

Missouri Cattlemen's Association News

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Junior Cattlemen attend Missouri Cattlemen's Association's *All-Breeds Junior Show*

(Columbia, MO) – Missouri Cattlemen's Association hosted their 28th Annual All-Breeds Junior Show June 11-13 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri.

“The 2010 MCA All-Breeds Junior Show was a huge success,” said Rachel Bartholomew, MCA Program's Assistant and Coordinator of the Junior Show, “because of the fantastic members of the Missouri Junior Cattlemen's Association that made it all worthwhile. Many activities were held for these members both throughout the weekend and they demonstrated their excellence both in and out of the show ring. No matter who wins or loses in these events, it is truly about the experience of exhibiting an animal that you've worked hard with while learning and having fun at the same time that truly matters.”

The Missouri Cattlemen's Association All-Breeds Junior Show is one of the largest of its kind in the state. Nearly 230 exhibitors attended and brought with them 490 head of cattle. Judges Garrett Parsons of Manhattan, Kansas and Blake Nelson of Warner, Oklahoma judged 18 breeds of cattle. Showmanship, champion and reserve champion awards were selected from each of the 18 breeds.

Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Heifer and Steer awards were selected at conclusion of Sunday's show. Paige Wallace received Champion Heifer with her Bred and Owned Angus heifer. Reserve Champion went to Carter Ward with his Shorthorn Plus heifer. Ashlyn Richardson received Champion Steer with her Chianina steer and also received Reserve Champion Steer with her Crossbred steer. These winners received belt buckles representing their titles.

The show began Friday, June 11 with registration from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. This day not only included registration and steer weigh-in, but included two contests and a scavenger hunt for the junior members. Winners of the first MJCA Team Fitting competition were as follows: First Place – Cameron Ward, Cody Smith, Eric Groose and Rachael Ann Carlson ; Second Place – Gregory Connell, Dereck Washam, Sam Wallace, and Parker Henley. In the first poster competition first place in the Herd Advertisement category went to Danielle Funk and second place went to Reba Colin. In the Membership Recruitment category first place went to Reba Colin, and in the Breed Advertisement category first place went to Dylan Bonacker. The final contest outside of the show ring was the annual Scavenger Hunt. First place team honors went to Reba Colin, Kendra Pryor, and Hannah Moyer.

At their annual meeting, 60 MJCA members elected new board members for 2010-2012. New board members are as follows: Sadie Kinne, Eagleville – Northwest Representative; Garren Bellis, Columbia – Northeast Representative; Forrest Thompson, Mt. Vernon – Southwest Representative; Shannon Yokley, Jefferson City – Southeast Representative; Rachael Ann Carlson, Plattsburg – At-large Representative; and Andrew Chandler, Carthage – At-large Representative.

MCA would like to say thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellison, Randy Rittman, Pearl and Greg Walthall, Pettis County Cattlemen, Accelerated Genetics and all other volunteers that helped make the event a success.

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