

Show for the Roses



NJAA Advisors of the Year Jerry and Kay Williams of JK Angus Farm, Lockney, Texas, receive a special award from Mark Wyble, director of junior activities, for their 15 years of service. The Williams' children—Ty, Libby and Matt—have carried on their example, holding state leadership roles and as national scholarship winners and showmanship competitors.



Evelyn Edmunds of Clover, S.C., receives the Honorary Angus Foundation award from NJAA at Louisville. Edmunds, well-known for her enthusiasm and courage, has been an inspiration to both youth and adults in the Angus industry.



The Floyd Dievert Family of Bluegrass Angus Farm, Danville, Ky., accepts the Honorary Angus Foundation award for Floyd Dievert, who was honored posthumously. Floyd exemplified Angus enthusiasm at the grassroots and helped both the Kentucky Junior Angus Assn. and NJAA.



Northwest Victory . . . Kellie Coonrad, Pullman, Wash., won the judge's nod for second place in this year's showmanship. Shown with her are Karren, Darren and Dan Coonrad. The Coonrads were selected 1988 Advisors of the Year.

Hard to top this very often!



Here's one seldom seen — four generations assembled at this year's National!—the Gigstad Family, partly from Nebraska but crossing the line into Kansas as well.

From left, front row: Alfred and Irene Gigstad, 85 and 80 years young, from Effingham, Kan.; Alfred O. and Roberta Gigstad, 60 and 58, from Nebraska City, Neb.; Jim Gigstad, 21, Garnett, Kan. Second row: Marti Gigstad, 34; Chris Gigstad, 4; and Bobb Gigstad, 34, all from Garnett.

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Communication is an absolutely vital element in our society, today more than ever before. The ability to communicate effectively is not only an art, it can mean the difference between success and mediocrity, or failure.

In an effort to foster the development of speaking skills among NJAA members, the Junior Activities Department of the American Angus Assn. and the NJAA Board of Directors organized a national public speaking contest for NJAA members. Held in conjunction with the 1989 National Show in Louisville, it drew 25 contestants from across the country.

The contestants and their speech titles were:

Elizabeth Burgy, Monticello, Wis., "Why Are We Here?"

Seth Cissna, Dale, Ind., "Showing Cattle."

Daphne Cooley, Tupelo, Miss., "Diet? or

Diet?"

Amy Cooper, Mantachie, Miss., "The Beef Checkoff: An Investment in Our Future."

Lori Franklin, Aurora, Colo., "The Truth About Beef."

John Hathcock, Auburn, Ala., "EPD: Breeding the Angus of the Future."

Lisa Hawkins, Mason, Mich., "The Beef Checkoff...The Industry Effect."

Shandell Kinnett, Oklahoma, "Beef is Back."

Edward Kirby, West Virginia, "Beef Makes a Comeback by Listening to Consumers."

Vanessa Lange, Kansas, "Angus Tators."

Michelle Lantz, Culver, Ore., "Meat Market Madness."

Donnie Lemmon, Woodbury, Ga., "Georgia's on the (Moo)ve!"

JoDawn Linn, Red Rock, Okla., "Report Card on Beef."

Darrell Mitchell, Hiddenite, N.C., "The Winner, First to Finish."

Adam Norwood, Middleton, Tenn., "My Beef Story."

Kara Reavis, LaMonte, Mo., "Breeding Options."

Suzannah Rowland, Gamaliel, Ky., "Beef...Who Needs It?"

Rischi Sharma, Williamsport, Ind., "King of Customer Satisfaction."

Cathy Shive, Seven Valleys, Pa., "The Fifth Quarter."

Robin Shive, Seven Valleys, Pa., "Learning the Basics About Beef."

Suzanne Smith, Ohio, "At the Crossroads."

Courtney Walker, Lake Charles, La., "Angus, Through the Years."

Sunshine Wann, Rupert, Idaho, "Marketing and the Cattle Business."

Jerrad Zimmerman, Platteville, Wis., "Showing and Growing."



Public Speaking . . . Top five senior placings in the national's first-ever public speaking contest were, first: Lisa Hawkins, Mason, Mich.; second: Suzannah Rowland, Gamaliel, Ky.; third: Michelle Lantz, Culver, Ore.; fourth: Vanessa Lange, Clifton, Kan.; and fifth, Cathy Shive, Seven Valleys, Pa.



. . . junior division winners were from left, Seth Cissna, Dale, Ind., first; Donnie Lemmon, Woodbury, Ga., second; John Hathcock, Auburn, Ala., third; Daphne Cooley, Mantachie, Miss., fourth; and Jerrad Zimmerman, Platteville, Wis., fifth.



. . . Seth Cissna's topic treated the pleasures and perils of showing cattle.



Premier Breeder . . . Susan Patton, 20, of Crawfordsville, Ind., was awarded the silver tray presented to the show's premier breeder. Determination of the award is three highest placing animals in individual classes bred by one breeder in the show.



Beef Showmanship . . . One of the categories of the Big Beef Roundup is showmanship. Kentucky juniors took top honors. Shown are junior winners Anne Nicole Davis, Springfield, and Leigh Ann Campbell also of Springfield.



Seth Cissna with fellow competitor Suzannah Rowland, Gamaliel, Ky., after it was over. Both first place winners presented their speeches at an evening ice cream social.

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Best Recipe . . . Wisconsin juniors cooked up the winning entry in the Big Beef Roundup Cookoff, "Citrus Beef Ribbons". Shown are Beth Burgy, Monticello; Dianne McGiveron, Marshfield; Janelle Wall, Prairie Du Chien; and Jerrad Zimmerman, Platteville. This group won the junior division.

Best Display . . . Top display by a state junior Angus association exhibiting 15-head or fewer went to the Georgia Junior Angus Assn. This was the group's third such triumph in a row. ➔



. . . Award for the state junior group showing 16 head or more went to the Illinois Junior Angus Assn. ➔



Top Scrapbook . . . The Oklahoma Junior Angus Assn. prepared the top scrapbook for this year.

National Junior Board Members Elected

Elections are a vital slot in the schedule at the National Junior Angus Show. Delegates interview candidates and then select those who will fill vacancies. Each year the process is repeated as board members fill their term and become ineligible to continue. Many would do so if the rules permitted as the experience is one most treasure.

To relinquish the green blazer is not easy. The exposure has brought growth and opportunity to work with young people on programs of national impact. Board members often become lifelong friends who will never forget their years on the board as one of dreams fulfilled and where life-changing decisions were made.



At the annual meeting of the NJAA, six new members were elected to the 12-member Board. Shown from bottom to upper level are: Lori Cash, Centre Hall, Pa.; Susan Patton, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Anne Jones, Forest, Va.; Lisa Hawkins, Mason, Mich.; Leslie Morelock, Fayetteville, Ark., communications coordinator; Joe Davis, Blue Mountain, Miss.; (left from Davis) Bill Hollis, Bushnell, Ill.; Kurt Greiman, Garner, Iowa; Billy Reeder, Sunbright, Tenn.; Mark Moxley, West Friendship, Md.; John Bell, Georgetown, Ky., vice chairman; and John Toledo, Visalia, Calif., chairman.

Cash, Patton, Jones, Hawkins, Hollis, and Reeder are newly elected.

Anne Jones, center, responds to questions from Cheramie Viator, delegate from Louisiana, and Steve Patton, board member from Indiana. ➔



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Lori Cash, newly elected NJAA Board member, from Centre Hall, Pa.



Candidate Lisa Hawkins also won first place in the senior division of this year's public speaking contest.



NO, Mark! The head table is designated "Non-Smoking!"

Through the lens



Miss American Angus, Michelle Lantz of Culver City, Ore., kept up a fast pace meeting the demands.



While the activity in the ring moves through its paces, RM Waymon Ashley polices up the area.



Monte Echols of Caddo, Texas, demonstrates one other useful function for idle curry combs.



Tennessee representatives sharing a few laughs.



Sharon Secret of Caldwell, Ohio, is a veteran show-goer and frequent winner. Tired but smiling through it all, that's the spirit, Shar!

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In the aura of outer space

NASA'S (and American Angus Association's) Major Mark Lee shares his feelings and goals:

"I had the opportunity to walk around the barns and visit with people here, and I find they often ask me the same questions ...

- 1) "Why did you become an astronaut?"
- 2) "Why do you want to become a farmer?"
- 3) "Why did you choose Angus cattle?"
- 4) "How do you go to the bathroom in space?"

"These things all have a lot in common as they involve hard work and experience that you had as a young person . . ."

"As to why I became a farmer and am starting to raise Angus cattle — it all has to do because I grew up on a mink ranch. . . My neighbor had Angus cattle and could sit up on porch drinking ice tea while I sweat and fought with the minks. So I decided these Angus cattlemen have it made . . ."

"I knew I would need some money to buy a farm so I tried to pick a profession where you didn't have to do a lot of work and made lots of money, so I became an astronaut . . ."

"I decided I was going to be an astronaut when I was about nine years old. I went to a little one-room country school and my teacher was Corneil Parker. She had me for all six years.

"And on May 5, 1961, when Alan Shepherd went up, she brought a TV into the room. That was the day . . ."

"Everytime I go home I visit Corneil Parker — she's 93 years old — and there are some important reasons why I do that. One, she lives right next door and my parents make me go see her. The other reason is that she means a lot to me.

Her punishment (for tying a girl's pigtails to the monkey bars and shooting clay rockets to stick on the ceiling) was constructive. It accomplished something . . ."

"That paper she made me do on gravity opened up a whole new world for me. The one thing that set me on a path to become an astronaut was reading . . ."

"There are folks here tonight that will have the same impact on kids. You're going to give them something to shoot for . . . and send them on a course that leads them to a goal they've set.

"I also visit with my Boy Scout leader when I go home because he taught me to set goals. One day, he told me 'you can be an Eagle Scout'. So I decided I was going to be an Eagle Scout . . ."

"If you want to be an astronaut, you need to start early, set goals, and work hard. I just don't think it's that remarkable. Any young person out there tonight can achieve the same sort of thing if they set their mind to it."



Space Shuttle Atlantis is the work environment for NASA astronaut and Angus breeder Mark Lee. He left an inspirational message, impressions from a 20-minute film of life in the shuttle, and a wealth of memories for juniors attending the Wednesday evening program.



NJAA Board Members presented Major Lee with a Jim Reno Bull sculpture, and Angus wood artist Leonard Schlipf, El Paso, Ill., presented the junior association with a rendering (inset) dedicated to its activities.

Angus in Orbit . . . Astronaut Mark Lee was there to present Dick Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Assn., with some Angus mementoes from Lee's flight aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis last May. The January, 1989, cover of the AJ was among the items pasted to the space shuttle interior.



First official event of the week was the tour of Churchill Downs, its' museum and expansive facility dedicated to the racing industry.

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Jim Gillooly on the impact of junior activities

"... I don't think Dean Hurlbut and the other people that started this thing back in 1969 could envision a show of this magnitude this year.

"But you know it just didn't happen. Those people at that time had a dream and a vision. And that dream spread to juniors and adults working together to bring about this great junior show. Now literally thousands of juniors have benefitted over the years.

"Those juniors now are parents, they're breed association officers, they're industry leaders. This was the first breed association to realize the breed depends on the juniors for its future.

"It's an opportunity for you young people to grow and mature. You'll make memories here to cherish. And one thing's certain, if you've been competing here these last three days, you're a better person now than when you started....

"The nice thing about the enthusiasm here... is that it's contagious. You adults ought to be more determined than ever to continue in your support for these juniors. Anyone here has to be encouraged....

"There's not an adult here for the past three days that didn't have something important to do at home. The fact that they took the time off to come here should show how impor-



Judge **Jim Gillooly**, Washington, Ind., picked Northcote Abbie shown by Sarah Hill of Forest, Va. as his reserve grand champion "owned" female.

tant you are in their lives and how important your future is to them. And I'd ask you to give them a hug and thank them for showing that interest and concern for you.

"God's been good to this country. I'm not certain there's a thing in life more enjoyable than Angus cattle. And I believe there's nothing in life more precious than our children.

"The last three days you've seen the best of both."

Through the lens



Nelson Erica 5101 with heifer calf by Nelson Tycoon were reserve cow-calf champs

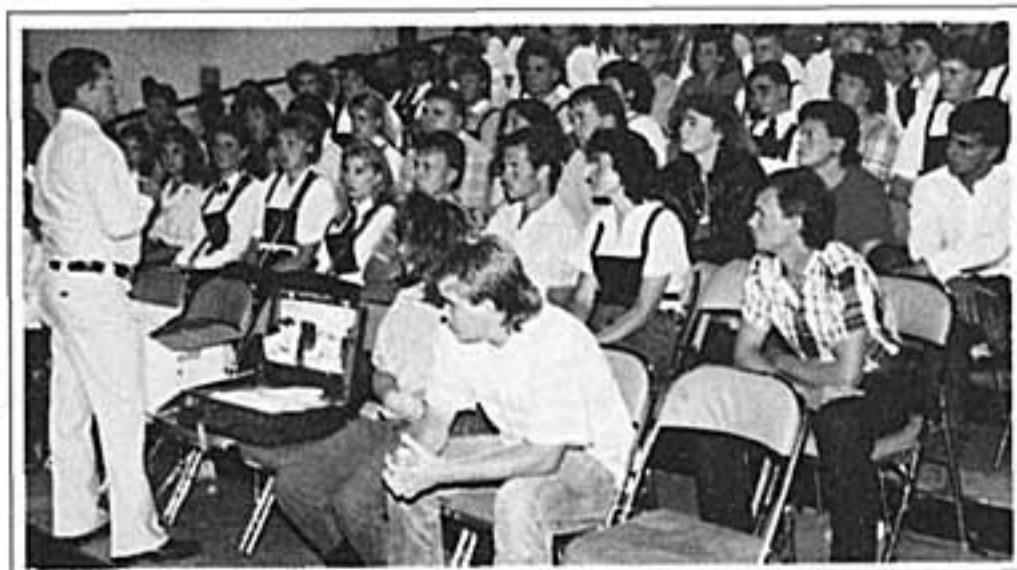


Chad Wilson, Cloverdale, Ind., led out champion steer, Gatorade. Judge **Scott Schaa**ke of the University of Kentucky made his pick from a competitive field of 67 entries. Schaake reminded the entrants and his audience that showing and its experiences help forge the fundamentals of good citizenship.



Not even a broken arm could prevent Tom Sweeney of Noblesville, Ind., from participating in the '89 National Junior Show.

Director of Activities Dean Hurlbut describes the procedure for tomorrow morning's big event. This year, 64 contestants from 37 states and Canada competed. Contestants have to be at least 14 years old with their 21st birthday after January 1, 1989. ➔



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Melanie Griswold of Miami, Okla. and Jackie Zimmerman, Platteville, Wis., represent the juniors of the future. Friendships are forged across state lines, too.



Clyde Nelson, Salmon, Idaho, helps out with daughter Stephanie's winnings.



Kellie, did you remember everything big brother taught ya?



Boosting Nebraska for '90 are Wes Minert, Cody Hall, and Les Hall.



Jackie's souvenir is a bear in a cup.



Grand champion cow-calf dam JLC Primrose Personality 129 proved herself a winner again for Jennifer Calderazzo, York, Pa., at the halter. Lori Cash holds the Brost Power Drive heifer calf.



Philip Shafer, Andrews, Ind., and Mike Huffman, Warren, Ind., experimented with new modes of transportation.



Donnie Lemmon caught napping at his post, the Georgia booth.



On to Omaha, say this group of Nebraskans, hosts for 1990's National Junior Angus gathering.