

## **KESSLER NAMED KENTUCKY CHAMPION AUCTIONEER**



John Wayne Kessler of Campbellsville, Ky., was named the 2011 Kentucky Champion Auctioneer in the states professional auctioneers contest. The contest was held in conjunction with the 54th Kentucky Auctioneers Association Convention, February 18 - 21, in Jamestown, Ky. The contest featured a live auction and the contestants were judged on their ability to catch bids, chant, appearance and how they handled themselves on stage, plus their ability to answer questions about issues facing the auction industry. Kessler competed against veteran auctioneers from across the state, during the preliminary round on Saturday night and again in the final round on Sunday during the Presidents Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Judges for the event included auctioneers from Tennessee, North Carolina and the 2010 International Auctioneering Champion. Kessler becomes the youngest auctioneer to capture the coveted title and his name now joins his father and grandfather's names on the list of winners. For his win, Kessler received a plaque and a check for \$500.00 and he will represent the state of Kentucky at the International Auctioneers Contest in Orlando, Florida in July during the National Auctioneers Convention.

Kessler, who has been a professional auctioneer for 4 years, was 1st runner-up in last years contest and he won the Junior Division contest in 2009 for professional auctioneers who have been in business for less than 5 years. Also during the convention, John Wayne was re-elected to a 3 year term on the Board Of Directors, of the Kentucky Auctioneers Association.

John Wayne, is a forth generation auctioneer and is working with his father John, as a real estate broker and auctioneer at Kessler Auction & Realty Co. in Campbellsville.