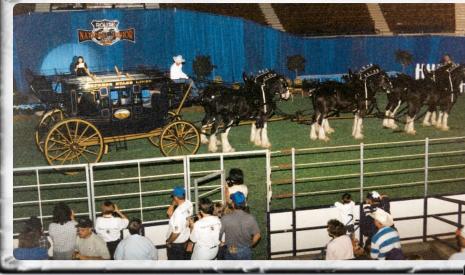


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Express Ranches' six-horse hitch entertained juniors during opening ceremonies.



NJAA Board member Lindsey Trosper, Hamilton, Mo., distributes exhibitor packets to juniors.

The opening ceremonies were an amazing sight.



Tanya Peebles, Lawrenceville, Va., concentrates on the surrogate judge during the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.



Top junior speaker, Garrett Lampe, Scott City, Kan., discusses the importance of tattooing during the extemporaneous speaking contest.



Following the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, Jeff Dalbey, Burlington Junction, Mo., visits with Judge Jim Bush about the show.







After months of hard work preparing for the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), the retiring Board members share a few special moments following the awards ceremony.



Chain gang members from Louisiana march through opening ceremonies.



Juniors relax at Bell's Amusement Park after the show on Saturday.



Throughout the week state and regional Angus queens assisted 1999 Miss American Angus Anne Schmalenberger hand out ribbons and awards.



Work is never done. NJAA member Chad Horsley, Galva, III., spends time grooming his heifer before the show.



Following opening ceremonies, juniors are treated to a banana-split party outside the coliseum. Forrest Allen, Lithia, Fla., contemplates which topping to add next.



Even though Matthew Malson, Parma, Idaho, isn't old enough to show cattle, he helps keep the aisles clean for the rest of the Idaho showmen.



Kass Pfeiffer, Orlando, Okla., tries Certified Angus Beef™ samples during the cook-off contest.