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Hey everyone! I hope you all had an awesome summer, it was great to see a lot of you throughout the summer and early fall show run!

It has been an excellent year for Canadian

Junior Angus, starting off with GOAL that was held in Toronto, Ontario. It was great to see lots of new faces and hear from many intelligent speakers.

On July 20-22 Showdown 2023 was held in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. We had an exceptional turn out, being one of the biggest Canadian Junior Angus events yet! Every year at Showdown we elect a new executive and welcome our new incoming directors. Our 2023/24 Executive is: President - Hillary Sauder; Vice President - Morgan MacIntyre; Secretary - Lainie Muir; and Treasurer - Lexi Dietrich. I am also excited to welcome Riley Bapty from BC and Chase Bruynooghe from Saskatchewan as our new directors on the board. I would like to send out a big thank you to Sarah MacDonald from BC and Morgan Davey from Saskatchewan for putting in countless hours into numerous events and activities for junior Angus members over the years. There are board positions available each year, with a nomination deadline of January 31. Please reach out to any director if you are interested in joining our board.

Our Canadian Junior Angus Scholarships are awarded every year and this year congratulations goes out to Jessica Davey, Lexi Dietrich and Callie Steen the winning applicants for 2023. The Canadian Angus Foundation (CAF) Legacy Scholarship was also presented at GOAL. This scholarship awards five juniors every year, with an application deadline of January 5th. The 2023 recipients were Matthew Trefiak, Carmen White,

Emma Harms, Chloe Loane and Aaron Van Steekenburg, congratulations to all! Many thanks to everyone who supports the fundraisers and donates to the CJA and CAF to allow for these scholarships to be presented. Watch for our 2023 Donation Heifer, HF Evening Tinge 62L, donated by Hamilton Farms to sell by Dutch Auction at the All Star Angus Sale at Agribition.

The Canadian Junior Angus Ambassador title was awarded to Julie Sharp at the Canadian Angus Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. 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 your resume, make sure to check it out!

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 will be sure to answer any questions you may have or explain some of the events and things we offer to get you to take advantage of every chance you get to participate.

We are excited to jump into the new year with our Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders (GOAL) Conference that will be held in Kelowna, BC February 17-19th. We will have an excellent line up of speakers and activities, so get your registration in by January 10th. Showdown 2024 will be held at the West Niagara Fairgrounds in Grassie, Ontario July 18 – 20, watch for more details on that coming soon.

I wish everyone a great winter and a smooth calving season, see you all down the road!

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Provincial Reports



British Columbia

Hello everyone! Hoping everyone had a wonderful summer and is having a great fall.

Exciting news from the BC Junior Angus Association - the Board of Directors welcomed new members Sydney Bapty, Travis Hurren, and Mackenzie Martens. They will be joining ongoing directors Wade MacDonald, Cameron MacDonald, Jordan Bapty, and

Hanna Fitchett. The Board of Directors has representatives from all across BC and we are eager for the coming year. The BCJAA AGM was held over Zoom on September 12th.

The BC Angus Association awarded bursaries to Jordan Bapty and Hanna Fitchett, both well-deserving recipients. Showdown in Swift Current, SK saw three BC representatives attend: Riley Bapty, Sarah MacDonald, and Jean MacAulay. Jean secured the Reserve Senior Showman title, and Sarah won Champion Senior Literature, as well as Reserve Champion Senior Showing Team Judging.

Juniors were excited to attend Prospect 2000, Cariboo Classic, and Interior Provincial Exhibition (IPE) this year. For the next show season, these three shows have announced a tri-show with a \$5000 aggregate prize.

We are excited to host GOAL Conference this year in Kelowna, BC. Exciting events are in store, and we can't wait to see you there!

Wishing everyone a wonderful fall season.
Riley Bapty



Alberta

Hello fellow Juniors, I hope everyone is having a good 2023 year.

We had another successful Alberta Junior Angus show held in Bashaw, Alberta - August 13th to the 15th 2023. We had an amazing turnout of 83 juniors and 111 head of cattle. This year we had a record breaking 21 peewees and tiny mites!! A new addition to

the show was our fun mixer night. It included an egg and spoon race, an intense game of musical chairs, a strategic nail-hammering relay, and much more. We can't wait to challenge our juniors with more mixer games next year. Our Purebred Triple Crown winner this year was Red Allison Lassie 103J exhibited by Kasey Adams and Commercial Triple Crown Winner was Bar 17 Lady Blossom 229 exhibited by Will Bradford. Congratulations to those exhibitors. In order to win this award you must exhibit your same animal at Canadian Junior Nationals, Alberta Junior Angus Show, and Summer Synergy under the Angus show. From all of these shows your points will be added up and the champion is selected by the highest total of points.

We also awarded our annual scholarships at our Alberta Junior Angus Show, the deadline for applications is July 1. The two scholarship recipients of \$500 dollars this year were Maria Tashchuk and Lexi Dietrich. The application form will be posted to our Facebook page when applications open for next year.

We were proud to see the strong Alberta representation at Showdown 2023 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan this year.

Again we would like to say we had a very successful summer last year in Alberta and none of it would be possible without all of our volunteers and sponsors which we would like to thank on behalf of all of the juniors.

Regards,
The Alberta Directors
Lexi Dietrich & Thomas Wildman



Saskatchewan

Hello Fellow Juniors! We hope you all had a great spring and summer and are enjoying being back in school. We were very grateful to have been able to host Showdown 2023 in Swift Current. The show was

a huge success with 150 exhibitors and 180 head entered. Thanks to everyone for making it one of the most attended Showdown's to date and a special thank you to all of our sponsors, we couldn't have done it without you.

The Saskatchewan Angus Tour was held in August in the Yorkton area, where we also saw a great turnout of junior members.

Our Saskatchewan Junior's are looking forward to hosting the Junior Gold Show in November in conjunction with the Lloydminster Stockade Roundup. We are also looking forward to Canadian Western Agribition in Regina where the Saskatchewan junior

board will be hosting our AGM on the Tuesday and putting on fun activities for all juniors to attend on the Friday afternoon.

With GOAL and Showdown being held in BC and Ontario next year, there are many bursaries and opportunities for Saskatchewan juniors to attend. Please reach out to Hillary Sauder or myself with any questions.

We hope to see you all at various shows and sales throughout the fall.

Chase Bruynooghe & Hillary Sauder

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Manitoba

Hello juniors, happy fall! I hope everyone had a blessed growing season with productive herds and a successful harvest.

Recent highlights in Manitoba included the Junior Summer

Gold Show on July 22 in Harding. Congratulations to our Grand Champion Female KCH Beauty 214K and Reserve Champion Female KCH Rose 312 both exhibited by Kendra Hinsburg of Rapid City. Our Grand Champion Showman was Kate Hinsburg of Rapid City and Reserve Champion Showman went to Alice Rooke of Alexander. Great job ladies! August long was another exciting weekend for our

members. Many attended the Manitoba Youth Beef Round-Up (MYBR) in Neepawa, contributing to 70 participants and 74 head of cattle total. Over that weekend we also had representation at the 2023 National Junior Angus Association LEAD Conference in Modesto, California. A sincere thank you to the committee members for the organization of another well-executed MYBR and to each and every one of the sponsors of MYBR and the Canadian Angus Foundation that allow attending these events to be a reality.

Transitioning into our awards season, the deadline for the Jack Hart Memorial Foundation was September 1. The award is presented in honour of Jack; a respected cattleman who offered consistent support to juniors while advancing the quality of our program. Show Female of the Year ap-

plications are being accepted until November 10th. The Jack Hart and Show Female of the Year awards will be presented to the successful recipients at the 2023 Keystone Classic sale on December 5th in Brandon. Mark your calendars! The sale offers the incentive of 10% off a female purchased by a junior member. There will be a great number of functional females available. The Junior Fall Gold Show is being held October 28th at the Keystone Centre during Manitoba Ag Ex in Brandon.

I encourage you all to continue your involvement and say yes to opportunities within Canadian Junior Angus as well as within your provincial associations. As always, please contact me with any questions or for more information.

Lainie Muir



Ontario

Hello, juniors! I hope everyone had a great summer!

The passion and drive we see from our Angus juniors in Ontario are strong, and I must say I am

very proud of everyone involved! The OJA ran another successful 'Blackout' show in West Niagara this summer. It was great to see all the familiar faces out for our annual

show, and several new ones as well. Congratulations to all that competed and good luck with your fall show run.

A 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.

Now is the time to start gearing up for summer 2024... the CJA Showdown is coming back to Ontario! Taking place at

the West Niagara fairgrounds July 18-20, you can expect a fun weekend filled with Angus cattle and great juniors from all across the country. If you have any questions about Showdown, please let me know.

Make sure to follow the Ontario Junior Angus Association on Facebook and Instagram to see updates about our AGM in the spring and see what else we're up to.

Morgan MacIntyre



Maritimes

Hello fellow Junior Angus enthusiasts, I hope everyone had a great summer of completing hay and attending some summer shows and are back into the swing of school, and

fall shows.

This summer started off with the Canadian Junior Angus Showdown held in Swift Current, Saskatchewan from July 20-22. I was the only Maritime member in attendance at this event, however, we had a tremen-

dous turnout of junior Angus members and cattle. Next year the Canadian Junior Angus Showdown will be held in West Niagara, Ontario from July 18-20, 2024. With it being a drivable distance from our Maritime province, it would be great to see some more Maritime juniors attend this event with or without their cattle! If you have any questions about this upcoming event, please feel free to reach out to me. In August, the Maritime Junior Angus Field Day was held from the 4-5th and it was hosted at Linden Hill Angus, in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. There were 14 Maritime Juniors in attendance with just under 20 head of cattle. We were also fortunate to host our current CAF Ambassador Julie Sharp for the weekend at this event. The event

kicked off on Friday with a clipping and fitting demonstration as well as juniors participating in quizzes and judging competitions. Friday was completed by a banquet held at the St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia as well as an auction hosted later that night. On Saturday, we completed the weekend with conformation, showmanship, and awards. Overall it was an incredible field day and many juniors are excited for next year! Thank you again to our hosts and all the volunteers who made this event possible. Also in August, Prince Edward Island held the first gold show of the year at Old Home Week in Charlottetown, PEI. The show was held on August 18th and there was a great turnout of Black and Red Angus. We

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had exhibitors from PEI and Nova Scotia participate in the show. After the open show, we held the Angus Futurity and it was great to have some more numbers in this event. The futurity was well represented by bull calves, heifer calves, and yearling heifers. After the show was completed, the annual PEI Angus Social was held in the exhibitors' barn and it was great to have a large turnout of exhibitors and producers in the industry attend this and have the opportunity to socialize.

The second gold show of the year was held on Saturday September 9 at the NB Ex Beef Show in Fredericton, New Brunswick. There was an impressive turnout of Angus cattle in attendance, being one of the larger breed representatives at this exhibition. Exhibitors in attendance were from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. After the show Saturday, exhibitors were invited to a dance and social held in the cattle exhibitor barns. A fun time was had by all. On

Sunday, the junior show was held with a few Maritime Junior Angus members participating with their cattle. The Reserve Champion female in the Junior show was a purebred Angus bred heifer. Following the junior show, there was the supreme class. There were four Angus representatives in this event and the Reserve Champion Supreme bull was an Angus bull calf while the Champion Supreme female was an Angus two-year old cow with calf at foot. Overall, the NB Ex Beef Show was well represented by Maritime Angus cattle.

The last gold show was held on September 22-23 at the Heritage Classic Beef Show in Windsor, Nova Scotia. There was a large turnout of Black and Red Angus cattle at this show with entries from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. The Angus futurity was held on Friday evening where the ring was filled with entries. The Angus open show was held on Saturday and later that evening, the Supreme was held and the Overall

Supreme Champion Male was won by an Angus bull calf. On the female side the Reserve Supreme Female was an Angus Two-Year Old cow and making the Top 5 in the Supreme was an Angus bred heifer. To complete Saturday night, there was a social held in the ring for all exhibitors to attend with some farming Olympics games being played.

It would be really great to see more Maritime Junior representation at events like GOAL and Showdown. There are many bursary opportunities offered by the Canadian Angus Foundation that juniors are able to take advantage of. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me at any time and I will be happy to help answer them.

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Chloe Loane

CEO Report

As we wrapped up a summer that seemed like it just started, I would like to recognize the great events that we had take place from record high turnout numbers at Showdown, strong regional junior shows in all provinces and excitement and enthusiasm among all participants at these events.

Thanks to all the organizers who helped put on these great events as we know the skills you will learn and develop at these events will help you excel in your next endeavors.



You never know when your community involvement, volunteer hours and extra effort will get noticed. We were fortunate to have a couple of juniors work this summer at the Canadian Angus Association (CAA) office as our summer interns. Our goal has always been to identify high achievers and the future leaders of our industry to help develop their skills into potential future roles with the CAA. This summer we had the pleasure of having Sarah MacDonald and Ellie Stauffer as our summer interns and their insight and support on a number of projects was invaluable. They helped develop explainer videos on some new products, worked on the CAA database, aided in the development of our

new marketplace launch, provided event planning support at a number of our summer events that included convention, summer tours, BIF, the Verified Angus BBQ competition and Showdown. The insight and different look from our younger members will help us to continue to develop the tools that our future Angus breeders will require.

Fostering the next generation is a core priority of the Association and one that we will continue to focus on and it is only successful with the strong participation from our junior community. I just returned from Europe where the World Angus Secretariat held their 2023 meetings and our strong junior program is an area that the Global Angus community looks to the CAA on how we are developing our future leaders.

The next World Angus Forum will be held in Australia in May 2025 and there will be a strong focus on junior competitions between the nations. Look for more information soon on how you can represent Canada at this upcoming event in 2025.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next event this fall and best of luck at school.

Myles Immerkar

Ambassador Report



Hi CJAA Juniors!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and a great start to their fall.

My name is Julie Sharp and I am the CAF Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador. My family runs Lindon Angus at Lacombe, Alberta and I am a student in the College of AgBio at the University of Saskatchewan. My journey as Ambassador

has been nothing short of amazing during these initial months, and I'm eagerly anticipating many upcoming events!

My ambassador journey started at the Canadian Angus Convention in Saskatoon in June. Alongside four other semi-finalists, I participated in interviews and delivered a speech at the event. Before the convention, we had submitted an essay on a given topic and to apply, we submitted a resume. During the Convention, we toured the Saskatoon Berry Barn, Black Fox Distillery, Crossmount Cider Company, the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence, and Norheim Ranching which included some Angus cattle on display from various breeders. This experience allowed me to forge connections with fellow Angus enthusiasts from across the country and deepen my understanding of our industry.

My first event as ambassador was Showdown in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. I didn't bring cattle of my own, so I supported the board's efforts throughout the week to put on the show and helped lots of juniors while also participating in the skills competitions. It was great to see Showdown so well attended this year and get to know more juniors. It was certainly a highlight of my summer!

Over the August long weekend, I travelled to the Maritimes. My first stop was PEI. Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) board member Chloe Loane toured me around her home province and I was able to check out lots of downtown Charlottetown on my first day there. On my second day, Canadian Angus Association

(CAA) President-Elect Ronnie Ford toured myself and CAA President Tom deWaal through some Angus herds in PEI and in Nova Scotia. Thank you to the Dixon family of Worth-A-Bit Angus and the McNabb family of M5 Cattle Co. for the wonderful hospitality. It was great to learn more about agriculture in another part of the country. The next two days of my trip were spent at the Maritime Angus Field Day and Junior Show in Antigonish, Nova Scotia at Linden Hill Angus. I was able to participate in all of the skills competitions and Ronnie Ford and his family very generously brought an extra heifer for me to show. I had a great time in the Maritimes and can't wait to go back one day.

Next up, I attended the Alberta Junior Angus Association show in Bashaw to help with their judging competition. It was great to see such a strong turnout and the enthusiastic participation of many eager peewees at the show.

Following that, I attended the Canadian Beef Industry Conference as part of my summer internship with the Canadian Cattle Association. I was able to take in some speakers, meetings, and the Canadian Cattle Young Leaders roundtable selections. I walked away from that week with a wealth of knowledge and an expanded network of connections. Additionally, it was great to reconnect with some familiar "Angus" faces during the event!

At the end of August I attended the Northern Alberta Angus Club Tour and Alberta Angus AGM. We saw some outstanding Angus cattle at McGowan Farms, Kueber Farms, and Redrich Farms as well as some impressive cattle brought for displays and the pen show.

Overall, I have had a great time attending lots of events and getting to know more people in the breed. I am looking forward to attending some more shows this fall and to GOAL in February. Juniors, don't forget to check out all of the opportunities available for scholarships, travel bursaries, and awards. They can be found throughout the newsletter and on the Canadian Angus Foundation and CJA websites.

The Canadian Junior Angus Board of Directors

has elections in the Spring of each year with five positions available in 2024.
There is one position in each of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and the Maritimes

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

National Junior Angus LEAD Report

by Kylie Wilms

Early this spring I got a text from my good friend and fellow Canadian Junior Angus member, Keely Adams. She informed me that Canadian Junior Angus was offering travel bursaries to Junior Angus members to attend the National Junior Angus LEAD Conference in Modesto, California. Well, Keely had me at California! So, on August 2nd I started my trek out to Modesto. First, I



flew into Calgary where I was treated to supper with the lovely Belinda Wagner and where I snagged Keely for our early morning flight to Vancouver. Once in Vancouver we were united with two of the three other Canadians on our adventure, Reegan Frey and Lainie



Muir. And just like that, it was time to head to American soil. We touched down in Sacramento on Thursday afternoon, where we finally met up with the fifth member of our Canadian clan, Carmen White. We were greeted with a warm welcome from the American Junior Angus board members, who were definitely shocked to be waiting at the Air Canada gate. After a quick bus ride to Modesto, it was time to get started with some icebreaker activities. Much like at our GOAL conference, this was a great way to get to know people. Although, I have to say the Americans don't do things quite as competitively as we do up North. The highlights of our first day included hearing from Fernando Sam Sin, a professional rodeo photographer, and motivational speaker, and of course, the hypnotist.

On Friday we had a big day of touring! It started at Fiscalini Farmstead, a dairy farm that has been running for over 100 years. They had a very high-tech operation, with milking robots and methane digesters. They also recently embarked on a cheese-making business, which they run alongside the dairy right on the property. It was interesting to hear about everything from dairy genetics to

livestock welfare to the cheese market. Next, we stopped at Ratto Bros. a vegetable processing factory, known for being one of the freshest and safest chains on the market. There we saw the process in which numerous types of vegetables (some I hadn't even heard of!) go through to be safe and efficient for the consumer. E & J Gallo Winery was next on the itinerary. Here we got to see not just the process of making wine, but also the making of the wine bottle. Seeing the glass-making process in action was super neat. We also got to see the numerous bins where all the wine is aged, both above ground and in a giant cellar. We couldn't test out the wine of course, but still a super unique tour. Afterwards, we headed to Duarte Nursery. This plant nursery certainly isn't something



I've seen in Canada. The diversity of plant species and the amount of research and knowledge obtained to make this nursery as successful as it is, was quite impressive to see. Our last stop of the day was Vintage Angus Ranch. Here we had the opportunity to partake in many different learning labs. An IVF and AI lab, Trans Ova lab, Marketing lab, Hot Brand lab, and Vintage Angus Cattle viewing lab. We sure learned a lot from industry-leading experts in a short amount of time. After a big day like that, we hoped to have a bit of a sleep-in, but no luck there! The next morning we were loaded onto the buses at 4:45 a.m. and on our way to

Yosemite National Park. We had three amazing hours to tour and explore the park, the views were truly breathtaking. Minturn Nut Co. was our next stop. Although it wasn't quite almond harvest time, seeing the facilities and operation gave us some good insight into the workings of an almond operation. Some of us even learned that almonds grow on trees! We ended our second day with a panel discussion from the Schnoor sisters. The sisters grew up in the National Junior Angus Association and shared their experiences and life stories. It's crazy to see the impact that the junior association had on each of their lives in such different ways. Of course, we had to cap the long day off with a dance. We had lots of fun and got to learn many of the American line dances, which we will be introducing at GOAL and Showdown. And just like that, the last day of the conference had come. We wrapped things up with final acknowledgements. As well, the senior board members gave their farewell remarks. Then it was time for us to head back home. We said our goodbyes to the numerous people we met. The connections we made were incredible and I definitely see them becoming useful in the future. Canadian Junior Angus offered youth funding to experience these unique opportunities, I'm so grateful that I and the other girls could benefit from that generosity. I totally recommend that junior Angus members take advantage of these opportunities. There is so much more to see in the agriculture industry. I think I can speak for myself and the other girls when I say we had a great time Kickin' it in Cali!

Junior Red Angus Round-Up Report

by Sarah MacDonald

For many years I have been lucky enough to take in many incredible experiences thanks to Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) and the Canadian Angus Foundation, and this summer was no different.

Canadian Junior Angus Association has developed a partnership with the Junior Red Angus Association (JRA) in the United States that allows CJA members to attend JRA events, and vice versa. From July 10-14, 2023, I had the chance to attend the Junior Red Angus Roundup in Florida. Roundup is a 5-day event that focuses on leadership, beef industry knowledge and skill development, and immerses attendees in the host state's agricultural industries.



To give you some background, Florida is a unique state as it homes many agriculture industries including cattle ranching, dairy, and citrus. Many farmers and ranchers have also found other ways to diversify their revenue source by adding logging, wildlife or alligator hunting leases, water filtration services, the sale of alligator eggs, and other services. Florida agriculture producers are also experiencing drastic urbanization encroachment. Currently, Florida population is increasing at a rate of 1000 people moving into the state per day.

When I left Canada, I travelled to Tampa, Florida and was immediately overdressed. Let me tell you, I expected Florida to be hot but I was not fully prepared for 80% humidity! On Day 1, we registered for Roundup, played some introduction and icebreaker games, then got on a bus and travelled to Watkins Red Angus. There, we had the opportunity to put our judging skills to the test on a class of four of Watkins' best bulls. We also judged a class of ribeye steaks and a beef cut and primal region identification class. The evening ended with a delicious BBQ meal and learning Florida's ranching history from cowboy poet, Steve Milton.

Day 2 began with a visit to Deseret Ranches in St. Cloud, Florida, east of Tampa. Deseret Ranches is owned by the Mormon Church and they have a closed herd of 42,500 cows. This operation stood out to me as they had a really unique handling system that allowed them to sort and process a large number of cattle very quickly. They have a 'wheel' at the end of the chute with six separate pens off of the 'wheel'. One person stands in the centre of the wheel and with a quick pull on one of the six handles, can send cattle into any of the six connected pens. Being able to work cattle this efficiently is critical for them because the extreme heat

means that they are not able to work cattle past about 10 am. Like most of the other cattle ranches on this trip, Deseret Ranches has a cross breeding program that combines European breeds, those that have a high-quality carcass, with native breeds that are heat and pest resistant. This creates an animal suitable for surviving the intense Florida climate while also having an adequate carcass grade.

After Deseret Ranches, we travelled to Okachobee county where we took an airboat ride through the marshland and learned the history of the county and more about cattle ranching in Florida. Florida is home to the historic breed, Florida Cracker Cattle. These cattle were originally brought over by the Spaniards in the 1700's and over several hundred years have adapted to the extreme Florida climate. The unique breed still exists today and is preserved by ranchers in the state.

On Day 3 we began early once again, this time off to Buck Island Ranch. Buck Island Ranch is a research ranch affiliated with the University of Florida that focuses on developing research tested and already proven on a large-scale commercial cattle operation. They are also home to a lot of environmental research and set an example of a cohesive partnership between ranchers and environmental scientists. At this tour stop, I was surprised to learn that while Florida has an abundance of grass, it is water dense and has very low nutritional quality so cattle must consume a lot of feed. For this reason, it is important to Florida ranchers that their cattle are capacious.



That afternoon, we were off again, this time to Larson Dairy, where they milk 3000 cows. Their biggest challenge is keeping the cows cool so that it doesn't affect milk production. In order to do this, they use large fans and misters. I thought it was really interesting to learn that using misters actually reduces their water usage because the misters use less water than would be drunk by the cows if they weren't being misted. They also maximize milk production by housing their highest producing cows in pole barns nearest to the milking parlour, this way the cows don't exert additional energy travelling to the parlour.

On Day 4, we visited Lykes Brothers, a shareholder owned ranching operation. They have multiple commodities spread over 339,000 acres and their commercial cow herd utilizes 180,000 acres of that. They have diversified their revenue source by utilizing their marshland. They developed water holding ponds and pumping systems that allow them to pump water onto the marshland where it is filtered by aquatic plants and then reused, and the county pays them to complete this natural cleaning process.



After visiting Lykes Brothers, we took a bus tour through multiple citrus groves and learned about the orange, tangerine, and grapefruits industries. Did you know that all the oranges grown in Florida are juicing oranges? I found it very interesting to learn that the citrus industry in Florida is struggling right now because of tree disease called greening that severely limits the production rate and lifespan of an orange tree. Through breeding and different management techniques, growers are in the process of trying to save the Florida citrus industry.

On the final day of JRA Roundup, we visited the University of Florida Aquaculture Lab. As a bunch of 'cow kids' we were all fascinated to learn that fish can be vaccinated and that the easiest way to accomplish this is by putting them in a vaccination bath. As delegates, we all agreed that we had a newfound appreciation for needle vaccinations for our cattle!

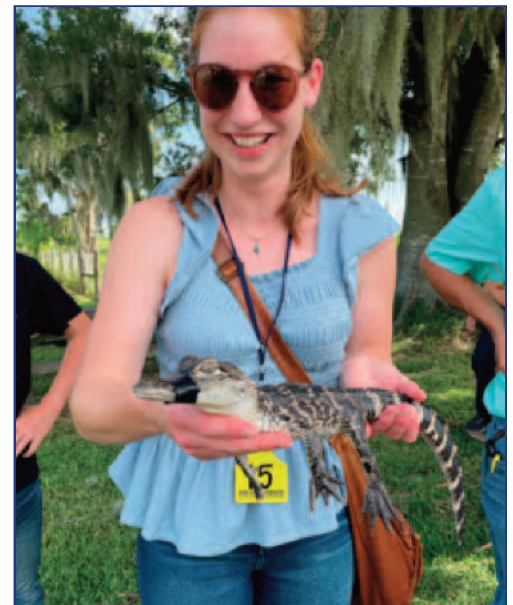


"Get Connected"

Our final JRA Roundup tour was at J.C. Newman Cigar Factory in the historic Ybor City of Tampa. This is the oldest cigar factory in Florida and preserves much of the industry's history. They hand roll and machine roll cigars, still using machines that were built in the 1920's. They source their tobacco leaves from Florida, Connecticut, Ecuador, and Africa. Knowing nothing about the tobacco industry, I was surprised to learn that tobacco plants used for cigars are different from the kind of plants used for other tobacco products; they grow much taller (up to 8 feet!) and have larger leaves with some stretch to them, suitable for rolling cigars in.

Our final stop was Sand Key Park Beach where we all went swimming in the Gulf of Mexico. One of the delegates from Florida gave us very clear instructions before we hit the beach... "shuffle your feet so you don't step on a stingray and if you see a jellyfish on the beach, don't touch it. It will sting you". While I loved seeing the Florida wildlife, these were two animals that I was very happy not to cross paths with.

Over the five days of touring ranches and learning about different commodities I observed some collective feelings from farmers and ranchers; extreme heat is one of their biggest challenges, it's very hard to be successful without diversified income sources, and the rapidly increasing population of Florida will drastically change their agriculture industry in the future.



I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to take in this experience. I learned so much, made incredible connections with fellow Angus enthusiasts, and had so much fun. And bonus points for only sunburning on the last day! I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Canadian Junior Angus for facilitating this exchange program between CJA and JRA, and for providing me with the opportunity to attend Roundup. This was certainly a trip that I will never forget and I highly encourage other Junior members to pursue similar opportunities. At the Roundup Banquet a token of wisdom was shared with us and I would like to share it with our Juniors. It was told to a fellow delegate by his grandpa when this Junior asked his grandpa if they were to busy at home for him to attend Roundup...

Yes, we're busy but in 10 years time we won't remember what we were so busy doing. Take the time, take the opportunity and go to Roundup.

2023 CJA Scholarship Recipients



Jessica Davey
1st Place - \$3000 Recipient

Being a CJA member and being involved in the Angus industry has greatly impacted and changed my life as it has built me into the person I am today. As a junior Angus member involved in the industry, I have improved as a person and have become immensely passionate about the Angus breed, as well as the beef industry.

Angus has impacted and changed my life through opportunities as a junior member; impactful and life-changing opportunities that include raising my own Angus cattle, being involved in the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Association, as well as engaging in the Canadian Junior Angus Association events. I am very thankful to be a member of the CJA and for the opportunities to be involved in the Angus industry which has provided me with connections, knowledge, skills, and experiences, and has been an important part of my personal development.

I can register my own Angus herd as a CJA member, as such I am involved in the industry as a young breeder developing my herd and am passionate about the industry. Having this opportunity has influenced my life considerably as I have learned so much about raising purebreds; From feeding, selection of breeding stock, breeding, genetic selection, and EPDS, to marketing and selling both breeding stock and beef. Many CAA members and breeders have been mentors to me as they have provided me with guidance and opportunities to purchase cattle with accommodating prices as a young breeder. I am proud to be a young Angus breeder and plan to continue developing my Angus herd, and pursue a career in the industry. It is my goal to become a progressive livestock producer with a purebred Black

Angus herd and a commercial Black Angus-influenced herd. I plan to raise and sell both high-quality breeding stock, and beef, and share my beef story to connect beef producers with consumers from ranch to plate. Without having the opportunity to raise my own Angus cattle I wouldn't be where I am today, as it has been building me and is building my future.

I have been involved in the Saskatchewan Junior Angus Association since I joined the CJA in 2017, and it has shaped me into who I am through my participation on the junior board. I was first involved as a Director at Large for a one-year term, then served as President for three consecutive years, and am currently serving as a Director at Large furthermore. On the SJA board, I have attended meetings both in person and online, and have learned how to chair meetings. I have planned and hosted fun days for juniors, written updates for the Angus Edge, created graphic designs for events, published on social media, found sponsorship, and have attended the junior show. I have received many travel bursaries and a scholarship through the SJA and CJA to pursue new opportunities in the Angus industry and have funding for my post-secondary education in animal science. Through my involvement, I have built many connections with breeders and junior breeders, and have acquired new knowledge, skills, and experiences that have been impactful and life-changing as a junior Angus breeder developing in the industry.

Engaging in the CJA events as a young member and breeder have been influential in my life and passion for the beef industry. I could attend both the GOAL conference and Showdown, where I have been met with endless opportunities and enthusiastic outcomes. I have been provided with travel bursaries to attend these events and am so thankful. I have been able to travel across Canada to meet and connect with people both new and old to me, see new places in my own country, experience

new things, learn new skills, and accomplish things that I am proud of. GOAL and Showdown have provided me with countless things through the conference's presentations, workshops, and team building, as well as the show's classes, skill competitions, and networking, such as leadership, and success which has made me into a person that I am proud of. The CJA events have been a prime part in the development of my dearest passion in life which is Angus cattle and the beef industry.

The person I am today I owe to the Angus breed, being a member of the CJA, and being involved in the Angus industry as it is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. Angus has created my passion for the beef industry and has truly assembled me into the person I am and the person I strive to be. I am so thankful for the opportunities I have been provided with and I plan to build a life in the Angus industry and provide opportunities to future juniors that are influential in their lives.

CJA CANADIAN JUNIOR ANGUS

Heifer Voucher Winners

October 2023

Riley Chowen
Thorndale, ON

Lane Moleski
Dysart, SK

Paisley Robertson
Medicine Hat, AB

Congratulations to the winners of the three Canadian Angus Foundation Heifer Vouchers, drawn from the 2023 CJA memberships.

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



Lexi Dietrich
2nd Place - \$2000 Recipient

Through the years, the Canadian Junior Angus Association has opened numerous doors for me. I have gotten to meet a number of juniors provincially within Alberta but also across Canada. I have gotten to tour operations in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

This has allowed me to see the different ways of production and living. Production differentiates depending on the part of Canada you live in. This can be in BC with the mountains and the valley grazing or in Saskatchewan with the windy, dry summers. You have to adapt in order to utilize your land. Because of the opportunities I have gotten, I have seen first-hand the changes that people make through Canada to produce Angus beef. Canada is truly one of the most special places when it comes to beef production.

The individuals that I have gotten to meet have become more than my fellow Junior Angus members, they have become my friends. One of my major goals growing up was to be a part of the Canadian Junior Angus board and I have been able to

achieve this goal. Being on the board I get to mentor the younger juniors, getting to watch them grow and develop into young leaders just like me. Our juniors are the future of our industry, we have to take time to impact them just as we were impacted when we were younger. I remember when I was just starting out in the Angus breed, I looked up to the older members to show me what our industry is all about. It is a cycle that is continuing to grow and develop very impressively. The Angus breed is truly special and unique with the opportunities it offers to the junior members; opportunities that are not taken for granted.

The Angus Association has provided me with traveling opportunities that have changed my life, opening doors with connections that will be useful in my future. Without the breed I would have never gotten to learn so much about Angus throughout Canada or would have met the individuals I have. The friends I have made will forever be lifelong friends that are irreplaceable. I cannot thank the organization for all that they have done for me through the years, the junior Angus individuals are truly one of a kind.



Callie Steen
3rd Place - \$1500 Recipient

I have big goals and dreams for my future plans. I am currently finishing my last year of high school and in the fall I will be attending the University of North Dakota and I will be studying Kinesiology. While being a full-time student, I am also competing on the track and field team for my university. I am very excited for the opportunity to be a student athlete. I know this will require a lot of hard work and dedication, there will probably be times where I am unsure of my goals, but I will not give up.

Throughout my years in the beef industry, there have been so many lessons on work ethic and accountability that have shaped me into the person I am today. The many skills I have developed have been applied to many other aspects of my life. The people within the CJA and in the beef industry as a whole have helped me reach new heights that I was not sure were possible. Without spending a lot of my childhood in the barn and in the show ring, I would not be as determined as I am today. I am very grateful for my background as I head into a new chapter of my life. It has helped me get to this milestone and it will continue to help me achieve my future goals.

After university, I plan to have a career in sports medicine. My passion is within being active and athletics. My career goal is to work with high level sports teams as a doctor. I want to make a difference and help others. I believe that my background in the

agriculture industry will help me be successful in my career field as it has been instilled in me from a young age: to be a hard worker and to never give up. I am very excited for the next chapter in my life. The next four years of university are going to be challenging and I will have to stay determined. It will take a lot of hard work to be a full-time student while training and competing in track and field. The lessons and skills that I have learned throughout my childhood, in the barns and in the show ring will help set me up for success. I am so grateful for the experiences I have had from my agriculture background. It has given me so many incredible opportunities and although my future is not a part of the agriculture industry I will always carry the things I have learned with me. I will educate my teammates and peers on the beef industry.

I like to think I have a big role as I am very connected to two groups that are sometimes divided: the agriculture industry and urban living. I believe I have an important role in educating people as best as I can and being a role model on the importance of quality protein and how beef can fuel everyone, especially athletes. The relationships I will form with people from all over the world through my time in athletics and in university are great opportunities to learn from others and to educate people. I am very excited about my future and I am so grateful for the background I have.

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

Showdown 2023 - Pee Wee Division

Heifer Calf Class - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) **NLF Bardella 301L**
Sage Schneider, Ardrossan, AB
- 2) **Brooking Beauty 3213**
Aleida Morrison, Radville, SK
- 3) **Crooked Creek Blackbird 46L**
Emily Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
- 4) **Brooking Abigail 3202**
Kiefer Morrison, Radville, SK
- 5) **Red Wheel Auburn 41L**
Rhett Wheeler, Saskatoon, SK
- 6) **Pedersen Lucky 219L**
Tell Pedersen, Edgerton, AB
- 7) **Avelyn Miss Quality 1L**
Wacey Fisher, Leduc County, AB
- 8) **Avelyn Pride 223L**
Raleigh Fisher, Leduc County, AB

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) **Red Kenray EW Essence 99K**
Oliver Kyle, Redvers, SK
- 2) **WWF Stunner Erica 52K**
Keira Weiss, Maple Creek, SK
- 3) **Red River Rock Marigold 2251K**
Sydney Van Sickle, Red Deer County, AB
- 4) **Freyburn Georgina 125K**
Kamryn Fisher, Chaplin, SK
- 5) **Nellie**
Coy Hamilton, Lacadena, SK
- 6) **Starlight**
Rio Mackie, Maple Creek, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 2

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) **Red Rooke Queen Kate 639K**
Sloane Hertz, Glentworth, SK
- 2) **Red River Rock Roselee 2116K**
Ainsley Van Sickle, Red Deer County, AB

3) **Red Dersta Shuhista 214K**

Finley Blake, McCord, SK

4) **Black Ninja Ariel -**

Cooper Smyth, Swift Current, SK

5) **Red Wingello Lady 23K -**

Codie Russell, Outlook, SK

6) **Crooked Creek Dewdrop 56K -**

Emily Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

7) **Red Dersta Shady Lady 226K -**

Logan Mathon, Red Deer County, AB

Bull Calf Class

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) **CLVD Bravo 2301 -**

Hiller Gardner, Olds, AB

2) **Crooked Creek Entice 31L -**

Emily Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

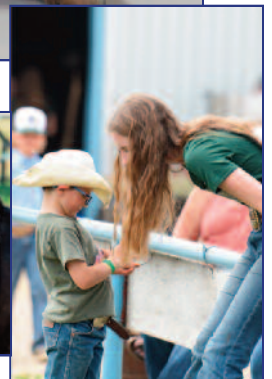
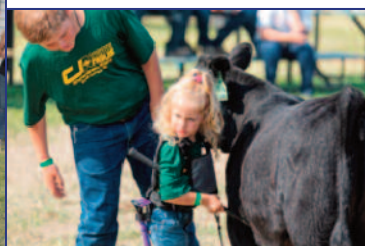
Steer Class

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

1) **Midnight**

Ruby Fox, Dauphin, MB

2023 Pee Wees



Showdown 2023 - Open Division

Heifer Calf Class (born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) MFR Countess 5L
Darby McCormack, Grenfell, SK
- 2) Crooked Creek Dewdrop 24L
Kay-Lee Zbudouski, Beaver County, AB
- 3) Crooked Creek Blackbird 46L
Liam Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
- 4) Freyburn Lass 51L
Dylan Frey, Oxbow, SK
- 5) Freyburn Blackbird 192L
Joran Frey, Oxbow, SK
- 6) AJA Neonia Bella 324L
Josie Jungman, Duck Lake, SK
- 7) Gold-Bar Echo 106L
Kaycee Buchanan, Caronport, SK

Champion Heifer Calf

MFR Countess 5L

Darby McCormack

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

Crooked Creek Dewdrop 24L

Kay-Lee Zbudouski

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

- 1) Freyburn Georgina 125K
Joran Frey, Oxbow, SK
- 2) DTH RVR Miss Rodeo 260K
Dane Tober, Oxbow, SK
- 3) Crooked Creek Dewdrop 98K
Liam Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
- 4) SMW Bardocia 41K
Hunter Brice, Ormiston, SK
- 5) Machmer Jestress 4K
Reyhan Machmer, Avonlea, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 2

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

- 1) Red Wilbar Brndina 59K
Owen Willms, Dundurn, SK
- 2) Six Mile Lady Lee 281K
Avery Greenwood, Swift Current, SK
- 3) Haynes Countess 4K
Tanner Lowe, Meacham, SK
- 4) Dinant Sweet Lady Jane 6K
Trigg Pittman, Kyle, SK
- 5) Red River Rock Marigold 2251K
Karsen Van Sickle, Red Deer County, AB

6) Red FRL Sue 216K

Layla Forsyth, Herbert, SK

7) Eastondale Diane 68'22

Makenna Lowe, Meacham, SK

8) Red Diamond T Bayberry 2274

Corbin Reid, Moorefield, ON

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 3

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

- 1) Brooking Beauty 2155
Taylor Wolter, Radville, SK
- 2) Red Rooke Queen Kate 639K
Eric Smith, Mankota, SK
- 3) Greenwood Beauty 58K
Daniel Green, Morse, SK
- 4) Morhart Lady Pride 200K
Sage Timmons, Mortlach, SK
- 5) LCI 7112E Kaavia 195K
Jordy Doenz, Warner, AB
- 6) LCI 6313 Braggadocious 88K
Ava Mackie, Maple Creek, SK
- 7) Red Rocky Road Bessie 22K
Michael Fehr-Klassen, Wymark, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 4

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

- 1) Brooking Beauty 2133
Kordell Morrison, Radville, SK
- 2) Schwan Miss Blackcap
Tennessee Wolter, Radville, SK
- 3) Southland Lady 23K
Claire Cadieux, Shaunavon, SK
- 4) Red Triple H RSP Diamond 7K
Brynne Yoder, Barrhead, AB
- 5) Red Kenray Antonette 20B
Nolan Vandersluis, Redvers, SK
- 6) Red Wheel Meg 35K
Tate Wheeler, Saskatoon, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 5

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

- 1) Red JLL MS Gravity 11K
Ava Loveridge, Melville, SK
- 2) JLL Princess 16K
Darby McCormack, Grenfell, SK
- 3) BCL Blackbird 252K
Cache McLerie, Red Deer County, AB

4) Ramrod Hope 230K

Levi Hildebrand, Hanley, SK

5) Red Ward's Erica 9K

Addyson Forsyth, Herbert, SK

6) Freyburn Georgina 16K

Dylan Frey, Oxbow, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 6

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

- 1) JLL Mati 6K
Cade Loveridge, Melville, SK
- 2) Collins Tibbie 2204
Faith Collins, Beaverlodge, AB
- 3) Freyburn Lass 2K
Reegen Frey, Oxbow, SK
- 4) Crooked Creek Dewdrop 56K
Michael Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB
- 5) Red HKS MS Prospector 4K
Matthew Howe, Moose Jaw, SK
- 6) Red Dersta Shuhista 214K
Erika Mathon, Red Deer County, AB
- 7) Collins Beauty 2212
Tate Vermette, Outlook, SK
- 8) Cudlobe Enchantress 21K
Chloe Wagner, Maple Creek, SK

Champion Yearling Heifer

Brooking Beauty 2133

Kordell Morrison

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

Red Wilbar Brndina 59K

Owen Willms

Two-Year-Old Female Class

(born 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Brooking Blackcap 1105
calf: CLVD Bravo 2301
Dawson Cleveland, Carseland, AB
- 2) Red Wheel Annie Oakley 34J
calf: Red Wheel Annie Oakley 38L
Kristopher Morrison, Saskatoon, SK
- 3) Freyburn Blackbird 48J
calf: Freyburn Blackbird 192L
Joran Frey, Oxbow, SK
- 4) SSF Scotts Eugenie 540J
calf: SSF Scott Fundamental 36L
Shelby Scott, Crossfield, AB

Showdown 2023 - Open Division

Champion Two-Year Old Female

Brooking Blackcap 1105
Dawson Cleveland

Reserve Champion Two-Year Old Female

Red Wheel Annie Oakley 34J
Kristopher Morrison

Mature Female Class

(born prior to 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) Freyburn Lass 6H

calf: Freyburn Lass 51L
Dylan Frey, Oxbow, SK

2) Freyburn Rally Missie 11C

calf: Freyburn Bobcat 18L
Reegen Frey, Oxbow, SK

Champion Mature Female

Freyburn Lass 6H
Dylan Frey

Reserve Champion Mature Female

Freyburn Rally Missie 11C
Reegan Frey



**Grand Champion Female
Open Division**
Brooking Blackcap 1105
Dawson Cleveland



**Reserve Grand Champion Female
Open Division**
Brooking Beauty 2133
Kordell Morrison

Showdown 2023 - Owned Division

Heifer Calf Class

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) Pedersen Boni Gal 235L

Quinn Pedersen, Edgerton, AB

2) Red Flying K Elektra 72L

Colt Needham, Maple Creek, SK

Champion Heifer Calf

Pedersen Boni Gal 235L
Quinn Pedersen

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

Red Flying K Elektra 72L
Colt Needham

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

1) NLF Saving Grace 203K

Tennessee Schenider, Ardrossan, AB

2) WWF Stunner Erica 52K

Hillary Sauder, Hodgeville, SK

3) Brooking Blackcap 2216

Greeley Robertson, Medicine Hat, AB

4) Red Six Mille Blackbird 512K

Hadlee Andersen, Big Beaver, SK

5) Northline Saving Grace

Hayes Howe, Cypress County, AB

6) Ivanhoe Blackbird 3K

Cacey Toner, Kelfield, SK

7) Red Six Mile TJB MS Extra 334K

Gus Reid, Moorefield, ON

8) Fourth Spoke Blackbird Kim 42K

Cacey Toner, Kelfield, SK

9) RET Zara Lisa 2021K

Rachel Tober, Oxbow, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 2

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

1) WVR Lakota 350K

Chase Bruynooghe, Outlook, SK

2) Red Six Mile Witzel 284K

Corbin Reid, Moorefield, ON

3) Red Arrow Soxro 10K

Wynn Pittman, Kyle, SK

4) Riverfront Royal Lass 239K

Dryden Robertson, Medicine Hat, AB

5) Abound Black Lucy 221K

Will Rieder, Mankota, SK

6) Towaw Primavera 404K

Ryder Wildman, Sangudo, AB

7) Sandy Bar Lass 205K

Mia Mackie, Maple Creek, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 3

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

1) Ter-Ron Forever Lady 56K

Keely Adams, Forestburg, AB

2) Red Rose Dynamo 2010

Baxter Blair, McLean, SK

3) Red Redrich Hailey 135K

Lexi Dietrich, Forestburg, AB

4) Red Six Mile Tina 47K

Reese Wildman, Sangudo, AB

5) Wilbar Pride 139K

Abigale Tomblin, Mozart, SK

6) Crooked Creek Favorite 25K

Liam Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

7) Red Blake's Blackbird 110K

Tristen Raymond, Aneroid, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 4

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

1) KCH Rose 204K

Claire Cadieux, Shaunavon, SK

2) Red Cinder Rosette 617K

Tavianne Yoder, Barrhead, AB

3) BCC Black Velvet 40K

Landon Brandl, Jarvie, AB

4) BCC Heather 12K

Wynton Brandl, Jarvie, AB

5) Red Ter-Ron Lauryn 15K

Sydney Dorrance, Wawota, SK

6) Red Blake's Miss Trophy 68K

Brooke Raymond, Aneroid, SK

7) Red Pugh 41C Lana 201K

Georgia Howe, Cypress County, AB

Showdown 2023 - Owned Division

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 5

(born on or after January 1, 2022)

- 1) Greenwood Beauty 5K
Owen Willms, Dundurn, SK
- 2) Red River Rock Sadona 265K
Karsen Van Sickle, Red Deer County, AB
- 3) Northline Rose 207K
Joss Pittman, Kyle, SK
- 4) Red Dersta Olivia 213K
Lexie Mathon, Red Deer County, AB
- 5) DTA Beauty 4K
Carmen White, Claresholm, AB
- 6) Jaymarandy Georgina 202K
Sophie Koschel, Oxdrift, ON

Champion Yearling Heifer

Ter-Ron Forever Lady 56K
Keely Adams

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

NLF Saving Grace 203K
Tennessee Scheinder

Two-Year Old Female Class - Split 1

(cow born 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Red Allison Lassie 103J
calf: Red Ter-Ron Lassie 18L
Kasey Adams, Forestburg, AB
- 2) Little Valley Tip Top 169
calf: Hillcrest Liquid Courage 301L
Daniel Pierson, Lacombe, AB
- 3) EXAR Frontier Gal 1213
calf: Fox Frontier 64L
Emma Fox, Dauphin, MB

Two-Year Old Female Class - Split 2

(cow born 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Riverfront Annie K 119J
calf: Riverfront Oakland 330L
Paisley Robertson, Medicine Hat, AB
- 2) Red Allison Carlee 28J
calf: Red T-K Carlee 3L
Jordan Dorrance, Wawota, SK
- 3) Red ELF 794 Chloe 127J
calf: Red Dersta Chloe 306L
Lexie Mathon, Red Deer County, AB
- 4) Red Wingello Lady 11J
calf: Red Crown T Diamond 33L
Tate Vermette, Outlook, SK

Champion Two-Year Old Female

Red Allison Lassie 103J
Kasey Adams

Reserve Champion Two-Year Old Female

Riverfront Annie K 119J
Paisley Robertson

Mature Female Class

(cow born before 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Towaw Primavera 406H
calf: Towaw Primavera 604L
Reese Wildman, Sangudo, AB
- 2) Pedersen Boni Gal 28G
calf: Pedersen Bon Gal 235L
Quinn Pedersen, Edgerton, AB
- 3) Red KC Lana 18H
calf: Red Dersta Hedgefund 18L
Erika Mathon, Red Deer County, AB

Champion Mature Female

Towaw Primavera 406H
Reese Wildman

Reserve Champion Mature Female

Pedersen Boni Gal 28G
Quinn Pedersen



Grand Champion Female Owned Division

Red Allison Lassie 103J
Kasey Adams



Reserve Champion Female Owned Division

Ter-Ron Forever Lady 56K
Keely Adams

Showdown 2023 - Bred & Owned Division

Heifer Calf Class

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) JLL Erica 11L
Ava Loveridge, Melville, SK
- 2) Red Ter-Ron Lassie 18L
Kasey Adams, Forestburg, AB
- 3) Towaw Primavera 406L
Reese Wildman, Sangudo, AB
- 4) Gold-Bar Heroine 108L
Saige Buchanan, Caronport, SK
- 5) Red Dersta Chloe 306L
Lexie Mathon, Red Deer County, AB
- 6) Red T-K 17G Carlee 3L
Jordan Dorrance, Wawota, SK

- 7) Red Crown T Diamond 33L
Tate Vermette, Outlook, SK

Champion Heifer Calf

JLL Erica 11L
Ava Loveridge

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

Red Ter-Ron Lassie 18L
Kasey Adams

Yearling Heifer (born 2022)

- 1) Red Wilbar Blockana 47K
Kylie Willms, Dundurn, SK

- 2) Red Redrich Frey-Ex 250K
Lexi Dietrich, Forestburg, AB
- 3) Red Airam Kuruba 16K
Maria Taschuk, Two Hills, AB
- 4) Red Wingello Lady 23K
Chase Bruynooghe, Outlook, SK
- 5) Riverfront Royal Lass 225K
Paisley Robertson, Medicine Hat, AB
- 6) Red Cinder Bayberry 38K
Brynne Yoder, Barrhead, AB
- 7) Diamond T Tilda 2206
Calygn Gardner, Olds, AB

Showdown 2023 - Bred & Owned & Bull Divisions

Champion Yearling Heifer

Red Wilbar Blockana 47K
Kailey Willms

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

Red Redrich Frey-Ex 250K
Lexi Dietrich

Two-Year Old Female

(cow born 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2022)

1) BCC Lynn 34J

calf: BCC Peso 159L
Kailey Brandl, Jarvie, AB

2) Red Airam Diamond Mist 23J

calf: Red Airam Benelli 53L
Maria Taschuk, Two Hills, AB

Champion Two-Year-Old Female

BCC Lynn 34J

Kailey Brandl

Reserve Champion Two-Year-Old Female

Red Airam Diamond Mist 23J

Maria Taschuk



**Grand Champion Female
Bred & Owned Division**
BCC Lynn 34J
Kailey Brandl



**Reserve Champion Female
Bred & Owned Division**
JL Erica 11L
Ava Loveridge

Bull Calf Class - Split 1

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) BCC Peso 159L

Kailey Brandl, Jarvie, AB

2) Fox Frontier 64L

Emma Fox, Dauphin, MB

Bull Calf Class - Split 2

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) Freyburn Lynx 18L

Reegen Frey, Oxbow, SK

2) Crooked Creek Entice 31L

Michael Richards, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

3) Red Airam Benelli 53L

Maria Taschuk, Two Hills, AB

4) Gold-Bar Danger Valley 117L

Kaycee Buchanan, Caronport, SK

5) Double T Jordan 42L

Aspen Blake, Glentworth, SK

Bull Calf Class - Split 3

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

1) Hillcrest Liquid Courage 301L

Daniel Pierson, Lacombe, AB

2) CLVD Bravo 2301

Dawson Cleveland, Carseland, AB

3) Riverfront Oakland 330L

Paisley Robertson, Medicine Hat, AB

4) SSF Scotts Fundamental 36L

Shelby Scott, Crossfield, AB

5) Red Dersta Hedgefund 18L

Erika Mathon, Red Deer County, AB

6) DKF B Mr Destiny 29L

Brandy Fettes, Gladmar, SK

7) Double T Justice 1L

Aspen Blake, Glentworth, SK

8) AJA Eyes On You 306L

Ty Jungman, Duck Lake, SK

Champion Bull Calf

Hillcrest Liquid Courage 301L

Daniel Pierson

Reserve Champion Bull Calf

BCC Peso 159L

Kailey Brandl

Yearling Bull Class

(born in 2022)

1) Freyburn Bobcat 88K

Joran Frey, Oxbow, SK

2) AJA Eyes On You 228K

Ashton Jungman, Duck Lake, SK

3) Red DFK E The Gambler 2K

Brandy Fettes, Gladmar, SK

Champion Yearling Bull

Freyburn Bobcat 88K

Joran Frey

Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

AJA Eyes On You 228K

Ashton Jungman

Two Year-old Bull Class

(born in 2021)

1) Red Double B Red Watch 129

Baxter Blair, McLean, SK

2) Red Wheel Arrow 66J

Kristopher Morrison, Saskatoon, SK

Champion Two-Year Old Bull

Red Double B Red Watch 129

Baxter Blair

Reserve Champion Two-Year Old Bull

Red Wheel Arrow 66J

Kristopher Morrison



Grand Champion Bull
Red Double B Red Watch 129
Baxter Blair



Reserve Champion Bull
Freyburn Bobcat 88K
Joran Frey



Showdown 2023 - Commercial Division

Heifer Calf Class

(born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Hillbilly Franchise
Mackenzie Wright, Asquith, SK
- 2) Hillbilly Firebrand 53
Gavin Wright, Asquith, SK
- 3) CW Simone
Carmen White, Clareshom, AB
- 4) Rivendale Athena 41L
Jessica Davey, Saskatoon, SK

Champion Heifer Calf

Hillbilly Franchise
Mackenzie Wright

Reserve Champion Heifer Calf

Hillbilly Firebrand 53
Gavin Wright

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 1

(born 2022)

- 1) CACC Black Lucy Karen 10K
Cacey Toner, Kelfield, SK
- 2) Daisy
Tristan Tober, Oxbow, SK
- 3) FPC Star 234K
Reese Spenst, Waldeck, SK
- 4) Starlight
Mia Mackie, Maple Creek, SK
- 5) Hills Galore Trixie
Levi Hamilton, Lacadena, SK

Yearling Heifer Class - Split 2

(born 2022)

- 1) Redrich Gypsy 168K
Lexi Dietrich, Forestburg, AB
- 2) Karissa 38K
Trigg Pedersen, Edgerton, AB
- 3) OJ
Katelyn Rutten, Carlyle, SK
- 4) Lonesome Dove Pearl
Quin Hamilton, Lacadena, SK

Champion Yearling Heifer

Redrich Gypsy 168K
Lexi Dietrich

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

Karissa 38K
Trigg Pedersen

Two-Year Old Female Class

(cow born 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) Zoey
calf: Doey
Kirk Rutten, Carlyle, SK

Champion Two-Year Old Female

Zoey
Kirk Rutten, Carlyle, SK

Mature Female Class

(cow born prior to 2021, with calf born on or after January 1, 2023)

- 1) CW Legacy
calf: CW Simone
Carmen White, Clareshom, AB
- 2) Rivendale Athena Blue 19G
calf: Rivendale Athena 41L
Jessica Davey, Saskatoon, SK

Champion Mature Female

CW Legacy
Carmen White

Reserve Champion Mature Female

Rivendale Athena Blue 19G
Jessica Davey



Champion Commercial Female

Zoey
Kirk Rutten



Reserve Champion Commercial Female

Redrich Gypsy 168K
Lexi Dietrich

Showdown 2023 - Steer Class

Steer Class

(born 2022)

- 1) Ricky Bobby
Brandy Fettes, Gladmar, SK
- 2) S.A.M.
Tate Wheeler, Saskatoon, SK
- 3) Bam Bam
Joss Pittman, Kyle, SK
- 4) Clyde
Dustin McKim, Milestone, SK
- 5) Stellar
Emilie Skippen, Sherwood Park, AB

- 6) BA
Addyson Forsyth, Herbert, SK
- 7) Midnight
Emma Fox, Dauphin, MB



Champion Steer

Ricky Bobby
Brandy Fettes



Reserve Champion Steer

S.A.M.
Tate Wheeler

Showdown 2023 - Special Canadian Bred Class

Special Canadian Bred Class - Split 1

- 1) Red Rooke Queen Kate 639K
Eric Smith, Mankota, SK
- Red Cinder Bayberry 38K
Brynne Yoder, Barrhead, AB
- Red River Rock Marigold 2251K
Karsen Van Sickle, Red Deer County, AB
- Red Wilbar Brndina 59K
Owen Willms, Dundurn, SK
- Eastondale Diane 68'22
Makenna Lowe, Meacham, SK
- Red Kenray Antonette 20B
Nolan Vandersluis, Redvers, SK
- Red Blake's Blackbird 110K
Tristen Raymond, Aneroid, SK
- Red River Rock Roselee 2116K
Jean MacAulay, Kamloops, BC

Special Canadian Bred Class - Split 2

- 1) JLL Mati 6K
Cade Loveridge, Melville, SK
- Wilbar Pride 139K
Abigale Tomblin, Mozart, SK
- Red Wheel Meg 35K
Tate Wheeler, Saskatoon, SK

- Red Ter-Ron Lauryn 15K
Sydney Dorrance, Wawota, SK
- Red Six Mile TJB MS Extra 334K
Gus Reid, Moorefield, ON
- Freyburn Lass 2K
Reegen Frey, Oxbow, SK
- Red Dersta Olivia 213K
Lexie Mathon, Red Deer County, AB
- Northline Rose 207K
Joss Pittman, Kyle, SK

Special Canadian Bred Class - Split 3

- 1) Red Allison Lassie 103J
calf: Red Ter-Ron Lassie 18L
Kasey Adams, Forestburg, AB
- Red Wingello Lady 11J
calf: Red Crown T Diamond 33L
Tate Vermette, Outlook, SK
- Red ELF 794 Chloe 127J
calf: Red Dersta Chloe 306L
Lexie Mathon, Red Deer County, AB

Special Canadian Bred Class - Split 4

- 1) Red DKF E The Gambler 2K
Brandy Fettes, Gladmar, SK
- Red Airam Benelli 53L
Maria Taschuk, Two Hills, AB
- Red Wheel Arrow 66J
Kristopher Morrison, Saskatoon, SK



Champion Canadian Bred Award
Red Allison Lassie 103J
Kasey Adams



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Showdown 2023 Award Presentations



Champion Junior Team Grooming
Dane Tober & Kirk Rutten



Reserve Champion Junior Grooming
Colt Needham & Joss Pittman



Champion Junior Showmanship
Karsen Van Sickle



Champion Intermediate Team Grooming
Kasey Adams & Lane Steen



Reserve Champion Intermediate Team Grooming
Gus Reid & Saige Buchanan



Champion Intermediate Showmanship
Kasey Adams



Champion Senior Team Grooming
Baxter Blair & Keely Adams



Reserve Champion Senior Team Grooming
Lexi Dietrich & Kylie Willms



Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship
Kaycee Buchanan

**Thank You to our
Showdown
Volunteers**



Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship
Hayes Howe



**Champion Senior
& Supreme Showmanship**
Chase Bruynooghe

Announcer

Bob Toner

Judges

Joe Barnett, Aaron Birch, Braylen Blake,
Dustin Bohn, Lisa Casey, Garner Deobald,
Lori Deobald, Tom deWaal, Wyatt Dyck,
Christine Hanel, Chad Hollinger, Grayden Kay,
Alana Miller, Megan Muri, Haley Rosso,
Katie Serhienko, Tyler Smyth, Ashley
Switzer, Jackie Wiebe

Ringmen

Lauren Buist, Chad Bruynooghe, Sarah
Hasson, Sheldon Kyle, Marlene Monvoisin

Marshalls

Treena Blake, Jim Buist,
Kendra Fisher, Jason Frey,
Melissa Frey

Photographer

Erin Yewsiuk Photography

Auctioneer

Ryan Hurlburt



Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship
Jean MacAuley

Showdown 2023 Award Presentations



Art

Junior Champion - *Michael Richards*
 Reserve Junior Champion - *Quinn Hamilton*
 Intermediate Champion - *Sage Timmons*
 Reserve Intermediate Champion - *Gus Reid*
 Senior Champion - *Reegan Frey*
 Reserve Senior Champion - *Morgan MacIntyre*



Graphic Design

Junior Champion - *Joss Pittman*
 Reserve Junior Champion - *Ava Mackie*
 Intermediate Champion - *Mia Mackie*
 Res. Intermediate Champion - *Matthew Howe*
 Senior Champion - *Aspen Blake*
 Reserve Senior Champion - *Kylie Willms*



Photography

Junior Champion - *Joss Pittman*
 Reserve Junior Champion - *Cade Loveridge*
 Intermediate Champion - *Paisley Robertson*
 Res. Intermediate Champion - *Saige Buchanan*
 Senior Champion - *Jessica Davey*
 Reserve Senior Champion - *Kailey Brandl*



Print Marketing

Junior Champion - *Stella Mader*
 Junior Reserve Champion - *Dryden Robertson*
 Intermediate Champion - *Paisley Robertson*
 Reserve Intermediate Champion - *Sage Timmons*
 Senior Champion - *Jessica Davey*
 Reserve Senior Champion - *Reegan Frey*



Scrap Book

Junior Champion - *Corbin Reid*
 Reserve Junior Champion - *Michael Richards*
 Intermediate Champion - *Gus Reid*
 Res. Intermediate Champion - *Kate Albrecht*
 Senior Champion - *Kylie Willms*
 Reserve Senior Champion - *Keely Adams*



Public Speaking

Junior Champion - *Colt Needham*
 Res. Junior Champion - *Karsen Van Sickle*
 Intermediate Champion - *Kate Albrecht*
 Res. Intermediate Champion - *Quinn Pedersen*
 Senior Champion - *Carmen White*
 Res. Senior Champion - *Baxter Blair*



Literature

Reserve Junior Champion - *Corbin Reid*
 Intermediate Champion - *Kaycee Buchanan*
 Res. Intermediate Champion - *Georgia Howe*
 Senior Champion - *Sarah MacDonald*
 Reserve Senior Champion - *Baxter Blair*



Card Judging

Junior Champion - *Mackenzie Wright*
 Reserve Junior Champion - *Hunter Brice*
 Intermediate Champion - *Abigale Tomblin*
 Reserve Intermediate Champion - *Faith Collins*
 Senior Champion - *Julie Sharp*
 Reserve Senior Champion - *Lexi Dietrich*



Sales Talk

Junior Champion - *Daniel Pierson*
 Reserve Junior Champion - *Colt Needham*
 Intermediate Champion - *Lane Steen*
 Res. Intermediate Champion - *Landon Brandl*
 Senior Champion - *Baxter Blair*
 Senior Reserve Champion - *Keely Adams*



Cook-Off - 1st Place Team - Surf & Turf
Kaycee Buchanan, Kate Nielsen, Brandy Fettes & Saige Buchanan



Spirit of Youth
Reegan Frey

***We have
 some
 very
 Talented Juniors!***

Showdown 2023 Award Presentations



**Show Ring Team Judging
Junior Champions**
Stella Mader & Mackenzie Wright
 Reserve Junior Champions
Hunter Brice & Calynn Gardner
 Intermediate Champions
Kasey Adams & Faith Collins
 Reserve Intermediate Champions
Abigale Tomblin & Owen Willms
 Senior Champions
Chase Bruynooghe & Julie Sharp
 Reserve Senior Champions
Baxter Blair & Sarah MacDonald



Aggregates
 Junior Grand - Joss Pittman
 Junior Reserve Grand - Karsen Van Sickle
 Intermediate Grand - Kasey Adams
 Intermediate Reserve Grand - Gus Reid
 Senior Grand - Baxter Blair
 Senior Reserve Senior - Keely Adams



**Canadian Angus Foundation
Heifer Voucher Recipients**
 (l-r) Tom deWaal (CAA President), Kate Nielson,
 Aleida Morrison, Tristan Tober,
 Jason Frey (CAF Board Member),
 Belinda Wagner (CAF Executive Director)



Herdsman Award
 Ty, Josie and Ashton Jungman



**CAF Intermediate Aggregate
Angus Roots Scholarships**
 (l-r) - Paisley Robertson, Reese Wildman,
 Kasey Adams, Mia Mackie,
 Sage Timmons, Gus Reid

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Junior Champion

- Joss Pittman -

How Animals Have Helped Developed My Character

I believe animals are good for the soul. My experiences have allowed me to learn and grow as a person. I am so fortunate to grow up surrounded by animals and a great group of people that help me to grow and build my skill set.

I am going to start by talking about one of my show heifers, her name is Pretty Penny. She has taught me to be more positive because she has such a sweet personality. She has also made me strive to do better in everything because she loves to do her job and I felt responsible to hold up my end of the deal. She taught me to deal with disappointment. Some of the judges and I don't have the same opinion. Win or lose, be gracious. Penny has taught me to be humble and think of others before myself. She has taught me to be more responsible. A chunky tan heifer likes her grain and time under the fan, it doesn't matter what I had on my schedule! One more thing Penny has taught me is to take time to think about things before I do them. I have to control my emotions and stick to the plan. Penny, with a little help from my parents, has taken me to many different shows. With that I have met many new people which has increased my group of contacts and pushed me out of my comfort zone. Penny has made me a better person and I am so lucky to have her.

Now I am going to tell you about my pony Roo. She has a completely different personality than Penny. She has shown me that not everything will be a piece of cake, because she wasn't always the easiest pony to get along with. With that she has taught me to be more patient. Then comes trust, which was a major thing for both of us to learn. We had our ups and downs, so we needed to put our trust in each other to overcome our fears together. Speaking of fears, that's a whole other learning experience. As the old saying goes, when you get bucked off you have to get back on. Harnessing fears and emotions at a time when you have cactus in your hands and a horse to get back on that can read my every feeling, that's tough! Roo and I have helped each other so much.

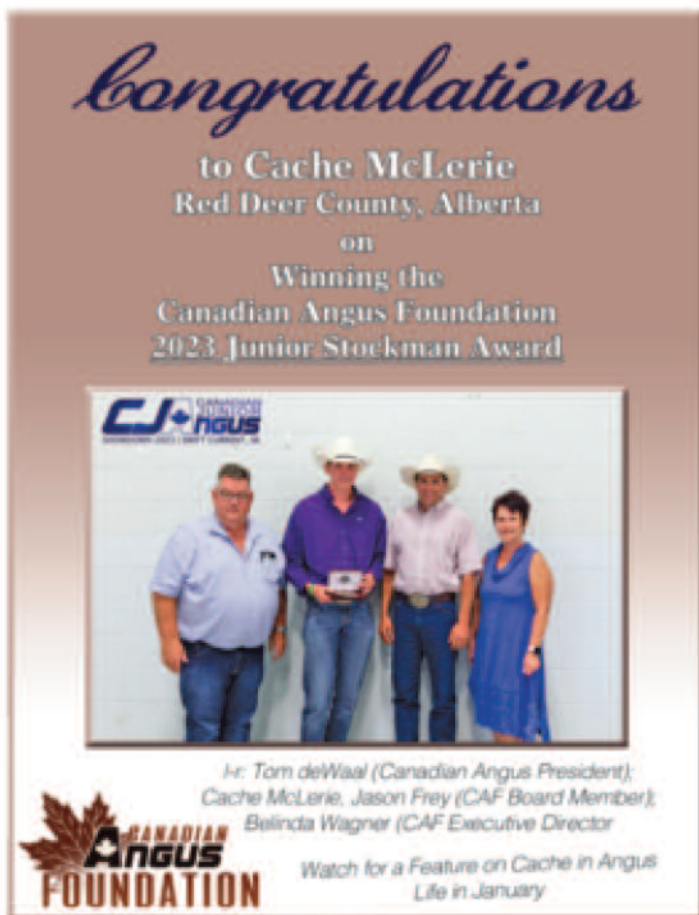
These are just a few examples of how animals have pushed me and allowed me to grow as a person. In life we are lucky to have one very special animal. In my short twelve years I am fortunate to have a handful already. The opportunities for growth through my animals is something that is easily taken for granted, but I do my best to take as much out of everything as I can. Without a great family and a strong group of friends these opportunities can be easily lost. So I must say thank you to everyone involved with my animals and helping us achieve goals. I'm the luckiest girl ever for the life and animals I have.

Junior Reserve Champion

- Corbin Reid -

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

Is it Nacho cheese? Nacho chips? Nacho the bull????
I want to tell you a story about my pick of our 2023 calves this year and how he got his name.
Why did I even pick him? How did he get his name?
Well, when he was born, he was bigger than the other bull calves and 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? Do you use the letter for the year, do you use the dam's name, sire's name? what do you do? Most of the time we pick a registration name and then a "barn" name.
My advice is to pick a fun name. I think it's easier to halter break calves with FUN names and I think they respond better with a cool name.
When I was younger my Mom would pick barn names like Dum Dum and Thumper. Do you know why? I had trouble saying the sounds "D" and "TH" so she picked names that would help me with pronouncing those sounds and it worked! It is so funny when people come to tour 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. Same as Thumper. Sounds like a name for a mean bull, but he isn't at all!
Thanks for letting me share a little bit about calf names and my favourite calf Nacho.



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Intermediate Champion

- Kaycee Buchanan -

It's The Night Before Showing

It's the night before showing and all down the aisles,
Exhibitors are prepping after traveling miles.
The halters are hung in the tack box with care,
In the morning there is little time to prepare.
The cattle are comfortable relaxing in their stalls,
As parents and fellow showmen unpacked what they hauled.
Loading their cramped spaces with all of their tack,
Their hats, their boots, and even clothes racks!
When all of a sudden the announcement comes through,
"Bring your entries to the show office. We need them, Thank You!"
Away to the office they flew like a flash,
With entries in hand as well as their cash.
The morning came quickly, a cold summer morning,
Cattle are groomed which they find quite boring.
The announcer comes on, into his mic he is blowing.
"Class 1 to marshaling, it's time to get showing!"
He spoke not a word but stared straight at the gate,
Ready to judge those entering the ring.
His cattle sense was keen, and he had great skill,
For judging all classes on this day's showbill.
Though large, they are graceful,
Those beauties in the ring.
Their feet do not falter being shown on a halter.
They were judged by more than a glance while in hand,
And only a champion would advance to be grand.
Onto showmanship classes they go,
The number of entries set the pace of this show.
The skill is mastered and practiced with devotion,
Remember during these classes there must be forward motion.
She's first, he's second, they're third. Who was placed?
Class winners were announced but all showed with grace.
We can't all be winners, though we showed all these days,
Practice and commitment, in the end, is what pays.
And despite the long days, there's no other place,
For it's not the ribbons or points that we chase.
It's not the buckles or banners that we think of,
Cow shows are really about the people and cattle we love.
To our friends and family that show on the road,
Seems we constantly arrive, load up and reload.
A prayer to arrive safely to all we will send,
You are our cow show family!
See you all next weekend.

Intermediate Reserve Champion

- Georgia Howe -

The Future of Agriculture: Our Youth

Rural youth are the future of food security. Yet around the world, few young people see a future for themselves in agriculture and rural areas. Earth's population is expected to increase to 10 billion people by 2050; that's a lot of mouths to feed! In Canada, we have seen a steady decline in the number of people pursuing agriculture as a career over the last half century. One of the key reasons we have seen an ongoing recession of interest in agriculture and ag related careers are a lack of knowledge, education, and information. With insufficient knowledge of opportunities in agriculture, this sharp decline is expected to become steeper. However, several special schools are attempting to close the gap by going above and beyond when trying to educate our youth, Irvine School being one of them. A small town about 20 minutes east of Medicine Hat, Alberta, recently took agricultural education to a new level by building a farm on their playground, animals and all.

In 2022 all of the kids at Irvine School were given the awesome opportunity to learn about the agriculture world hands-on. The Agricultural Discovery Center (ADC) is a micro-farm that teaches many aspects of sustainable agriculture, all while being student-led. I played a key role as the 2022-2023 ADC board president. I have been privileged to work alongside Nichole Neubauer, the ADC founder and coordinator, ever since she began the search for students to help her pursue this idea. Together with the Irvine School staff we have been able to help over 350 students gain a more in depth understanding of live-stock and crop production, horticulture and honey production.

The spring of 2022 was the inaugural season for the Irvine School ADC. We started our journey with a good-sized garden and a variety of livestock including two feeder steers, two bottle-fed calves, a mother goat and her two kids, a yearling nanny goat, two market lambs, two hogs, and several chickens, later getting baby chicks. The junior high students were asked to sign up to do chores for our animals if they were interested, and they did not disappoint. There was great enthusiasm, and everyone did a great job helping. Even the kids who were not inclined to help with the animals were encouraged to help with our garden, which was just as necessary. The five carefully chosen student board members, including myself, were left to guide and teach the volunteers how to properly and safely do chores with an adult supervisor. On the weekend, several families that lived close to the school were in charge of completing the chores. We were all given a day of the school week to take our group out to feed and clean the animals' pens. All the students who signed up to help gained confidence and a tremendous sense of responsibility over the spring, one of my favorite parts of the program. Teaching my fellow peers about something I have been a part of my entire life is one of the most rewarding feelings.

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This program specializes in agricultural education using a hands-on process to develop the 4 C's in Irvine's students – Creativity, Critical thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. The first of its kind in our area, the ADC creates agriculture connections that will better prepare future generations to develop their agricultural economies and help kids thrive in and outside of school. Teaching agriculture at a young age allows children to make connections between farms and their food, encouraging healthy eating. They can start to recognize how agriculture impacts the world around them, helping them apply the skills they learn here to many other aspects of life. Agriculture is primarily based on how plants and animals live, grow, and die, the circle of life which affects us all. It has provided humans with food resources since the beginning of time and continues to do so today. We all rely on agriculture to survive, whether for food and fiber or your business, as it is for my family. When it comes to agricultural education, it is not just about teaching them to farm or encouraging career choices in our field of work, it also explores and discusses topics that contribute to the local, national and global economies. Without collaboration inside and outside of agriculture it would be nearly impossible for our industry to survive let alone thrive. The ranchers with livestock heavily depend on the farmers with feed to keep our cattle fed and healthy. Farmers' crops rely on things like fertilizer in order to grow, equipment to be harvested, and so on. And of course, we need the consumer to enjoy the fruits of our labor.

Although children are taught about teamwork in a classroom setting it does not compare to how they learn when they can use real life examples to make connections between these concepts. Agriculture affects future scientists, teachers, nutritionists, environmentalists, people who want to be involved with the government, and many other occupations you wouldn't expect.

Another one of the key ideas we chose to instill in students is sustainability. The definition of economically and socially sustainable agriculture is a farm or agricultural business of any size that is both profitable and contributes to the local economy. A sustainable system supports the next generation of farmers, deals fairly with its workers, promotes racial equity and justice, creates access to healthy food for all, and prioritizes people and communities over corporate interests. One way we achieve sustainability is by using our animal waste as fertilizer. Understanding the concept of sustainability is a useful skill in whatever field of work the students choose to enter.

We have also begun vermicomposting. Vermicomposting is a process of scientifically decomposing a variety of wastes, including food waste, into nutrient enriched compost through earthworms. This has proven to be a great way to involve the younger kids in our school who are not quite responsible or old enough to help out with the animals or plant the garden. It also sets our ADC apart from similar "farm at school" programs. We are selling the compost as well as fresh eggs and each fall we have a "Harvest Gala". This is a dinner and auction held to showcase the ADC in our community. Locals are invited to tour the facility and ask questions about what we do throughout the production year. They are then treated to a fantastic meal prepared by our foods class students and staff featuring ADC garden produce and locally raised beef. The animals raised in the ADC throughout the season as well as excess garden produce are auctioned off in order to raise money for and continue the program the next year. This is also a great way to get the community involved in our school.

The need for our youth to learn about agriculture and get involved in it is higher than ever. It is programs like the ADC that will keep our industry growing and thriving well into the future. We truly are the future of agriculture, and the future is bright!

Senior Champion - Sarah MacDonald - Beef is Necessary, Not Labels

Published in the Toronto Star on June 20, 2022, contributor Jenny Henry's political op-ed opinion piece, Health Canada's proposed warning labels on foods like ground beef are necessary – and only the first step, discusses Health Canada's proposal to implement mandatory food warning labels. These labels would advise consumers of foods, specifically ground beef, that are high in saturated fat. This paper addresses Henry's key arguments and provides a rebuttal; I argue that beef offers health benefits, cattle can positively contribute to remediation of the climate crisis, the Canadian Cattle Association's stand against the proposal of mandatory labelling was justified, and beef production is necessary to ensure global food security. Jenny Henry may argue that labels are necessary but I feel beef is necessary, not labels.

Henry writes on behalf of Nation Rising, a non-partisan political advocacy group lobbying for a shift away from animal agriculture and towards plant-based food policy. She strongly feels the

need for mandatory food labelling and suggests it is the first of many steps government should be taking. She says that warning labels would allow consumers to make more informed food choices and would extend beyond human health, suggesting that such labelling would provide consumers with the knowledge to follow climate-focused recommendations. Henry takes issue with the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, now referred to as the Canadian Cattle Association. She suggests that the Canadian Cattle Association's disagreement with Health Canada's proposal was solely because "any change would hurt their bottom line" (Henry 2022, 1). In the final paragraph of her opinion piece, Henry calls on the government to help 'protect' Canadians by labelling beef, noting that it is "only the first step" (Henry 2022, 1).

Henry blatantly states that ground beef is high in saturated fat and that Canadians need to be warned of this. Although beef is higher in saturated fat than other protein options, it does not contain an unhealthy amount of saturated fat. The average Canadian consumes 41 grams of cooked fresh meat per day (Canadian Meat Council 2018, "News Releases"). Results from the ongoing National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

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show that when adults ages 19-59 years consumed 45.6 grams of beef in a day (Agarwal and Fulgoni 2022, 105), it contributed merely 11% of the saturated fat daily intake value (Agarwal and Fulgoni 2022, 107). Henry also fails to mention the health benefits that beef can offer. Once again, the ongoing National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey shows that beef offers measurable amounts of 24 different nutrients. In adults ages 19-59 years, the study explained that beef contributes significantly high amounts of protein, B vitamins, zinc, potassium, and iron; zinc and vitamin B12 levels both measure above 20% of the daily intake value (Agarwal and Fulgoni 2022, 108). Another study examined the nutritional differences between beef, imitation (soy, pea or wheat) and veggie burgers. The results showed that imitation and veggie burgers can offer fewer calories, lower fat, and lower cholesterol than beef. That being said, when compared to beef, these products are “less favourable in terms of sodium and protein content. Imitation and plant-based alternatives contribute twice as much sodium and provide less protein”. (Cole et al. 2021, 430). If Health Canada were to implement mandatory labelling that reads ‘high in saturated fat’ it would mislead consumers; although this is not blatant false advertising given that it is higher in saturated fat than meat alternatives, it is not entirely truthful. It implies that beef offers no health benefits and should be excluded from the diet of Canadians, a decision that would actually result in a detrimental decrease in the overall health of Canadian citizens.

Henry suggests that if Canadians limited animal protein consumption they would be following climate-focused recommendations, however she does not elaborate any further. This leads me to believe that she, like many other consumers, have heard from mainstream media that cattle are bad for the environment and simply does not understand the environmental benefits that cattle can actually offer. Cattle are often blamed for the climate crisis but in reality, cattle can be a key player in sequestering carbon and have a positive impact on climate change. Cattle spend the majority of their life grazing rangelands. When cattle graze the forest floor it keeps the grass in a vegetative state and reduces fire volatility (Too Close to Home 2022, 8:31). This is crucial for preventing wildfires and reducing carbon emissions; “when forests are disturbed by wildfire... there are large emissions of CO₂” (Stinson and Freedman 2000, 2) into the atmosphere. A study done in California, a state that has seen extreme wildfires in recent years, found that when cattle grazed rangelands, they removed an average of 668 kg/ha of fuel annually (Ratcliff et al. 2022, 64). These results prove that when cattle graze rangelands they can significantly contribute to the reduction of wildfires and therefore, carbon release into the atmosphere. There is also an age-old ask from urbanites to remove cattle from the land based on the misconstrued belief that the land could be growing other food products for human consumption. However, this process would actually be more harmful than beneficial as “the conversion of natural grassland or forest into agricultural land use results in a large emission of CO₂ because of the decomposition ... of plant biomass” (Stinson and Freedman 2000, 2). Having perennial, plants that lives more than two years, grasslands is an effective way to sequester carbon. This is “most practicable on agricultural land that is marginally

productive” (Stinson and Freedman 2000, 3), such as the mountainous rangelands of British Columbia. Canadian cattle producers are conscientious of this when considering and implementing their management decisions. I believe that consumers simply do not know that farmers and ranchers make their decisions with this depth of consideration for, not only their livestock but also, the ecosystems that the cattle cohabit.

Henry calls the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association (CCA), now referred to as the Canadian Cattle Association, a “powerful animal agriculture lobby group” (Henry 2022, 1). In early June 2022, when Health Canada announced its mandatory labelling proposal, CCA launched a campaign called ‘Don’t Label My Beef’. This campaign urged beef producers to write to Health Canada and political representatives to advise them against labelling measures. On June 30, Health Canada announced its finalized front-of-package regulations which saw ground beef exempt. Henry clearly expresses disgust with CCA’s actions prior to the finalized regulations announcement, stating that it is unsurprising to see CCA push back “against any change that hurts their bottom line” (Henry 2022, 1). As a young beef producer, I agree... it is unsurprising, but I find her accusation ironic; obviously I am going to push back against a regulation that has the potential to negatively affect my job and livelihood, not to mention the other 60,000 Canadian beef producers (Canadian Cattle Association 2022, “About Us”). Henry represents Nation Rising, a non-partisan political advocacy group lobbying to shift government and consumers away from animal agriculture, so I find her opinion of the CCA rather hypocritical. The actions of the Canadian Cattle Association are no different than Nation Rising’s actions. Each organization is advocating for what they believe in, and therefore, Henry’s accusation is not supported by a justifiable argument.

Henry’s original argument excludes the critical topic of global food security, a discussion that I feel needs to be included when assessing the Canadian beef industry, and especially when making criticisms. From the perspective of concern for food security, I believe we need to consume beef; in fact, we need to consume beef, pork, chicken, seafood, and all other meats and alternatives in order to achieve global food security. But this is a point that Henry does not bring up and I suspect it is because she could not produce a supporting argument. According to the United Nations (UN), on November 25, 2022 the world population reached 8 billion people. The official website for the UN shows that the global population rose from 7 to 8 billion people in only 12 years and the “world population can be expected to increase... to 9.6 billion in 2050” (Gerland et al. 2014, 234). Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General, called the milestone an occasion to celebrate (United Nations 2022). No doubt, farmers and ranchers are celebrating the advancements of public health, hygiene, and medicine that have allowed for such population growth. However, society is expecting farmers and ranchers to feed the growing population, meanwhile, producers are constantly up against the public’s misconception of animal agriculture. The truth is, beef cattle play an integral role in international food security. Globally, there are about one billion

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beef cattle and each one of them can produce “high quality protein from feeds that are unsuitable for other livestock species” (Terry et al. 2020, 1) and human consumption. Often criticized for large consumption of grains, beef cattle are actually fed the “portion of the crop that fails to meet the quality grades required for approval as food for humans” (Terry et al. 2020, 2). In addition, there is continuous research going into the improvement of beef cattle feed efficiency, meaning that cattle could produce the same amount of beef in the end through less feed consumption and time. Therefore, despite what the general public tends to believe, cattle actually do not eat food that humans could consume, and instead produce an additional high-quality protein product. Without beef, global food security would negatively be affected in a detrimental way and our growing population would be in serious trouble.

In her opinion piece, Health Canada’s proposed warning labels on foods like ground beef are necessary – and only the first step, contributor Jenny Henry expresses her obvious bias against the consumption of beef. I found her writing to be little more than a disgruntled ramble. Her strong judgement impedes her from recognizing that the beef industry does in fact offer benefits; beef provides valuable nutrients and is a key protein source, cattle can positively contribute to the remediation of the climate crisis, and beef is necessary for global food security. The Canadian Cattle Association represents Canadian beef producer’s best interests and their stand against Health Canada’s mandatory food labeling proposal was rightfully justified, in my opinion. If Health Canada required mandatory labelling on ground beef that states ‘high in saturated fat’ it would have a detrimental effect on the Canadian cattle industry and nutritional status of not only Canadians, but citizens across the globe. Henry might claim that warning labels are necessary but the way I see it, beef is necessary, not labels.

Senior Reserve Champion - Baxter Blair - Relentless in the Pursuit of Never Settling

“His word is relentless. It does not matter where you are from or what you believe in. We can all take a page out of his playbook by daring to be different and relentless in the pursuit of never settling.” –Kane Austin. The night of my junior college livestock judging team’s end of year banquet, my coach, Kane Austin, came up with one word to describe each of my teammates, mine being “relentless”. Although meaningful at the time, the pure impact of this phrase only truly set in after moving on to the next chapter of my life. I now find myself reading this quote or the tattooed word across my chest during any hardship or moment when a goal of mine is deemed unattainable and remember that my passion for agriculture and thirst for excellence whilst being the truest, most authentic version of myself will always drive me to succeed.

Local volunteerism, youth mentorship and development, and an honest passion for agriculture production have always been at the forefront of my priorities growing up. My earliest memories include sitting in the passenger seat of the side-by-side tagging newborn calves with my mom, sitting on my dad’s knee in the tractor with a labelled Ziploc bag of seeds I collected from the field, or feeding horses alongside my grandpa in the pregnancy-mares’ urine barn he grew up in. As I grew older, my competitive mindset and natural born leadership drove me to become as active in my community as I could. Outside of extra-curricular sports, I was involved in our local 4-H program the moment I was old enough and eventually held the positions of Photographer, Secretary, Vice President, and President over my six-year term. Simultaneously, my passion for competing on a national level in both junior and open cattle shows spearheaded the creation of Double B Angus, a purebred red Angus program that has since blossomed into an internationally respected operation devoted to raising numerous national champions and exporting genetics to over fifteen countries across the world. It is in these monumental years of developing

an eye for livestock, recognizing the importance of positive customer relations, and continuously pursuing excellence that laid the foundation to my post-secondary journey.

I will always consider myself fortunate to have been instilled with an upbringing in Canadian agriculture. However, I knew that my goal of judging livestock at a collegiate level was not possible without a drastic move. Over the past three years, the overwhelming amount of industry knowledge, applicable skills, and irreplaceable connections have gone way beyond the scope of what I thought to be possible. These products of an American education and collegiate livestock judging experience in collaboration with my agricultural background has most recently landed me an internship with Captive Media, an unprecedented marketing agency who have pioneered Indoor Media and Experiential Marketing and create world class brand experiences for nationally recognized clientele. Not only has this opportunity allowed me to be a spokesperson for both Canadian and American agriculture in an urban-dominant industry, but I have also been equipped with the marketing skillset, resources, and relationships to advocate for local farmers in the constant battle of anti-agriculture mindsets and rapidly growing industrialized corporations.

As a result, I have dedicated my college career to pursuing my passion for agricultural marketing and advertisement. Following a graduation with a bachelor’s degree in Animal Science at Oklahoma State University, I plan to pursue a master’s degree in agriculture communications. My wish is to foster a career committed to elevating the current societal paradigm of the agricultural industry and representing the backbone of our nation, local farmers. Along with this, I intend to support local programs and opportunities for youth in agriculture as those had done for me. More specifically, I plan on creating a scholarship foundation devoted to helping Canadian youth obtain post-secondary educations and collegiate livestock judging experiences on a national stage. No matter where someone is from or what they believe in, I will devote my life to proving to them that daring to be different and relentless in the pursuit of never settling will always result in the ultimate success.

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Deadlines at a Glance . . .

National

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
October 15	Brian Good Memorial Scholarship Deadline
Ongoing	Self-Directed Travel Bursary Deadline



British Columbia

May 1 BC Angus Scholarship Application Deadline

Alberta

June 1 Dorothy Banks Scholarship Deadline
 July 1 Alberta Junior Angus 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 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 2024 will be held at the West Niagara Fairgrounds in Grassie, ON - July 18 - 20.
- We host the annual GOAL Conference to develop skills for members. Goal 2024 will be held in Kelowna, BC - February 17 -19
- The Junior Board acts as a liaison between Juniors and Canadian Angus Association



"The Best Reason to Join is so that You can be a Bigger Part of the Best Breed in Canada!"



GOAL 2024

February 17-19, 2024
Kelowna, British Columbia



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.

Registration deadline January 10

GOAL Travel Bursaries

Application deadline January 1

Bursaries of up to \$750 will be awarded to 12 deserving Canadian Junior Angus 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.

For more information contact Belinda Wagner,
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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 2024
scholarship deadlines, awards and other events.

GOAL 2024

February 17-19, 2024
Sandman Hotel
2130 Harvey Avenue
Kelowna, British Columbia

We'd like to give back to the community we're visiting for GOAL, so we ask that you bring an item to donate to NOW Canada. Since 1998, NOW Canada has been providing front-line programs and services for women and youth who have experienced addictions, abuse, exploitation, and mental health challenges. Visit nowcanada.ca to learn more.



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)

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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

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.

CAF 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.

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.

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.

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.



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24th Annual Canadian Junior Angus SHOWDOWN July 18-20 MOVE IN BEGINS JULY 17 AT 1 PM West Niagara Fairgrounds, Grassie, Ontario



Thursday, July 18, 2024

- 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 19, 2024

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

Saturday, July 20, 2024

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

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

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.

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