

Little Eyes Upon Us

The youngest Angus members at the NJAS participate in their own ways.

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► Cade Stertzbach (right) helps NJAA member Jessica Willis, Union Bridge, Md. Cade enjoys helping with the cattle and playing with his friends.

Whether it is helping their older brothers or sisters, playing with friends or jumping in the inflatable “moonwalk,” future Angus exhibitors and National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members had plenty to keep them busy at the 2005 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Six-year-old Cade Stertzbach, Louisville, Ohio, attends Angus shows because his older brother, Dillon, shows. His dad, Bruce, says Cade enjoys playing with the other kids.

When asked if he watched Dillon show, Cade replied, “I didn’t watch my brother show, because I was playing wall ball.”

However, Cade did take time away from wall ball to help with the cattle, his dad said. Cade is the son of Bruce and Amie Stertzbach.

Another Angus peewee, Catherine Turner, Covington, Tenn., also has an older sibling

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► Wyatt Marshall watches the national showmanship competition Friday afternoon at the 2005 NJAS in Denver, Colo. Peewees look up to numerous NJAA members, aspiring to be just like them someday.



► Cade (right) is pictured with his dad, Bruce. The Stertzbachs attend cattle shows as a family, and Bruce says there is always plenty for everyone to do.



► Catherine Turner (left) shows little brother Travis how to pat their sister’s calf, Rose.



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► Catherine pushes Travis in his stroller during the NJAS. Catherine and Travis enjoyed swimming the most while at the NJAS.

who shows. Catherine helps her big sister, Lindsey, with her heifers, and says she will show, too, when she's older. Lindsey's heifer calf, Rose, is Catherine's favorite.

"Some of [the cattle] kick, but most of them are nice," said Catherine, the 7-year-old daughter of John and Amber Turner.

Her favorite part of the NJAS was swimming at the hotel.

Also from Tennessee, Gracie Young enjoyed helping her sister, playing with the Turners and, most of all, jumping in the moonwalk. Gracie has aspirations to show heifers one day, but until then she's enjoying the NJAS. She is the daughter of Tony and Kat Young, Jackson, Tenn.

Even though Wyatt Marshall, Burlington, Colo., does not have any

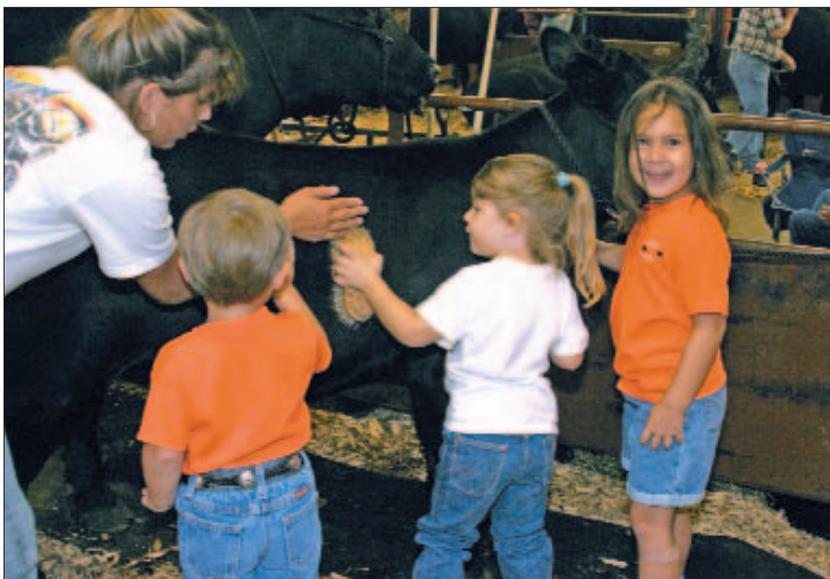
older siblings showing, the 9-year-old cattleman enjoyed being at the 2005 NJAS. Wyatt, who doesn't know a stranger, enjoyed talking to people and taking in all the activities.

"The trick rider (One-Armed Bandit) was my favorite part," Wyatt says, referring to an entertainer who performed Monday evening at the opening ceremonies.

Wyatt explained that he was not old enough to show at the NJAS, but he has shown his heifer, Rose, at other shows. Wyatt is the son of Troy and Lorna Marshall of Marshall Cattle Co.

These Angus peewees will soon be making themselves known in the showring, but for now they are enjoying just being kids.

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► Gracie Young (center) brushes a calf while Travis (left) and Catherine look on. The three could be seen throughout the week of the NJAS helping their older siblings.



► Gracie enjoyed jumping in the inflatable moonwalk and playing with other kids at the NJAS. Other activities that peewees could participate in included watching movies and enjoying snow cones and popcorn.



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