

ANGUS

UNDER THE BIG TOP

Friday



► The first day of the owned heifer show was Friday. A total of 558 heifers were shown.

► Above: Each morning, juniors had to bring their cattle in from tie-outs that circled the Milwaukee Mile racetrack to the barns. With temperatures in the mid-70s for most of the week, cattle, juniors and spectators enjoyed relief from the heat felt at past junior shows.



► Right: Forty-seven juniors compete in the preliminary round of the showmanship competition Friday afternoon. Regional managers selected heifers for the contest based on the heifers' behavior in the showing prior to the competition.



► Above: Friends of the National Junior Angus Show provided prime rib and rotisserie chicken, plus the extras, before the awards function. The meal was one of the most popular dinners served during the NJAS.



► Right: Two big screens are set up for viewing the awards and slide show. Junior members brought their stall chairs to the center of the ring to watch the show and accept their awards. Contest winners received black blankets.



► James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities, speaks to the state delegates, emphasizing the importance of their role in electing the new junior Board members. Delegates also voted on a by-law change.



► The dance floor at the Sheraton Hotel was packed during the junior social that followed the awards ceremony. Parents enjoyed gambling and other casino games at the adult social.

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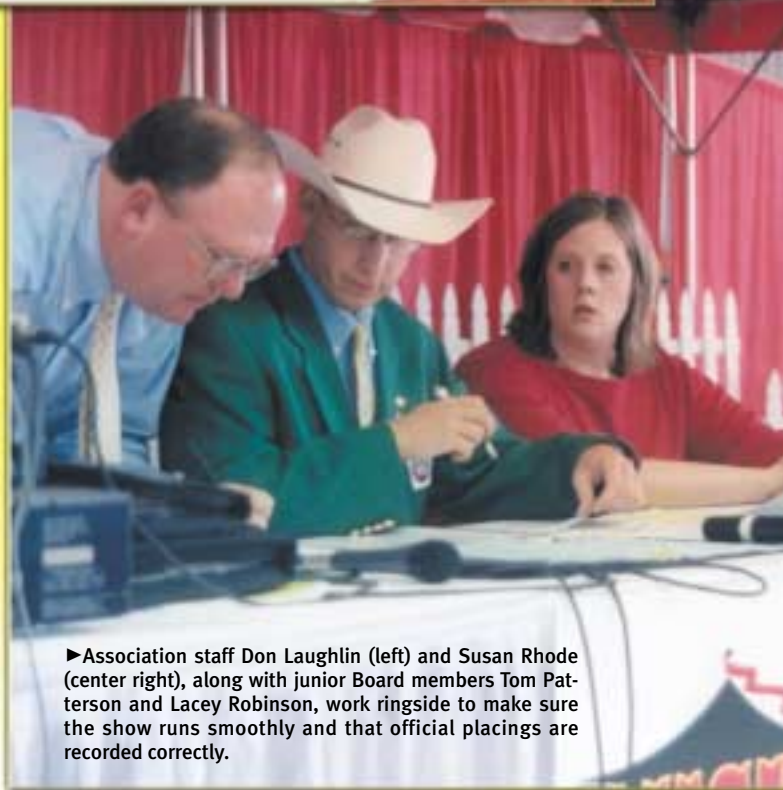
Day In,



► Monica Jordan (left), junior activities assistant, and Heath Johnson, 2001-2002 NJAA Board communications director, prepare Angus apparel to be sold during the NJAS.



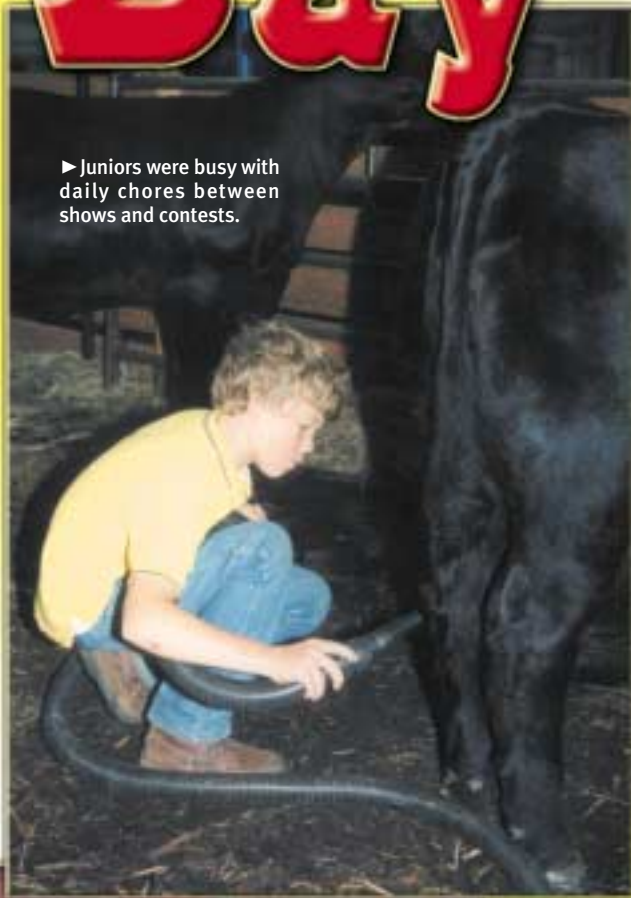
► Former National Junior Angus Association Board Vice Chairman Ryan Sweeney (left) and regional managers Jerry Cassady (center) and David Gazda prepare the equipment before weighing carcass steers. Junior Board members and regional managers helped make sure the show ran smoothly.



► Association staff Don Laughlin (left) and Susan Rhode (center right), along with junior Board members Tom Patterson and Lacey Robinson, work ringside to make sure the show runs smoothly and that official placings are recorded correctly.

Day Out

► Juniors were busy with daily chores between shows and contests.



► The hum of clippers was a common sound around the barns each morning. Juniors arrived at the fairgrounds early to begin preparing for the show.



► Angus Productions Inc.'s Web Marketing Department provided live coverage of the 2002 NJAS. Tanya Peebles, Web marketing assistant, added division winners as they were named.

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Saturday



► Only 15 finalists remain in the final round of the 36th National Junior Angus Showmanship contest. Brittnia Carlson, Cherokee, Iowa, was named Top Showman.



► Left: The conclusion of the owned heifer show was Saturday morning. Amy Bussmus, Mitchell, S.D., exhibited the grand champion heifer, Roth Elba 1017. Megan Weisel, Louisville, Ohio, led the reserve grand champion heifer, WAF Essie 1088.



► Many people placed last-minute bids as the silent auction came to a close. The auction raised more than \$5,000 to fund various junior programs.



► Exhibitor 1274, Macey Patrick, Fayetteville, Tenn., shows her owned heifer during the final day of the NJAS.

