose from 28% to 74%. Carcass quality is improving and has improved significantly over the past two decades. This is only one metric, but we can show similar improvements in fertility, growth, health and other traits that all started with the improvement at the seedstock level.

Our ability to use data in a way that increases profitability at the grassroots level will be key as we move forward.



This will be in the form of how the data is presented, sorted and easily understood as the data will only be valuable if we know what it means and how we can use it to our benefit. The systems that allow us to collect data are less labour intensive, less subjective and simple to do. And the data is easily accessible, is in real time and stored in an easy-to-use platform.

The Canadian Angus Association continues to look to lead in this arena as we have a number of projects designed to support these initiatives.

Over the past two years, the CAA has been extensively working on the development of a new database system called AngusHOME to move us into the modern era. This registry database will allow us to use, share and analyze data like we have never done before. This new system is targeted for an early 2025 release to the CAA membership.

Congratulations

to Eric Fettes
Gladmar, Saskatchewan
on Winning the Canadian Angus Foundation
2024 Junior Stockman Award



*l-r: Rob Garner (CAF Director),
Eric Fettes and Belinda Wagner
(CAF Executive Director)*



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**She will sell by dutch auction Friday, November 29th
at the All Star Angus Sale at Agribition**

At the same time, the CAA is excited to announce the launch of AngusWORKS, a farm management system that will focus on the ability to collect, manage and store data at the farmgate. This system will connect directly with the CAA AngusHOME system but will focus on enhanced measurables such as health, nutrition and management to go along with traditional performance data the CAA has traditionally collected.

To support these programs, the CAA has a number of funded research projects on the go to continue to explore systems on how we can better collect data, use the data, create value from the data and be rewarded for these efforts.

The beef industry is quickly moving into the digital age as other industries have done. There is a lot we can learn from

other industries but at the same time recognize the uniqueness and tradition of the beef industry that will determine the right tools of value for our industry.

Make no mistake about it, the genetic improvement efforts put in at the seedstock level is being noticed and seen throughout the entire beef value chain.

Myles Immerkar

Ambassador Report



Hello, juniors! I am beyond excited to be writing to you as this year's Canadian Angus Foundation Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador. My time in this role began during our National

Convention hosted in and around Toronto, Ontario in June. A fabulous group of association members representing our seven regions were in attendance. We all got to experience a thorough look into Eastern agriculture. From the Kawartha Ethanol Plant & the Elora Research Station tours, to visits and cattle displays at Whiskey Lane Livestock & Walkerbrae Farms, there was no shortage of sights to see and things to learn. I especially enjoyed taking in the 2nd Annual Verified Angus BBQ Competition where five vendors were selected and paired with an Ontario producer. A message for everyone - if you get the opportunity to attend the Verified Beef BBQ in the future, do it! The food is positively delicious and seeing the passion put into preparing Canadian Angus beef at this event is incredible. It serves as a great reminder of the significance behind the work we all do at home to make quality beef available for our plates.

On July 3rd I spent the day lending a hand where it was needed at the Neepawa 4-H Fat Stock Show & Sale. There was a strong representation of enthusiastic young 4-H members from

the Angus breed, which is always great to see. Next up, I attended Showdown in Grassie, Ontario from July 18-20. Traveling to Ontario gave me the opportunity to build connections with many juniors I had not yet had the chance to meet and gain exposure to the style of cattle representing the Angus breed in the eastern half of Canada, particularly in Ontario and Quebec. It is safe to say that we have an overwhelming amount of talent from peewees through to seniors. I think it is also important to note how many Eastern breeders prepared and hauled cattle to the grounds for our members to compete with throughout the week. By saying this, I mean to encourage everyone to seek out that support in the future. Whether you're from the West headed East, or from the East headed West - juniors from MB east I'm looking at you because Showdown 2025 is in Stettler, Alberta :) - don't let the fact you aren't able to bring your cattle discourage you from attending. Remember to always feel free to reach out to me, Belinda, or anyone on the board and we will do our best to get you set up with whatever you need to make your Showdown experience the best that it can be.

Over August long I attended the Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up in Neepawa, MB with a string of four black Angus females. This is an all-breeds event similar in style to Showdown that provides a great opportunity to get to know juniors within and outside of the Angus breed. I had a great time competing, circling back to one of the first cattle events I

took part in - back in 2017. On August 20th & 21st I took in the Canadian Beef Industry Conference (CBIC) at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. The two days were packed full of enlightening conversation, high-quality meals, and both informative and insightful presentations. Between economic reports, discussing the effects of different rations on rumen health, or extreme weather and how it relates to forage production, just to name a few, there was something for everyone. Personal highlights for me included a talk on how beef consumption can be linked to the suppression of mental illnesses such as dementia and the use of beef genetics on dairy cattle.

Since attending CBIC I am settled back into my school schedule at the University of Saskatchewan learning all things Soil Science. Throughout the fall I will be keeping busy with my classes and university clubs, going home to Glenella when possible, for Crossing Angus fall processing activities, and attending as many events as I am able as Ambassador. I hope to see many of you on the fall show road. Keep an eye out for me at Manitoba AgEx, Farmfair, and Agribition! You can reach me at (204)841-1105 or crossingangus@gmail.com with any junior Angus-related questions or just to chat.

I hope you all have the best time with weaning, various fall festivities, and of course arranging travel plans for the 2025 GOAL Conference in Saskatoon. Have a great rest of 2024!

Lainie Muir

2024 CJA Scholarship Recipients



Kylie Willms – 1st place \$3000

The Impact of Being a Canadian Junior Angus Member

Being a member of the Canadian Junior Angus Association has profoundly shaped my life, offering invaluable opportunities for learning, forging connections and friendships, and accessing scholarship and

bursary programs. As a participant in the association's junior programs, I have experienced personal growth, developed essential skills, and gained a deep appreciation for the Angus breed and agriculture industry as a whole.

Opportunities for Learning and Growth

The Canadian Junior Angus Association has been instrumental in providing a platform for learning and skill development. Through various programs such as the GOAL Conference, Showdown, and travel initiatives, I have honed skills that extend far beyond the show ring. These experiences have equipped me with critical thinking, decision-making, and communication skills, essential for both personal and professional development.

Participating in the American Angus LEAD program in the summer of 2023, for instance, has not only deepened my understanding of international livestock practices but has also taught me the importance of networking and expanding connections throughout agriculture. Showdown competitions, such as sales talk and public speaking have boosted my confidence and articulation skills, enabling me to effectively communicate ideas and advocate for causes I believe in. These experiences have been pivotal in shaping my character and preparing me for future challenges.

Connections and Friendships

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a Canadian Junior Angus member is the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and form lasting friendships. The association provides a supportive community where members share a passion for the Angus breed and agriculture. Through provincial, national and international events such as shows and conferences, I have met peers from diverse backgrounds with the common love for Angus and forged friendships that will last a lifetime.

These connections have not only enriched my personal life but have also opened doors to collaborative opportunities and mentorship. The tight knit family that the Angus industry

portrays is incredibly welcoming. I know that if I ever need help or guidance that there is always someone who is willing and able. The list of mentors that I idolize within the Angus community is ongoing. There are numerous people who exemplify the qualities that I hope to one day instill in myself and my future program.

Gratitude for Scholarship and Bursary Programs

The Canadian Junior Angus Association's commitment to education and travel is exemplified through its generous scholarship and bursary programs. As a member, I am grateful for the financial support provided through these initiatives, which have eased the financial burden of pursuing higher education and assisted in travel opportunities have enabled me to focus on academic and personal growth.

Receiving a scholarship from the association not only validates my dedication to the Angus breed and agriculture but also serves as motivation to continue contributing to the industry. The financial assistance has allowed me to pursue opportunities that will shape my life and character.

Personal Reflection and Future Aspirations

Reflecting on my journey as a Canadian Junior Angus member, I am deeply appreciative of the multifaceted impact the association has had on my life. Beyond the tangible skills and opportunities, being part of this community has instilled in me a profound sense of responsibility towards sustainable agriculture and livestock management. I am inspired to contribute positively to the industry, advocating for the breeds success and innovation.

Looking forward, I aspire to continue my involvement in the Canadian Junior Angus Association, leveraging the skills and knowledge gained to mentor future generations of Angus enthusiasts. I am committed to promoting the values of integrity, resilience, and stewardship within the agriculture community, embodying the principles that the association upholds.

In conclusion, being a Canadian Junior Angus member has been transformative, providing me with opportunities for learning, fostering meaningful connections and friendships, and supporting my academic pursuits through scholarship and bursary programs. The experiences and relationships cultivated within the association have prepared me to navigate the complexities of life and career with confidence and resilience. I am immensely grateful for the impact the association has had on my personal and professional growth, and I look forward to continuing my journey as a dedicated member of the Angus community.

Your Next Scholarship Opportunity has a January 5th Deadline Visit the CJA & CAF websites for information.



Hanna Fitchett – 2nd Place - \$2000

I can proudly say that being a part of the Angus industry and the Canadian Junior Angus Association has greatly impacted my life, shaping me into the person that I am today. My experiences with the Angus industry and CJA has increased my knowledge of cattle, as well as forged meaningful

connections and taught me many valuable lessons.

In 2018 I purchased my first Angus heifer from Poplar Meadows Angus. This marked the beginning of my growing passion for the Angus breed. I have since developed my own small herd of purebred and commercial Angus cattle. Having my own herd of cattle has allowed me to learn about genetics, sire selection, marketing and so much more.

Participating in Angus and CJA events has been instrumental for my personal growth. I have had the privilege of attending events all the way from British Columbia to Ontario. Being a part of these events has allowed me to travel to new places, try new things and accomplish many goals. Through competing in Showdown, participating in GOAL and attending Convention I have been able to develop skills, gain valuable knowledge and more. I am extremely thankful for the CAF bursaries and Angus breeders that have made it



Lauren Irvine – 3rd Place - \$1500

Ever since we got our first Angus cow my dad has let me be a part of the breeding and selling decisions. We only have four cows since we don't have a farm of our own, however I enjoy not having too many cows because I feel like we can pick a different bull for each cow that will help to improve any of their

weaknesses. My dad is an AI technician for EastGen and I therefore am one of the first people to get my hands on the new Semex catalogue each year. When I was younger my dad would teach me what all the numbers meant and how to relate them to the numbers for our cows that we see in the CAA herdbook. While back then I didn't have very much power to pick and choose my preferred sires, I think that I am now the one who does more research on each bull, so in turn my dad lets me make most of the decisions. Being able to see firsthand how well these individual traits get passed down from the parents to their progeny is what got me interested in genetics and the impacts of genomic testing. Since we only have a few cows, we have really found the benefit of genomic testing each new calf that is born. I like being able to contribute to the accuracy numbers for each trait by doing the test and I think it makes breeding decisions much easier when the numbers that you are looking at reflect that animal's DNA rather than an average between the parents. While we value the genomic numbers, that is not the sole factor when making breeding decisions.

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possible to attend these events and other cattle shows. All of these events hold a special place in my heart and helped to further my love for the Angus industry.

However, beyond the competitions, travel opportunities and educational sessions, the most cherished reward is the lifelong friendships, mentors and professional connections that I have made along the way. These relationships have enriched my life immeasurably, providing support, guidance and inspiration.

This summer, I have also been blessed with the opportunity to work for the Canadian Angus Association. Through my internship I have been able to deepen my knowledge of the Angus breed and its history, expand my skill set and meet and work with many amazing people. I look forward to helping and attending future Angus events including Showdown, Saskatchewan Angus Tour and the SJAA Gold Show.

I will forever be grateful for the opportunities that CJA and the Angus breed have provided me. It has not only enriched my personal life but also laid a strong foundation for my professional endeavors. I cannot thank the CAA, CJAA, CAF and the Angus community enough for all that they have done for me. The memories made and lessons learned will undoubtedly last a lifetime. I am excited to continue and further my involvement in the Angus breed.

I have learned so much in the way of how an Angus cow should look conformation wise over the years that I've been in the show ring and this is also something that remains high on our list when looking at Angus cattle. I like to see a nice deep bodied medium framed cow with a nice udder and standing on a good set of legs. This is what I believe our breed is supposed to resemble and I value these qualities when thinking about the future of our small herd. These are also the characteristics that we look at when buying an animal, as well as when trying to sell an animal. We haven't sold many, but we do our best to sell something that we are proud of and that we think will be a nice addition to someone else's herd. Whenever we have sold a bull we always semen test to ensure that we don't run into any issues after they are sold and to focus on the quality of the animal we are trying to sell.

Being a part of the Angus industry has provided me with so many new learning opportunities that I might have never gotten given that I'm a just girl from the city. My dad grew up with Limousin cattle and that is what I showed my first year in 4-H, but I came second to a black Angus calf and after that I had it in my head that the black ones did better in the show ring. So, I convinced my dad to get me a black Angus cow and if it weren't for my competitiveness at my first ever cattle show, I wouldn't be writing an essay for this scholarship and I wouldn't have taken part in Angus specific shows, events and field days. I have learned a lot and met many amazing people while being a part of this community and for that I am extremely grateful for the opportunities that the Angus industry and the CJA has brought me.

Showdown 2024 - Pee Wee Division

Heifer Calf

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

1) Hedley's Ark Pride 1M

Beaudon Hedley, Canfield, ON

Yearling Heifer

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) EF Saras Dream 2354

Jimmy Enright, Renfrew, ON

2) Bar S Eilazane 194 3238

Ryan Enright, Renfrew, ON

3) EF Annie K 2322

Clare Enright, Renfrew, ON

4) Vos Vegas Black Pearl 2310

James McNaughton, Coldwater, ON



Showdown 2024 - Open Division

Heifer Calf - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

1) HCCC Princess 5M

Brady Hasson, Garafraxa, ON

2) Clydevue Erica 2M

Bailey Clysdale, Keene, ON

3) Nostadt Royal Blackbird 64M

Chase Bruynooghe, Outlook, SK

4) Nostadt Pearl 87M

Jackson Corner, Caledonia, ON

5) Fusion Love My Style 214M

Brody Blenkiron, Belwood, ON

6) Hedley's Ark Pride 1M

Gracin Hedley, Canfield, ON

7) Nostadt Blackbird 102M

Tanner Lowe, Meacham, SK

8) Clydevue Christina 6M

Hanna Fitchett, Quesnel, BC

Heifer Calf - Split 2

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

1) Clear Brook Blackcap May 3M

Reghan Chowen, Thornedale, ON

2) Loyal Miss Floressa 406M

Emily Honey, Warkworth, ON

3) Fusion Black Lilly 119M

Hayley Hannah, Metcalfe, ON

4) DDCN Suzy 409M

Sadie Dudgeon, Dobbinton, ON

5) Worth-Mor Mbt Blackbird 407M

Jordyn Petherick, Campbellford, ON

6) Lynden Manor Lucy 1M

Tyler Kellett, Omemee, ON

7) CNS AN Sophie 32M

Ava Noonan, Roseneath, ON

8) TY RY Eileenmere 03M

Emma Kellett, Omemee, ON

9) Heatherlea Maggie 8M

James McArthur, Terra Cotta, ON

10) Glen Lovat Sasha 2M

Bethany Gregson, Orton, ON

Heifer Calf - Split 3

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

1) HCCC Lucy 4M

Brady Hasson, Garafraxa, ON

2) Loyal Echo 401M

Emily Honey, Warkworth, ON

3) SVA Skyes Moonshine 1M

Owen Dawe, Orono, ON

4) Xcel Upper Glen Mackenzie 101M

May Stanley, Kemptville, ON

5) Nosta Dt Rosebud 72M

Greyson Kiebert, Essex, ON

6) Hammell 4E Bea 4M

Hailey Hammell, Dobbinton, ON

7) Clear Brook Lady Mchenry 1M

Riley Chowen, Thornedale, ON

8) Heatherlea Maggie 4M

Chloe McArthur, Terra Cotta, ON

9) Xcel Saras Dream 103M

Georgia Stanley, Kemptville, ON

10) Sonmar Ms Motive 2M

Allison Morse, Hatley, QC

2) LC - Hawthorne Veronica 13L

Cole Fallis, Selwyn, ON

3) Kemp Brothers Judy 475L

Julia Kemp, Blackstock, ON

4) IRCC Ella 3101L

Megan Smith, East Mountain, ON

5) Diamond T Georgina

Andy Kearse, Smithville, ON

6) Kemp Brothers Blackbird 458L

Campbell Swain, Blackstock, ON

7) Kemp Brothers Royal Lady 457L

Luke Kemp, Blackstock, ON

Yearling Heifer - Split 2

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) REIB Phyllis 336

Jackson Corner, Caledonia, ON

2) Bar S Eilazane 3238

River Morse, Hatley, QC

3) FLC Bardetta 121

Owen Dawe, Orono, ON

4) XCEL Saras Dream 108L

May Stanley, Kemptville, ON

5) Hedley's Lady Leia 6L

Gracin Hedley, Canfield, ON

Yearling Heifer - Split 3

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) HCCC Hugs N Kisses 5L

Brady Hasson, Garafraxa, ON

2) Maplelm Mayflower 3L

Emily Honey, Warkworth, ON

3) Red Vancise Firefly 233L

Keely Adams, Forestburg, AB

4) Harprey Daisy 73L

Addison Newman, Chatsworth, ON

5) Harprey Lucy 70L

Abigale Tomblin, Mozart, SK

Champion Heifer Calf

HCCC Lucy 4M

Brady Hasson

Reserve Champion

Heifer Calf

HCCC Princess 5M

Brady Hasson

Yearling Heifer - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) Kemp Brothers Everelda 456L

Cole Kemp, Blackstock, ON

Showdown 2024 - Open Division

- 6) TY RY Eileenmere 11L
Michael Ormiston, Rockwood, ON
- 7) JDI Allegra 2L
Lauren Irvine, Guelph, ON
- 8) Glen Lovat Brandy 8L
Georgia Gregson, Orton, ON
- 9) GF Lucy 711L
Ashley Ernewein, Walkerton, ON

Yearling Heifer - Split 4

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Dameron FR Sandy 3606
Paisley Dagg, Pembroke, ON
- 2) CNS Dutchess Lightningbug
Ella Noonan, Roseneath, ON
- 3) Vos Vegas Black Pearl 2310
Lainie Muir, Glenella, MB
- 4) Vos Vegas Black Pearl 2312
Abby Anderson, Peterborough, ON
- 5) Elm Holme Sunset Rosebud 4L
Calahan Findlay, Kinburn, ON
- 6) Hammell 14F Kim 7L
Madison Hammell, Dobbinton, ON
- 7) Fusion Hawthorne Ms Lily 301K
Dawson Pinkham, Metcalfe, ON
- 8) Red Kenray Debbie 88L
Madelyn Armstrong, Fergus, ON

Yearling Heifer - Split 5

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) HCCC Mercedes 6L
Travis Saunders, Markdale, ON
- 2) Worth-Mor Echo 312L
Carson Blenkiron, Bellwood, ON
- 3) Brooking Blackcap 3125
Ella Noonan, Roseneath, ON
- 4) Deer Park Miss Morgan 2L
Keenan Grieve, Embro, ON
- 5) Red Vancise Sweetheart 365L
Lexi Dietrich, Forestburg, AB
- 6) Hillspride Rose 49L
Arthur Brissette, Bromont, QC
- 7) Whiskey Lane Blackbird 31L
Faith Shologan, Westlock, AB

- 8) Heatherlea Lady 36L
Kayleigh McArthur, Terra Cotta, ON

Yearling Heifer - Split 6

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) EF Blackbird 2313
Calahan Findlay, Kinburn, ON
- 2) Campbellco 1A
Jackson Corner, Caledonia, ON
- 3) Premier Hass Derrer Barbara
Madison Ethier, Milverton, ON
- 4) Whiskey Lane Lipstick 18L
Shelby Cornish, Indian River, ON
- 5) Miller Liv
Riley Chowen, Thornedale, ON
- 6) Downlea Tibbie 5L
Bella Davidson, Dobbinton, ON
- 7) Red Vancise Lakota 125L
Kasey Adams, Forestburg, AB
- 8) Red Redrich Ruby 145L
Allison Morse, Hatley, QC

Yearling Heifer - Split 7

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Vos Vegas Black Pearl 2305
Katie Cox, McNab/Braeside, ON
- 2) Vos Vegas Princess 2306
Ava Noonan, Roseneath, ON
- 3) Xcel Evening Tinge 101L
Nathan Dawe, Orono, ON
- 4) RL Blackbird 317
Cole Fallis, Selwyn, ON
- 5) DDCN Empress 307L
Grace Dudgeon, Dobbinton, ON
- 6) Red Patchell Tesla 24L
Addison Newman, Chatsworth, ON
- 7) TY RY Primrose 1L
Tyler Kellett, Omemee, ON
- 8) IRCC EA Beauty 317L
Charley Thompson, Onslow Mountain, NS

Yearling Heifer - Split 8

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) EF Saras Dream 2354
Jessica Davey, Saskatoon, SK

- 2) Koyle Queen's Lace 301
Ella Hedley, Canfield, ON
- 3) Clear Brook Lady McHenry 1L
Kody Chowen, Thornedale, ON
- 4) Hammell 5J BEA 1L
Hailey Hammell, Dobbinton, ON
- 5) Glen Lovat Ellie 1L
Connor Swackhamer, Acton, ON
- 6) Harprey Bellemere 1L
Owen Willms, Dundurn, SK

Champion Yearling Heifer

REIB Phyllis 336

Jackson Corner

Reserve Champion

Yearling Heifer

HCCC Hugs N Kisses 5L

Brady Hasson

Two-Year-Old Female

(born 2022, with calf born on or after January 1, 2024)

- 1) Xcel Kenzie 101K
May Stanley, Kemptville, ON
- 2) Ellsmere Tibbie 2005K
Hope Pinkham, Metcalfe, ON
- 3) HLC Envious Blackbird 58K
Jordyn Petherick, Campbellford, ON
- 4) Gillco Eurotia 3K
Hailey Ernewein, Walkerton, ON

Champion Two-Year

Old Female

Xcel Kenzie 101K

May Stanley

Reserve Champion

Two-Year Old Female

Ellsmere Tibbie 2005K

Hope Pinkham

Mature Female

(born prior to 2022, with calf born on or after January 1, 2024)

- 1) EF Saras Dream 942
Calf: Xcel Saras Dream 103M
Baxter Blair, McLean, SK
- 2) HCCC Candy Ann 6J
Calf: HCCC Legacy 8M
Brady Hasson, Garafraxa, ON

Champion Mature Female

EF Saras Dream 942

Baxter Blair

Reserve Champion Mature Female

HCCC Candy Ann 6J

Brady Hasson



Grand Champion Female
REIB Phyllis 336 E
Jackson Corner



Reserve Grand Champion Female
HCCC Hugs N Kisses 5L
Brady Hasson

Showdown 2024 - Owned Division

Heifer Calf

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

- 1) IRCC Duke Girl 433M
Katie Elmhirst, Indian River, ON
- 2) Stoney Brook Rosebud 2M
Kody Chowen, Thornedale, ON

Champion Heifer Calf

IRCC Duke Girl 433M
Katie Elmhirst

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

Stoney Brook Rosebud 2M
Kody Chowen

Yearling Heifer - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) SULL Ellie 3450L
Susannah Sinclair, Fergus, ON
- 2) Exar Frontier Gal 3954
Emma Fox, Dauphin, MB
- 3) Red Six Mile Queen 552L
Gus Reid, Moorefield, ON
- 4) Nostadt Blackbird 2L
Carter Dobbin-Helps, Petrolia, ON
- 5) Broadway Augusta
Avery Broadfoot, Rockwood, ON
- 6) Harprey Pansy 69L
Josh Heyboer, Ridgetown, ON

Yearling Heifer - Split 2

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Vos Vegas Princess 2309
Rachel Hayes, Yarker, ON
- 2) EF Primrose 2314
Anna Enright, Renfrew, ON
- 3) FLC Favorite Lady
Grace Knox, Hampton, ON
- 4) EF Annie K 2322
Paisley Dagg, Pembroke, ON
- 5) Exar Frontier Gal 3633
Ruby Fox, Dauphin, MB
- 6) IRCC Lady DI 318L
Katie Elmhirst, Indian River, ON

Yearling Heifer - Split 3

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Riverstone Blackbird 15L
Chelsey Stephens, Hamilton, ON
- 2) Exar Frontier Gal 3005
Sully Fox, Dauphin, MB
- 3) Premier Windulan Georgina 305
Lee Shologan, Westlock, AB
- 4) Red Covey Hill Lauryn 5L
Gus Reid, Moorefield, ON
- 5) Reidholm Flora 101L
Shelby Corp, Omemee, ON
- 6) 4D Acres Lucy
Bella Davidson, Dobbinton, ON

Champion Yearling Heifer

SULL Ellie 3450L
Susannah Sinclair

Reserve Champion

Yearling Heifer

VOS Vegas Princess 2309
Rachel Hayes

Mature Female

(cow born before 2022, with calf born on or after January 1, 2024)

- 1) Red Double B Priscilla 121
Calf: RED GCS DYNAMITE 208M
Gus Reid, Moorefield, ON
- 2) T/R GCC Hirsch Sophie D124
Calf: KCCA SOPHIE 114M
Katie Cox, McNab/Braeside, ON

Champion Mature Female

Red Double B Priscilla 121
Gus Reid

Reserve Champion

Mature Female

T/R GCC Hirsch Sophie D124
Katie Cox



Grand Champion Female

SULL Ellie 3450L
Susannah Sinclair



Reserve Champion Female

Red Double B Priscilla 121
Gus Reid



Heifer Voucher Winners October 2024



Paisley Stewart
Invermay, SK



Jack Fraser
Melita, MB



Calahan Findlay
Kinburn, ON

Congratulations to the winners of the three Canadian Angus Foundation Heifer Vouchers, drawn from the 2024 CJA memberships.

These three lucky junior members each receive \$2000 towards the purchase of an Angus female this fall!

Showdown 2024 - Bred & Owned Division

Heifer Calf

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

- 1) KCCA Sophie 114M
Katie Cox, McNab/Braeside, ON
- 2) GCS Madame Pride 212M
Gus Reid, Moorefield, ON
- 3) Red Cob Amber 104M
Corbin Reid, Moorefield, ON
- 4) JDL Allegra 2M
Lauren Irvine, Guelph, ON

Champion Heifer Calf

KCCA Sophie 114M
Katie Cox

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

GCS Madame Pride 212M
Gus Reid

Yearling Heifer

(born 2023)

- 1) Gravel Lane Blackcap 7L
Hailey Ernewein, Walkerton, ON

- 2) Breezy Knoll Classy Lady 1L
Josh Heyboer, Ridgetown, ON

Champion Yearling Heifer

Gravel Lane Blackcap 7L
Hailey Ernewein

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

Breezy Knoll Classy Lady 1L
Josh Heyboer

Mature Female

(cow born before 2022, with calf born on or after January 1, 2024)

- 1) JDL Allegra 2H
Calf: JDL Allegra 2M
Lauren Irvine, Guelph, ON

Champion Mature Female

JDL Allegra 2H
Lauren Irvine



Grand Champion Female

JDL Allegra 2H
Lauren Irvine



Reserve Grand Champion Female

Gravel Lane Blackcap 7L
Hailey Ernewein

Showdown 2024 - Bull Division

Bull Calf - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

- 1) FLC MO Bamba 3M
Cole Fallis, Selwyn, ON
- 2) FLC Magic Man 1M
Abby Anderson, Peterborough, ON
- 3) SVA Money Maker 2M
Nathan Dawe, Orono, ON
- 4) CNS Craftsman Muhammad 2H
Ava Noonan, Roseneath, ON
- 5) Red GCS Dynamite 208M
Gus Reid, Moorefield, ON
- 6) Hammell 6K Money Time 2M
Madison Hammell, Dobbinton, ON

Champion Bull Calf

FLC Mo Bamba 3M
Cole Fallis

Reserve Champion Bull Calf

FLC Magic Man 1M
Abby Anderson

Yearling Bull

(born in 2023)

- 1) IRCC Lifeline 387L
Katie Elmhirst, Indian River, ON

- 2) ADA LETS ROLL 33L
Anna Nesbitt, Nestleton, ON
- 3) FLC LIGHTS OUT
Cole Fallis, Selwyn, ON
- 4) KEMP BROTHERS LOBOS 469L
Luke Kemp, Blackstock, ON
- 5) KEMP BROTHERS LARAMIE 439L
Julia Kemp, Blackstock, ON
- 6) IRON HILL PODIUM 2L
Arthur Brissette, Bromont, QC

Champion Yearling Bull

IRCC Lifeline 387L
Katie Elmhirst

Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

ADA Lets Roll 33L
Anna Nesbitt

Two Year-old Bull

(born in 2022)

- 1) Breezy Knoll Unanimous Verdict
Ryan Heyboer, Ridgetown, ON

Champion Two-Year Old Bull

Breezy Knoll Unanimous Verdict
Ryan Heyboer



Grand Champion Bull

IRCC Lifeline 387L
Katie Elmhirst



Reserve Grand Champion Bull

FLC MO Bamba 3M
Cole Fallis

Showdown 2024 - Commercial Division

Heifer Calf

(born on or after January 1, 2024)

1) Maria

Greyson Kiebert, Essex, ON

Champion Heifer Calf

Maria
Greyson Kiebert

Yearling Heifer

(born 2023)

1) H5 Leena

Miah Hurley, Glencoe, ON

2) SOG Daisy 88L

Emily Hartle, St Thomas, ON

3) H5 Louisiana

Alexa Hurley, Glencoe, ON

4) JT

Jackson Corner, Caledonia, ON

5) KT/NJM Miss BL Lucy

Heidi McFadden, Dummer, ON

Champion Yearling Heifer

H5 Leena
Miah Hurley

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

SOG Daisy 88L
Emily Hartle



Champion Female

H5 Leena
Miah Hurley



Reserve Champion Female

SOG Daisy 88L
Emily Hartle

Steer (born 2024)

1) Goose

Jackson Corner, Caledonia, ON



Champion Steer – Nemo Greyson Kiebert



Steer (born 2023)

1) Nemo

Greyson Kiebert, Essex, ON

2) JB

Miah Hurley, Glencoe, ON



Reserve Champion Steer – JB Miah Hurley

Special Canadian Bred Award

RED BONA
VISTA MONTANA
Nathan Swackhamer, Acton, ON

Showmanship



Champion Junior Showmanship

Alexa Hurley

Reserve Junior Showmanship

Emily Honey



Champion Intermediate Showmanship

Saige Buchanan



Reserve Intermediate Showmanship

Madison Hammell



Champion Senior & Supreme Champion Showmanship

Brady Hasson



Reserve Senior Showmanship

Bella Davidson

Showdown 2024 Award Presentations



**Champion Junior
Team Grooming**
Anna Long/Konor Younker



**Reserve Junior
Team Grooming**
Emily Honey/Jordyn Petherick



**Champion Intermediate
Team Grooming**
Grace Dudgeon/Lee Shologan



**Reserve Intermediate
Team Grooming**
Owen Hurley/Gus Reid



**Champion Senior
Team Grooming**
Madison Ethier/Cole Fallis



**Reserve Senior
Team Grooming**
Kasey Adams/Keely Adams



Scrapbooking

From left to right:

- Reserve Senior Champion—Kiley Willms
- Reserve Intermediate Champion—Riley Chowen
- Senior Champion—Lauren Irvine
- Intermediate Champion—Madison Hammell
- Reserve Junior Champion—Hailey Hammell
- Junior Champion—Jordyn Petherick



Art

From left to right:

- Intermediate Champion—Gus Reid
- Reserve Senior Champion—Abby Anderson
- Reserve Junior Champion—Jordyn Petherick
- Junior Art Champion—Sadie Dudgeon
- Senior Art Champion—Emily Hartle
- (missing from photo Reserve Intermediate Champion Chelsey Stephens)



Photography

From left to right:

- Reserve Intermediate Champion—Saige Buchanan
- Intermediate Champion—Hailey Ernewein
- Reserve Junior Champion—Alexa Hurley
- Junior Champion—Faith Shologan
- Senior Champion—Madison Ethier
- Reserve Senior Champion—Keely Adams

Showdown 2024 Award Presentations



Graphic Design

From left to right:

- Reserve Junior Champion—Emily Honey
- Junior Champion—Jordyn Petherick
- Reserve Intermediate Champion—Kasey Adams
- Intermediate Champion—Heidi McFadden
- Senior Champion—Jackson Corner
- Reserve Senior Champion—Baxter Blair



Literature

From left to right:

- Senior Champion—Baxter Blair
- Reserve Senior Champion—Lauren Irvine
- Junior Champion—Corbin Reid
- Reserve Junior Champion—Sadie Dudgeon
- Intermediate Champion—Kasey Adams
- Reserve Intermediate Champion—Grace Dudgeon



Public Speaking

From left to right:

- Intermediate Champion—Riley Chown
- Reserve Intermediate Champion—Madison Hammell
- Reserve Junior Champion—Hailey Hammell
- Junior Champion—Ruby Fox
- Reserve Senior Champion—Jackson Corner
- Senior Champion—Keely Adams



Print Marketing

From left to right:

- Intermediate Reserve Champion—Grace Knox
- Intermediate Champion—Riley Chown
- Junior Reserve Champion—Paisley Dagg
- Junior Champion—Hailey Hammell
- Senior Champion—Jessica Davey
- Reserve Senior Champion—Keely Adams



Sales Talk

From left to right:

- Reserve Champion—Jessica Davey
- Senior Champion—Chase Bruynooghe
- Junior Champion—Emily Honey
- Reserve Junior Champion—Corbin Reid
- Reserve Intermediate Champion—Owen Dawe
- Intermediate Champion—Lee Shologan



Card Judging

From left to right:

- Intermediate Champion—Saige Buchanan
- Reserve Intermediate Champion—Kasey Adams
- Reserve Junior Champion—Konor Younker
- Junior Champion—Hailey Hammell
- Senior Champion—Baxter Blair
- Reserve Senior Champion—Brady Haddon



Spirit of the Youth Award

Reese Wildman



Heifer Voucher winners

Avery Broadfoot, Madelyn Armstrong and Emily Hartle



Herdsman Award

Nathan and Owen Dawe,
Shiloh Valley Farms

Showdown 2024 Award Presentations



Angus Cook-Off
1st Place - Beach Bums
2nd Place - The Greasers



Aggregates
From left to right:
Grand Junior Grand Aggregate—Emily Honey
Reserve Junior Aggregate—Jordyn Petherick
Grand Intermediate Aggregate—Kasey Adams
Reserve Intermediate Aggregate—Riley Chown
Grand Senior Aggregate—Baxter Blair
Reserve Senior Aggregate—Keely Adams



Angus Roots Scholarships
From left to right:
Gus Reid, Grace Dudgeon,
Hailey Ernewein,
Madison Hammell,
Kasey Adams, and Riley Chown



Show Ring Team Judging
From left to right: Reserve Senior Champions—Baxter Blair/Reese Wildman
Reserve Intermediate Champions—(Back Row) Owen Hurley/Kaycee Buchanan
Junior Champions—(Front Row) Konor Younker/Avery Broadfoot
Intermediate Champions—(Back Row) Ava Noonan/Kasey Adams
Reserve Junior Champions—(Front Row) Campbell Swain/Alexa Hurley
Senior Champions—(Back Row) Brady Hasson/Lexi Dietrich



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Thank You! from 

Showdown 2024 Literature

How do you name your show heifers? - Corbin Reid, Junior Literature Champion

What do you think of when you hear the word "Nacho?"

Is it nacho cheese? Nacho chips? Nacho the bull??

I am going share a story about my pick of our calves this year and how Nacho got his name.

Why did I even pick him? How did he get his name?

Well, when he was born, Nacho was bigger than the other bull calves and my Mom said we should call him MACHO. And I said I liked "NACHO" better and that's how he got his name!

Do you know how hard it is to pick calf names? There are so many choices! Sometimes we use the cow's name, sometimes the bull's name. Everyone does something a little different!

At our farm, we pick a name for their pedigree and then a "barn" name. My advice is to pick a fun name. It's WAY more fun to work with cattle with FUN names and I think the cattle like the FUN names much better.

Who doesn't love hearing someone holler at show heifers with the names "Dennis the Menace", "Bubble Butt", "Red Light Runner" or "Shrek?". My brother DOES NOT like that my mom nick named his heifer Shrek, but when you see her ears, she's definitely a SHREK.

When I was younger my Mom would pick barn names like Dum Dum and Thumper.

Do you know why?

I had a hard time saying words with the sounds "D" and "TH" so she picked names that would help me with pronouncing those sounds!

It is so funny when people come to look at our cattle and my dad has written on the tag "DUM" and everyone asks what that means and he has to explain that's the bull's name and that the calves aren't really dumb. Same as Thumper. Sounds like a name for a mean bull, but you have to push him out of the way most days!

Here's another one for you!

When you hear the words "Big Apple", what do you think of?

New York City? The place on the 401 with the giant red apple? A big Red Angus heifer? You guessed it – my red angus heifer's barn name is "Big Apple" because she's BIG and she's RED!

Coming up with barn names is a lot of fun! Thanks for letting me share a little bit about naming calves and how we name them in our herd!

My Proboss Story – Sadie Dudgeon, Reserve Junior Literature Champion

I hope that you have many spirit animals throughout your lifetime, many favorites, many animals that you hold a connection with, but my wish is for everyone to have at least one that means the most to you. Mine was and remains to be my cow Proboss.

I'm very lucky to live so closely to our calving barn because over the winter months and into the spring I try to spend all my spare time helping on the farm calving out our purebred Angus cows and then our herd of commercial cows. It's all hands-on deck and it's definitely hands on, no job is too big or too small. On our farm everyone gets a job and always has, my parents believe that if you're trying to be helpful in some way you will succeed in helping, it's those little jobs that can get missed. We look so forward to our purebreds calving! It's the most exciting time of the year for us, because it's the long awaited dreamed of calves that our family has planned for months previous.

That's where the story of Proboss begins. Months ahead of her January 2022 due date. We knew Proboss was an expected heifer calf from an ultrasound we had done on her mom during her pregnancy This calf would be from a mating that had been planned and anticipated for months. Proboss

which is a nick name we had given her as a very little calf derived from her Sire Conley Prowess and her Dam Boss Lake Ms. Instinct. Proboss officially known as DDGN Ms. Instinct was born on January 10, 2022. As soon as she was born, we knew by her sweet demeanor that she was going to be a wonderful addition to the herd. Her mom was also a sweetheart and Grace, and I were able to spoil her right from the beginning. Proboss learned very quickly that she enjoyed our company too and spent a lot of time following closely on the heels of whoever was working around the barn. I think she would listen for someone coming because she was always near the gate waiting!

I began to put a halter on Proboss early, earlier than I had done in previous years with previous calves, she made it easy for me! We also halter broke most of the other calves from that calf crop that year. Having one so quiet and calm seemed to help make the others that way as well, Dad called it group therapy. We used the same strategy from other years. At first, we just tie them up and comb them and then eventually begin to walk them around the calf pen. Then we venture outside with them to a bigger space. Proboss again came to the top of this activity, I think if she could have put her halter on herself, she would have done so and would have

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always been ready for our evening walks! We would venture further and further from the calving barn each evening and she loved it! This is when I made the decision that this calf was going to be my show calf.

Eventually we move the Purebred Angus cows to their pasture and pick out the ones to keep in the "front pasture" for either show or sale purposes. This is always a day of decisions and trying to look into the future as to what calves are going to be special. No doubt though Proboss and her Momma fell easily into this category. This pasture is where the real work begins, and we work with the "show animals" as much as we can to get ready for our 4-h and junior shows over the summer.

Our first big adventure with Proboss, as a show animal came when one Sunday morning, Grace and I decided that Proboss and a bull calf that we had been working with were ready for the wash rack. We may have been pushing it a little bit! Leading to the wash rack went well but as soon as that water hit the bull calf, he was having nothing of that in fact he was out of there. The snag in his exit plan was that he was tied to a gate that was hinged to posts on the wash rack and so was Proboss. That still didn't seem to deter him and eventually the gate came away! He was dragging a gate and another calf! In true Proboss style, she planted her feet and gave him some resistance. He also didn't plan for the width of his contraption and got caught between a set of dual tires on one of our tractors. You can imagine that Grace and I were in pure panic mode, but Proboss was our hero! We got them untied and back to the barn and the wash rack design was modified that afternoon.

The wash rack episode never really fazed her, and the rest of her training went exactly as planned. I worked with her and by the time we needed to be ready for our first junior show, Showdown 2022 she would follow me and set up without me even leading. She really enjoyed the life, the special feed and the daily baths. Proboss and I won heifer calf champion that show and that was just the beginning for our team of two. We went into the fall fair season feeling confident and I was so in love with this sweet little heifer calf!

We were undefeated at the fall fairs we took in that year. Red became Proboss's favorite color. It was a lot of fun to win red ribbons, but I really enjoyed the bond that she and I had. I loved been confident when I went in the ring, which I hadn't had that advantage before. Just knowing Proboss knew what she should be doing, meant I could concentrate on what I needed to do as well. We went to the National Junior Beef Heifer show at the Royal Winter Fair as well as entered her in the open show. Our family bred Proboss and I was able to enter her in the Charlie Watson Memorial. Proboss was pulled back into the ring for the champion and then given the honorable mention against a stunning bred heifer and I was very proud that day. In fact, probably one of my favorite moments to date as a junior! Of course, the rest

of the Royal was great, lots of fun and very tiring for both Proboss and I.

That November when I was putting Proboss back to the barn with the rest of the Angus herd, my dad asked if I would be showing Proboss as a bred heifer? I loved her so much but, in my mind, I wondered if it would be better to show a calf again. I just seem to feel more comfortable with a calf. I told him I would think about it. Over the winter I again with the rest of my family spent a lot of time in the barn, new calves were born, and we started to put halters on and play with them just as we did with all the calves before them. One thing always remained the same though, Proboss wanted to spend her time with me and even when I was working with others, she would go through all the motions of doing it too. It became clear that Proboss and I had to give it another round for the second year. I again pulled her to the show pen and worked on her endlessly. She grew a lot, and I was worried about our size difference, but she never let me down. My Confidence grew right along with her, and we made a great team for another year!

Our first show was the Spring Forward show and although we didn't win any ribbons there, we had some of the most genuinely kind comments about how good Proboss was and would be by fall. After that show we weren't in action again till mid-July. Our summer and fall started with her and I winning Reserve Grand Champion heifer in two rings, she also helped me win Champion Show person for my division. Our streak continued and a lot of red ribbons came our way, except for the one time my brother beat me with his Angus Bred heifer! I took a lot of teasing over that! The Royal Winter Fair was in our future but as excited as I was to take Proboss to the big city for the second year in a row I also felt a little pang of sadness. We had a great couple years together and I knew that this was our last show unless by chance she would have a heifer calf and we would show her next year as a cow calf pair, it had already been mentioned. It had also been mentioned in an undercurrent a couple times throughout the Royal that perhaps we would like to sell Proboss but thank goodness my family gets extremely attached to our show heifers and dad said "no, we weren't interested, but Thank You." We got second in class at the Royal in 2023 and felt that was a great place considering all the beautiful bred heifers we were against.

It was time to take Proboss home and let her get ready for her future as a momma!

Well, we always thought Proboss was an over achiever, but she proved it on January 17th when she not only had a heifer calf, but she had two heifer calves! The calves were perfect, and she took to having two to feed easily. The twins are just as sweet as their mom is and yes, they are halter broke! Her career has taken her on a different path and in April Proboss and her twins became the faces of The Bruce County Beef Farmers to meet up with over 600 school kids

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from Bruce County to teach them about agriculture at the "Roots of Bruce" event. She did let us and most of the school kids know that she was still sweet but only if you didn't get close to the twins!

Its hard to explain how much Proboss means to our family, how much we truly enjoyed watching her enjoy the time she spent in the show ring and to have had success with an animal with our prefix. She's still in the "front pasture" this summer. This isn't because she's being shown but because she deserves it! She'll always have a place out front and center.

Mamas Please let Your Babies Grow up to Show Angus – Kasey Adams Intermediate Literature Champion

(Parody of "Mamas Don't let Your Babies Grow up to be Cowboys" by Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings)

Angus are easy to love
And are easy to show
They'll give you a calf that stands up when
its four minutes old
Olson belt buckles and old faded wranglers
And new calves just make your day
If you don't over feed her and she don't die young
She'll probably just calve and calve away
Mamas, please let your babies grow up to show Angus
Let 'em show them and win them ol banners
Let 'em be groomers and judgers and such
Mamas, please let your babies grow up to show Angus
'Cause they'll always be happy and never alone
Always with Angus they love
Cows like green grass of hay
And early show mornings
Little warm babies and calves that are nursing all night
Them that don't know Angus won't like them
And them that do will know how to show them
They are calm and just different
But their depth and appeal do things to make you like them
Mamas, please let your babies grow up to show Angus
Let 'em show them and win them ol banners
Let 'em be groomers and judgers and such
Mamas, please let your babies grow up to show Angus
'Cause they'll always be happy and never alone
Always with Angus they love
Mamas, please let your babies grow up to show Angus
Let 'em show them and win them ol banners
Angus are easy to love!

Influences – Grace Dudgeon Reserve Intermediate Literature Champion

Lesley Kelly, Dr. Marrison Hake, Leah Peterson, Jeannie Griswold and Terryn Drieling. You may not know who these women are but to me these women are focused on leading the way within Agriculture and after following along on their social media I feel like I know each one of them personally.

All these women are tackling some tough subjects such as struggles being faced by farm families, as well as bringing awareness to the growing problem of mental health within the agriculture sector. These women sometimes hit hard topics head on. As a faithful reader I cringe at times knowing that there will be lots of negative comments sent their way. They all encourage conversation and hope that these discussions give knowledge of the subjects they talk about to the followers who are unknowledgeable. These women are strong, intelligent and most of all share a love of agriculture and their individual way of life. They each come from different parts of North American and certainly are involved in different sectors of the agricultural industry. I love that each one of these women can laugh at their mistakes and build each other up through them. They certainly don't live perfect lives, but I think that's what I like most about them. They have become role models through several social media platforms. I truly enjoy reading their posts and blogs and I too gain knowledge.

Lesley Kelly says "She hopes to spread the love of agriculture one seed at a time." I truly feel the same way! Lesley Kelly has a blog called "High Heels and Canola Fields." She labels herself as an entrepreneur and a Prairie Girl with a passion for Agriculture." Her motive is to bridge the gap between the general public and the Ag community. Lesley encourages dialogue with people that are disconnected to agriculture. She has also co-founded "The Do More Agriculture Foundation", a non-profit support system for farmers in need of mental health assistance. The mission is to "break barriers and create a culture where all producers are encouraged, empowered and supported to take care of their mental well-being." The motto is "Talk More, Listen More, Ask More." Her bright attitude makes her blogs and posts fun and encouraging. Her sense of Community is incredible whether watching a hockey game at her local ice rink or eating a harvest supper with her family in a field. Lesley has over 36,000 followers on Facebook alone and another 25,000 on Instagram.

Dr. Marrison Hake, through her blog is telling "The story of modern animal agriculture through a veterinarian's perspective." She is passionate about agriculture and sharing about how our food is raised. She boldly shares real life stories about farming with her husband and raising her children. Animal Welfare and sustainability is close to her heart and works with Fairlife Milk as the director of Animal

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Welfare and Sustainable Farming. She is humorous and takes delight in other women having success personally and professionally. She makes me laugh with her real-life videos and posts. She cares deeply for her herd of British Whites, and as followers we experience all the ups and downs of owning and working with cows and calves. As we know, its not always sunshine and roses. Dr. Hake also has a keen sense of fashion and often takes us with her as she scours through thrift stores to find the "perfect outfit" for whatever event she may be attending. Dr. Hake has 79,000 followers on Instagram and over 130,000 followers on Facebook.

Jeannie Griswold is a strong cattle woman who together with her husband John runs Griswold Cattle in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Jeannie's posts are perfectly imperfect and lets followers get a glimpse of the good, the bad and the ugly!! She posts about all aspects of their farm, family, bull business and of course showing quality cattle all over the Midwestern United States. Jeannie is extremely passionate about Sustainability, Soil health and being Ag Strong! Her posts resonate with me probably because of the realness of her life and the compassion she has for the struggles that farm families face. She's not afraid to shed light on controversial issues that hit the headlines or unfortunately don't hit the headlines and should. She speaks her mind on these issues, bringing awareness and a different side to the story. Her opinions are not always the popular one but speaks to them with strength and genuine compassion for the Agricultural sector. Her moto is "The key to success is to focus on goals, not obstacles" this moto resonates through her posts and lifestyle, and I believe they live that moto to the fullest. Griswold cattle have over 58,000 followers

Terryn Drieling talks about her life as a rancher with her husband and children in the Sand Hills of Nebraska in her blogs. When I first found Terryn her blog was "Faith, Family and Beef." Ranching and raising beef was her family's passion, her quote was that "it lite their fire, it's a calling". Recently Terryn has found she had lots more to focus on and has changed her page name and platform to a podcast called "Draw good Movement." This is where Terryn can be a "Rural Relationship Guide" she's helping rural folks communicate clearly and confidently. She still speaks passionately about producing good Beef, the struggles of a family farm or ranch and taking care of the land, so the land will be sustainable to take care of ranchers and their animals. Her new direction lets her speak on taking care of those around you as well as taking care of yourself. She is a strong believer that you need to work at supporting your relationships with others. She speaks a lot about Gratitude, she believes that your interaction with the world defines your personal journey and happiness. She challenges each one of us to daily say something genuinely kind to ourselves and to someone else, set reasonable expectations for yourself and others and ask honest questions to yourself. Draw Good Movement has 68,000 followers.

Clear Creek Ranch Mom, Leah Peterson is a rancher who shares hard hitting blogs about real life issues on a cow calf operation in Nebraska. Leah mostly loves to pass on hope and encouragement to those in the Ag industry. She's very open and some of her posts invite criticism, which I know she expects from followers, and takes with ease and patience. She shares a lot about her family and ranch life. She's genuine and she is easy to relate to. Leah allows you in for a glimpse of the work they do on the farm and some of my favorite posts have been about their calving season. This year as we were struggling with the weather they were as well. The weather they deal with sometimes makes ours look mild! She blogged about planting season and most recently right up my ally, her daughter is showing a heifer in 4H. Clear Creek Ranch Mom has 67,000 followers.

These women inspire me and are working hard at creating an awareness in our vast agricultural industry. At times these women can be extremely misunderstood by the general public and happen to put themselves in the line of fire, criticism and sometimes downright mean comments! These strong women are bringing light to the many struggles that our industry faces. Labour shortage, burnout in farm families, mental health issues, financial struggles, the list could go on and on. Its important to me also that these women put importance on every job on a farm. Farmers are sometimes defined only by the person who drives the tractor or combine but these women are all bringing to the forefront that it takes an army of people to get through the workload on a farm or ranch and that the importance of the person delivering food to the field is equally important as the person they bring the food to, the person that goes to town for parts is as important as the person who uses the part to fix the piece of machinery that is broken down. They create community in sometimes an existence that isn't always full of community, fun or outside activities. These 5 women also know and share the importance of self care, where at times there is not a lot of spare time for that. I enjoy the entertainment of these 5 women that I have mentioned but realize making a difference in agriculture doesn't only mean having a Facebook page or blog on social media. These are only a few that I can think of that are making an impact on agriculture. I see women in my own community advocating for farm life and encouraging other Farm-Hers! These women are my real mentors, these are so important to me and others wanting to work in the Agricultural industry by standing their ground, by speaking a little louder for what they believe, for even having a strong voice when its usually easier to be quiet and not being afraid to step sometimes way out of their comfort zone. My hope is that these women know I see them and that I someday can be someone that inspires someone to continue their future in agriculture and show strength when others need it.

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Baxter Blair –Senior Literature Champion The Breed That Has Raised Us

A generational legacy, so complexly combined.
Overlooking the acres where our dreams have aligned.
Each parent grew older, and thus passed on the torch.
Life lessons, each historic, like the old farmhouse porch.
The long days, they engulfed us. Sweat gleamed on our
faces.

Although feeding the world was stamped evil in some
cases.

Hands tainted with blood, tenacity unshaken.
A piece of something greater, a privilege we've taken.
Steered by tradition, yet thirsty for more.
Side by side with my loved ones, the leaders I adore.
Each day I grow stronger with knowledge and grace.
On the path that they've paved for me, I set a new pace.
Every trip to the city, fueled by uncountable hours.

The Role of Colostrum in Relation to Newborn Health, Human Medicine, and Nutrition - Lauren Irvine, Reserve Senior Literature Champion

This paper explores the importance of colostrum for ruminants as well as the new ways that it is being used in not only the agriculture industry, but in modern day human health and nutrition as well. Colostrum is found in the first milk produced after birth and contains immunoglobins to help build the immune system as well as different micro- and macro-nutrients to aid in the growth of the newborn (Playford and Weiser 2021). Pecka-Kielb (2018) found that an average dairy cow produces approximately 25 L of colostrum while calves only consume 4-6 L. This surplus of colostrum from the dairy industry ends up having a purpose for numerous different industries. Generally speaking, colostrum has proven to be very versatile, and what affects its production, as well as how it affects those who use it, will be examined further in this paper.

Colostrum is essential for newborn ruminants like calves, lambs, kids, and even non-ruminants like foals because the maternal and fetal blood supplies are separated by the placenta, meaning the fetus is unable to receive immunoglobins in the womb (Godden et al. 2019). This makes colostrum within the first few hours of birth that much more important for these animals. Studies have shown that feeding colostrum within the first hours of life can significantly reduce mortality rates amongst newborn calves and is crucial for their survival (Playford and Weiser 2021). Early feeding of colostrum also gives the calf the immunoglobins that it needs (Playford and Weiser 2021), as well as starting to stimulate the digestive system (Pecka-Kielb 2018). Godden et al. (2019) suggest that a newborn calf should be fed colostrum at around 10-12% of their body weight. Undoubtedly, these researchers have proved the importance of colostrum for newborn calves and for other

The product of our livelihood, the bloom of our flowers.
Angus cattle we're proud of, to a standard we've developed.

A lineage of excellence, meticulously enveloped.
The ribbons we've hung, the banners we've gathered.
A testament to our sacrifices. The long nights that've
mattered.

Yet its not the fabric in prizes that keep us together
But the bonds of our industry, enduring forever.
Each opportunity has shaped us, making us more.
Stronger advocates for this industry than ever before.
Educating and inspiring the next youth is our task.

A cherished duty we hold, no matter when asked.
We look to the future, both promising and bright,
With hope in our hearts and our goals in clear sight.
This breed and its people – a connection unbreakable.
With a devotion to excellence that remains unmistakable.
Canadian Angus, our steadfast compass.
You have, and always will be, the breed that has raised us.

animals that are unable to receive immunoglobins in the womb.

While colostrum is extremely important for calves, ensuring its quality is the next most important factor in raising strong and healthy animals. Pecka-Kielb (2018) states that the quality of colostrum depends on the level of immunoglobins and that adequate nutritional value in feed is required to ensure adequate colostrum synthesis. Hare et al. (2023) focused their research on the effects of starch and protein on colostrum synthesis for dairy cows, beef cows, and ewes. The dairy cows used in their study produced around 4.6-7.9 kg of colostrum while the beef cows produced approximately 2.6 kg and the ewes produced about 150-650 g. They found that increasing the starch content in the feed of the beef cattle increased their colostrum yield by 80%, while the increase in starch for the ewes decreased their colostrum yield. When Hare et al. (2023) increased the protein intake of the ewes they showed an increase in colostrum yield, while it had no effect on the beef cows. The colostrum yield of the dairy cows showed no significant changes from either feed modifications.

Bovine colostrum is proving to be increasingly in demand across many different fields and for many different reasons. This surplus of colostrum produced by the dairy industry is sold commercially with many applications such as being used for animal rearing, domestic pets, as well as human medicine and nutrition (Playford and Weiser 2021). Before being sold it must go through the pasteurization process and in most cases ends up being freeze-dried into a powder (Playford and Weiser 2021). A study by Pecka-Kielb (2018) found that bovine colostrum has antibacterial properties and can accelerate healing processes. Playford and Weiser (2021) declared that more studies need to be conducted, however, it has been shown that there is potential for colostrum to help with immune function, gastrointestinal problems, skin health, bone density, and be useful for many

Showdown Bursary Winners



My name is Anna Long and I'm from Hampton, New Brunswick. This summer I got to go to the 2024 Canadian Junior Angus Showdown in Grassie, ON with my brother William and my friend Konor Younker from PEI. I applied and was awarded one of the Canadian Angus Foundation (CAF)

Showdown Travel Bursaries to attend the event.

There were over 120 juniors participating across Canada and six from the Maritimes! While many brought their Angus animals to show, this is not required because there are other competitions open to everyone including: art, scrapbooking, photography, Sales Talk, public speaking, and my brothers' favourite: The Angus Cook Off!

We all were able to borrow animals for the Team Grooming and Showmanship classes. All three of us participated in the Junior Team Grooming and moved on to the Champion Junior Team Grooming class. Konor and I,

together, won Champion Junior Team Grooming! We had great results from fellow Maritimers - we all did well in Showmanship and Konor placed in the top 6 for Junior Card Judging and went on to win Junior Team Judging.

I hope other Junior Members, especially from the Maritimes, think about attending this event because it is a lot of fun, and you learn a lot! A big THANK YOU for the support provided through Canadian Angus Foundation (CAF) Showdown Travel Bursaries to make this opportunity available to help with the travel costs. We're looking forward to the 2025 event in Stettler, Alberta!

Anna Long

Canadian Junior Angus and the Canadian Angus Foundation has been nothing short of amazing to me as well as many other youth in the industry. Attending Showdown 2024 with the help of the travel bursary was a trip I will never forget!

My sister Saige and I started off our trip by flying out of Regina, Saskatchewan and landing in Toronto, Ontario. We were picked up from the airport by close family friends of ours, Jamie and Ellen Blenkiron, and from there we were headed to Grassie! I would like to send a special thank you to Chad and Calahan Findlay with Elmholm Farms for providing me with a heifer to use for the show. I participated in a few of the events offered at the show including showmanship, photography, and the judging competition. I made it to the final in intermediate showmanship

and placed 4th overall intermediate photography. I made top 6 in my age division for the judging competition and advanced to the team judging competition where I was paired with Owen Hurley. We finished off with the Reserve Champion Intermediate Judging Team. Showdown offers many other events as well like literature, public speaking, art, graphic design, print marketing, and many others that you might be interested in doing!

Meeting new people from the east and reconnecting with old friends will benefit me for years to come. Originally being from Ontario made it a really special trip for us as we were able to reconnect with our family.

None of this would have been possible without Canadian Junior Angus. The travel bursary is something I highly recommend to any youth

in the Angus industry looking to become more involved with the Association. It aligned perfectly with my passion for the Angus breed, junior shows, and travel. CJA offers many other great opportunities such as scholarships, bursaries to attend the GOAL conference, Showdown, and many other experiences. For more information visit Canadian Junior Angus at cdnangus.ca!

Kaycee Buchanan



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different diseases. Colostrum can also be used in more common products like cheese, milk (Playford and Weiser 2021), and even some probiotics (Pecka-Kiełb 2018). Based on these studies it is evident that bovine colostrum has the potential to make a significant impact on medical and veterinary practices as well as human nutrition.

In conclusion, colostrum is a necessary nutrient for the animals that are unable to receive immunoglobins from their mother while in utero. Because these immunoglobins

are needed for their survival, they must be given high quality colostrum, whether it comes directly from the mother or by a replacer. To ensure high quality colostrum, there must be adequate nutritional value in the feed the mothers are given. Every day more and more research is being done on the benefits of colostrum in helping treat disease and how it could be incorporated into certain aspects of human nutrition. All of this demonstrates how versatile it can be and how it is starting to become a more sought-after nutrient for various industries.

Deadlines at a Glance...

National

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| January 1 | GOAL Travel Bursary Deadline |
| January 5 | Legacy Scholarship Application Deadline |
| January 10 | GOAL Registration Deadline |
| January 31 | CJA Director Nominations Deadline |
| February 15 | CAF Beef Leaders Institute Application Deadline |
| April 15 | Junior Angus Stockman Award Nomination Deadline |
| April 30 | Junior Angus Ambassador Application Deadline |
| May 10 | U.S. Exchange Trips Application Deadline |
| May 15 | Dick Turner Scholarship Application Deadline |
| May 25 | Showdown Trucking Assistance Application Deadline |
| June 1 | Showdown 2024 Entry Deadline |
| June 1 | Showdown Travel Bursary Deadline |
| June 15 | CJA Scholarship Application Deadline |
| June 20 | Late Showdown entry deadline |
| October 15 | Brian Good Memorial Scholarship Deadline |
| Ongoing | Self-Directed Travel Bursary Deadline |

British Columbia

May 1 BC Angus Scholarship Application Deadline

Alberta

July 31 Alberta Junior Angus Scholarship Deadline
November 1 Dorothy Banks Scholarship Deadline

Saskatchewan

November 15 Saskatchewan Junior Angus Scholarship Application Deadline

Manitoba

September 1 Jack Hart Memorial Foundation Award Application Deadline

Ontario

November 30 A.Cameron McTaggart Scholarship Application Deadline

Quebec

June 15 Quebec Junior Angus Scholarship Application Deadline

Maritimes

March 31 Maritime Aberdeen Angus Association Scholarship Deadline



Is a CJA Membership for you?

Do I qualify to be a member?

If you are a dedicated Angus enthusiast under 21, you sure do.

Do I have to register my own cattle to be a member?

Not necessarily. If your family prefers to keep all the cattle in their farm name, that's fine, but we still recommend you become a member of CJA.

How much does it cost?

\$25 (+GST) Yep, that's all!

What do I get for \$25?

- Subscription to the CJA Newsletter "Junior Connections"
- Right to register your animals (with exemption from the "Activity Fee")
- Right to participate at all CJA events.
- Certificate of membership.
- Eligibility for CJA & CAF awards, scholarships and bursaries, as well as Heifer Vouchers.
- Access to CAA promotional materials.

What does the CJA do?

- Publishes "Junior Connections" to keep you up to date on what's happening
- We plan and organize the Canadian Junior Angus show which moves between provinces. Showdown 2025 will be held at Stettler, AB from July 24-26.
- We host the annual GOAL conference to develop skills for members. GOAL will be held in Saskatoon, SK - February 15-17, 2025.
- The Junior Boards act as a liaison between Juniors and Canadian Angus Association.

Canadian Junior Angus and Young Breeder OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIPS

Foundation Legacy Scholarship | Deadline: January 5

Three awards totalling \$10,000 will be presented to Canadian Junior Angus members recognizing overall academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and industry knowledge. Awards in the amounts of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 will be presented.

Dick Turner Memorial Award | Deadline: May 15

The Dick Turner Memorial Award was established after the passing of legendary Angus icon Dick Turner. During his lifetime, Dick committed 55 years of his career to livestock publishing and successfully promoted and advertised the Angus breed specifically through the *Canadian Aberdeen Angus News* magazine. One \$1,000 scholarship is presented annually.

Canadian Junior Angus Scholarships | Deadline: June 15

A total of three scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,500.

Brian Good Memorial Scholarship | Deadline: October 15

The Brian Good Memorial Scholarship was established after the passing of Brian Good, "Mr. Angus". Brian was the commercial connection in the Angus industry for more than 20 years and believed strongly in supporting our youth. Two awards totalling \$5,000 (\$3,000 for first and \$2,000 for second) will be presented to a post-secondary student recognizing overall livestock industry commitment, community involvement and leadership activities.

AWARDS

Junior Angus Stockman of the Year

Nominations due April 15

The Junior Angus Stockman of the Year award recognizes outstanding young cattlemen who are constantly growing their capacity by actively working with their Angus cattle, promoting their operation and cattle to the public, growing their knowledge of nutrition, genetics and breeding, and producing/selling quality Angus cattle. Five finalists will be selected from the nominations and will each receive \$250. The winner will receive a \$5,000 bursary to be used for genetics, cattle supplies/equipment, and/or training, along with travel assistance to attend Showdown.

Outstanding Young Angus Breeder

Nominations due April 15

The Outstanding Young Angus Breeder award was developed to recognize an Angus breeder between the ages of 22 and 30 who has demonstrated a desire to stay involved in the Angus business based on their involvement within the breed up to this point in his/her career. The winner will receive \$5,000.

Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador

Applications due April 30

The Junior Ambassador acts as a role model for youth and represents members of the Canadian Angus Association. It is an opportunity to network with leaders in the agriculture industry and learn from them. Five finalists are selected from the applications and they each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a finalist buckle as well as assistance to attend Convention where they will compete for the Ambassador title. Ambassadors have the opportunity to attend at least one international event and various major agricultural events in Canada.

BURSARIES

GOAL Travel Bursaries | Deadline: January 1

Bursaries of up to \$750 will be awarded to 12 deserving CJA members from anywhere in Canada. Bursaries must be used within the same year awarded to help offset travel and registration costs for attending the GOAL Conference.

U.S. Exchange Program | Deadline: May 10

Canadian Junior Angus members have the opportunity to attend the Junior Red Angus Round-Up and the National Junior Angus LEAD Conference each summer, and in return members of the JRA and NJAA attend Showdown or GOAL.

Showdown Travel & Trucking Bursaries

Deadline: May 25 & June 1

Bursaries of up to \$750 will be awarded to six deserving CJA members from anywhere in Canada. Bursaries must be used within the same year awarded to help offset travel costs for attending Showdown. Trucking assistance is also available for those who travel over 1,000 km one way.

Connecting Food and Farm Bursary

The Connecting Food and Farm Travel Bursary was developed to encourage urban or non-livestock youth to attend one of our events with a current member to learn about the industry. Examples of events may include but are not limited to GOAL Conference, the Canadian Angus National Convention or livestock shows.

Self-Directed National or International Travel Bursaries

The Self-Directed National or International Travel Bursaries were developed to assist young Angus breeders with financial travel assistance for conferences or events related to the beef cattle industry. For members aged 18-30.



For more information contact Belinda Wagner at
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GOAL 2025

February 15-17, 2025
Sheraton Cavalier, 612 Spadina Crescent E
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Registration deadline January 10

The Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders (GOAL) Conference

promotes leadership skills within the Angus breed. Junior members from all over the nation attend this three-day event that is held in a different location each year. During GOAL the Juniors hear from motivational and educational speakers, participate in workshops, get involved in teamwork activities and develop beef and industry knowledge. Juniors are also given the opportunity to network and socialize with fellow Junior Angus members.

Please stay tuned for more details
www.cdnangus.ca/canadian-junior-angus/goal
Watch our Facebook and Instagram pages and visit our website for more details on 2025 scholarship deadlines, awards and other events.

GOAL Travel Bursaries Application deadline January 1

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We'd like to give back to the community we're visiting for GOAL, so we ask that you bring a donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan (RMHC-SK) provides spaces for families caring for their sick child receiving medical treatment in Saskatchewan.

Being surrounded by family makes all the difference when a person is healing – which is why The Ronald McDonald House and Family Room are so important to our communities. www.rmhcsk.ca

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender (M/F) _____ CAA Membership #: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Jacket/Shirt Size: _____ in Ladies or Mens (circle one)

Dietary or Allergy Considerations: _____

Rules: All participants must be 15 years of age and older or accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- No alcohol allowed at or during the conference.

Fee: \$125.00

- Includes - Binder, deliverable, room (Saturday & Sunday), meals, all sessions and tours.

Registration Deadline: January 10th

Schedule: The conference will start Saturday afternoon and end after lunch Monday. A detailed agenda will be available on the website at www.cdnangus.ca/canadian-junior-angus later this fall.

The Canadian Angus Foundation is sponsoring a draw for a \$3000 voucher to purchase an Angus female. All you have to do is be at GOAL to be eligible to win!

Also, CJA and CAF are sponsoring travel bursaries for twelve lucky juniors - check out the details on the website at www.cdnangus.ca/canadian-junior-angus



Email Registration Form and e-transfer Registration Fee to Canadian Junior Angus – bwagner@cdnangus.ca

For more information, call or text Belinda at 306-537-1518



25th Annual Canadian Junior Angus SHOWDOWN

July 24–26
2025

Stettler, AB
MOVE IN BEGINS
JULY 23 AT 1 PM

Thursday, July 24, 2025

- 11 am • Move in complete
 - CJA Annual General Meeting & Orientation
- 12 noon • Lunch
- 12:30 pm • Judging (individual competition – written reasons)
- 1:30 pm • Team Grooming
- 5:30 pm • Supper & Extravaganza

Friday, July 25, 2025

- 8:30 am • Group Photo
- 9:00 am • Showmanship
- 9:00 am–1:00 pm • Print Marketing
- 12 noon • Public Speaking
- 1:00–4:00 pm • Sales Talk
- 2:00 pm • Team Judging (must qualify from individual competition)
- 6:00 pm • Cook-off & BBQ

Saturday, July 26, 2025

- 10:00 am • Conformation Classes
- 5:00 pm • Banquet, Awards Presentations, Auction & Dance



The Canadian Angus Foundation will provide travel and trucking bursaries to attend Showdown as well as significant cash prizes and scholarships for the Aggregate Winners. There will also be three draws made for vouchers to purchase Angus females—one at \$3,000 and two at \$2,000. All exhibitors will automatically be entered to win!

Visit the Canadian Angus Foundation website at www.cdnangus.ca/foundation for more information and to apply for the bursaries.

For up-to-date Showdown information, please visit www.cdnangus.ca/canadian-junior-angus/showdown
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