

Upperman, junior activities director of the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The 12-year-old daughter of Corey and Bridgett Gisclair is a member of the NJAA and the Louisiana Junior Angus Association, for which she has served as director.

She has participated in local, state, regional and national shows and showmanship contests. At the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Gisclair participated in the photography and public speaking contests. She also participated in the mentoring program in 2012.

Gisclair has consigned cattle at the Louisiana Angus Association Female Sale.

MCA hosts first FFA speaking contest

Ty Whittaker, Miller, Mo., a student from the Miller FFA program and NJAA member, was announced the winner of the 2013-2014 Missouri Cattle Speaking Contest at the 46th Missouri Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show hosted by the Missouri Cattlemen's Association (MCA) at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks.

Whittaker was one of six speakers to reach the state finals. Students qualified for the finals by winning their area, then district contests. Whittaker received a plaque and \$250. The sponsors of the contest were Kent and Linda Blades of Shelbina, Mo.; Duckworth Farms, Butler, Mo.; and Apex Financial of Columbia, Mo.

This was the first time MCA, Missouri's Cattlemen Foundation and the Missouri CattleWomen hosted a beef speaking contest for FFA students. MCA President Chuck Massengill said nearly 120 students competed throughout the state, making the contest the largest of all commodity group speaking contests. Whittaker said he is honored to have been chosen as the winner of the contest.

"Being a part of the largest industry in the state is something that I am proud of," said Whittaker. "The beef industry is very personal for me. That is why I am proud to represent Missouri FFA as the winner of the first fall FFA beef speech."

More than 500 cattlemen gathered at the Lake of the Ozarks for the 46th annual event.

Angus juniors achieve success at NWSS meat and livestock judging contests

The National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo., is a well-known attraction for breeders, showing enthusiasts and other livestock supporters. However, in addition to the many breed shows for

Certificates of Achievement

The American Angus Auxiliary has awarded the 2013 Certificates of Achievement to qualifying junior members for outstanding achievements.

The Certificate of Achievement is issued only for outstanding achievements at national, state and district (tri-county) levels. County-level achievements are not eligible. In a given year, a qualifying junior Angus member will receive one certificate, in recognition of their achievement record as reported during the year (from Oct. 1 of the previous year to Sept. 30 of the current year).

Achievements that qualify: champion or reserve champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; division champion or reserve division champion bull, heifer, steer or cow-calf pair; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) recognized competitions, including those at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Gold, Silver and Bronze awards also qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time.

► Florida

Destiny McCauley

► Illinois

Chayton Day
Sierra Day
Lindsey Decker
Matthew Decker

► Iowa

Lauren Barker
Cassidy Becker
Craig Becker
Abby Collison
Megan Collison
Franchesca DeVore
Bryanne Duckett
Taylor Duckett
Mallory
Espenschied
Katie Friederichs
James Garner
Cole Greiman
Grace Greiman
Haley Greiman
Katelyn Holmes
Connor Holvoet
Mason Holvoet

► Kansas

Alexandria
Cozzitorto
Cale Hinrichsen
Eva Hinrichsen

► Kentucky

Blake Boyd
Logan Boyd
Leslie Craig
Makayla Jeffries

► Louisiana

Lily Gisclair
Lee Hymel

► Michigan

Jaycie Brown
Kavina Johnson
Kollin Johnson
Dylan Kennedy
Katrena
Klopfenstein

Kendra Merriman

Austin Pillars
Sterling
Reichenbach
John Reid
Katie Reid
Rachel Reid
Chelsea Ruggles
Justin Ruggles

► Missouri

Brittany Eagleburger
Nathan Eagleburger
Christopher
Kahlenbeck

► Montana

Ashtyn Aumueller
Jonwyn Ayres
Kylee Bailey
Avery Bates
Trista Bates
Michaela Blevins
Abbi Boggess
Beau Bromenshenk
Cortney
Bromenshenk
Garrett
Bromenshenk
Tyler Brown
Wes Brown
Catherine Callantine
Krista Callantine
Sydney Cutler
Reagann Dengel
Jillian Frye
Kyle Frye
Ryan Green
Savannah Green
Reece Idland
Tanner Jensen
Abby Leachman
Wade Leachman
Bentley McCullough
Jonna McCullough
Ben McRae
John McRae
Kensey Mikkelsen
Kane Olson
Kyla Olson
Abigail Stevenson
Claire Stevenson

Craig Stevenson

Faith Stevenson
Leisa Stevenson
Rachael Stevenson
Brooke Vincent
Kristen Vincent
Jena Wagner
Jordyn Wagner
Kita Weingart
Charsi Workman

► Nebraska

Michaela Clowser
Aliesha Dethlefs
Emily Dethlefs
Kacey Dethlefs
Caylie Egger
Lane Egger
Caitlin Havelka
Colton Hewgley
Jennifer Keyes
Michelle Keyes
Codie Kraus
Cheyann Lovett
Dakota Lovett
Kyra Meyer
Justine Nelson
Kami Nelson
Taylor Nichols
Mikeayla
Samuelson
Savannah Schafer
Reagan Skow
Rachel Smith
Austin Woltemath

► North Carolina

Brooke Harward
Catherine Harward
LeAnn Harward
Marcie Harward
Mattie Harward

► North Dakota

Kaitlin Geyer

► Ohio

Kinsey Crowe
Lydia Dance
Kacey Felumlee
Keri Felumlee
Samantha Wallace

► Oklahoma

Jackson Ray

► Pennsylvania

Alexis Cash
Cailey Dahlquist
Courtney Dahlquist
Laini Dean
Shelby Dean
Andrea Foore
Freddy Frey
Claudia Hissong
Kate Livingston
Kyle Livingston
Ruby Monn
Clay Myers
Kayce Myers
Daniel Rohrbaugh
Caleb Schmuck
Elizabeth
Trowbridge
Lindsay Upperman
Elizabeth Voight
Hunter Voight
Madison Weaver
Jacob Werner
Jade Zimmerman
Joe Zimmerman

► South Dakota

Chase Mogck
Christina Mogck
Ty Mogck
Alex Rogen
Madison Styles
Sawyer Styles

► Texas

Wade Wells

► Virginia

Mark Alexander
Morgan Alexander
Caleb Boden
Chet Boden
Cody Boden
Cade Clary
Destiny Clary
Drue Clary
Catie Hope