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Greg Gaston, receives 4-H Scholarship at AKSARBEN Stock Show

McCook, Neb. native wins 2016 Lamb Challenge Contest

Omaha, Neb. (October 24, 2016) – Greg Gaston from McCook, Neb. won the 2016 Lamb Challenge Contest in Sept. during the annual AKSARBEN Stock Show. He was awarded a \$2,250 4-H Scholarship through the AKSARBEN Purple Ribbon Auction as the overall Champion in the Lamb Challenge Contest.

The top five Lamb Challenge Contest winners were: Glen Van Bumme from Eldorado Springs, Mo., as Reserve Champion; Sophia Lentfer from Firth, Neb., placed third; Joslyn Seals from Browning, Mo., placed fourth and rounding out the top five was Lexi Barnes from Burlington, Colo.

The contest allows 4-H'ers to showcase their knowledge and ability to raise a market lamb for show. Lambs are provided by AKSARBEN Foundation and awarded to youth chosen through an application process. Each exhibitor then keeps records throughout the year on the progress of their lamb and communicates with their assigned sponsor as they prepare for the show.

The 2017 AKSARBEN Lamb Challenge Contest application is available online at <http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/p/events/stockshow/lambchallenge>. The deadline for submission is Dec. 1, 2016.

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Established in 1895, AKSARBEN Foundation represents the premier employers in Nebraska and western Iowa. AKSARBEN Foundation works as a unified network to influence change for the betterment of youth, the economy and Heartland communities. We advance our mission *to leverage collective business leadership to build a more prosperous Heartland* by funding and guiding best practice, needs-based scholarship programs, awarding over \$1 million annually; promoting the Heartland's cultural heritage through top-ranking community celebrations, attended by over 100,000 annually; and honoring community leaders who carry on the Heartland's tradition of philanthropy and volunteerism.

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