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Crafton and Davis named champions at Houston Livestock Show

Houston, Texas, March 13, 2015: Two Henrietta FFA members, Lindsey Crafton and Keaton Davis capped off a successful year long beef heifer project by having their calves being selected as supreme champions during the 2015 Houston Livestock Scramble Heifer Show. Lindsey Crafton's, daughter of Shane and Valarie Crafton, Charolais heifer was selected as both the All European Breeds Supreme Division Champion & Reserve Overall Supreme Champion Scramble Heifer. Keaton Davis', son of Don & Lisa Davis, Black Angus heifer was selected as the All British Breeds Supreme Division Champion.

Along with Crafton and Davis, three other Henrietta FFA members were involved in this year scramble show and placed well in their respective judging classes. Josey Cleveland, daughter of Scott and Sherry Cleveland, had a fourth place Red Angus. Corby Henry-Morrison, son of Stuart and Amy Berend, was sixth with his Red Angus heifer. Laramie Dunn, daughter of Bandon and BJ Dunn, was seventh with her Black Angus heifer.

These five Henrietta students started their individual scramble project a year ago after catching a calf in the world's greatest calf scramble held during a performance of the 2014 Houston Rodeo. After being declared a winner, each member received a purchase certificate valued at \$1,500. Certificates were then used to purchase a registered beef heifer. Throughout the course of this past year, these FFA members caringly feed and raised their project animals and concluded with a return back to Houston to exhibit it during this year's livestock show. Throughout the previous year, each scramblers also maintained accounting records, submit monthly progress reports to their donors and complete two informative essays. By completing all these requirements and returning back Houston to exhibit their heifer, each scrambler received an additional \$250 each for their efforts.

The Houston Calf Scramble Program began in 1942 and is designed to encourage enterprise, offer opportunity, and teach responsibility to the young participants. The Calf Scramble Program contributes more than \$600,000 to the youth of Texas each year.

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