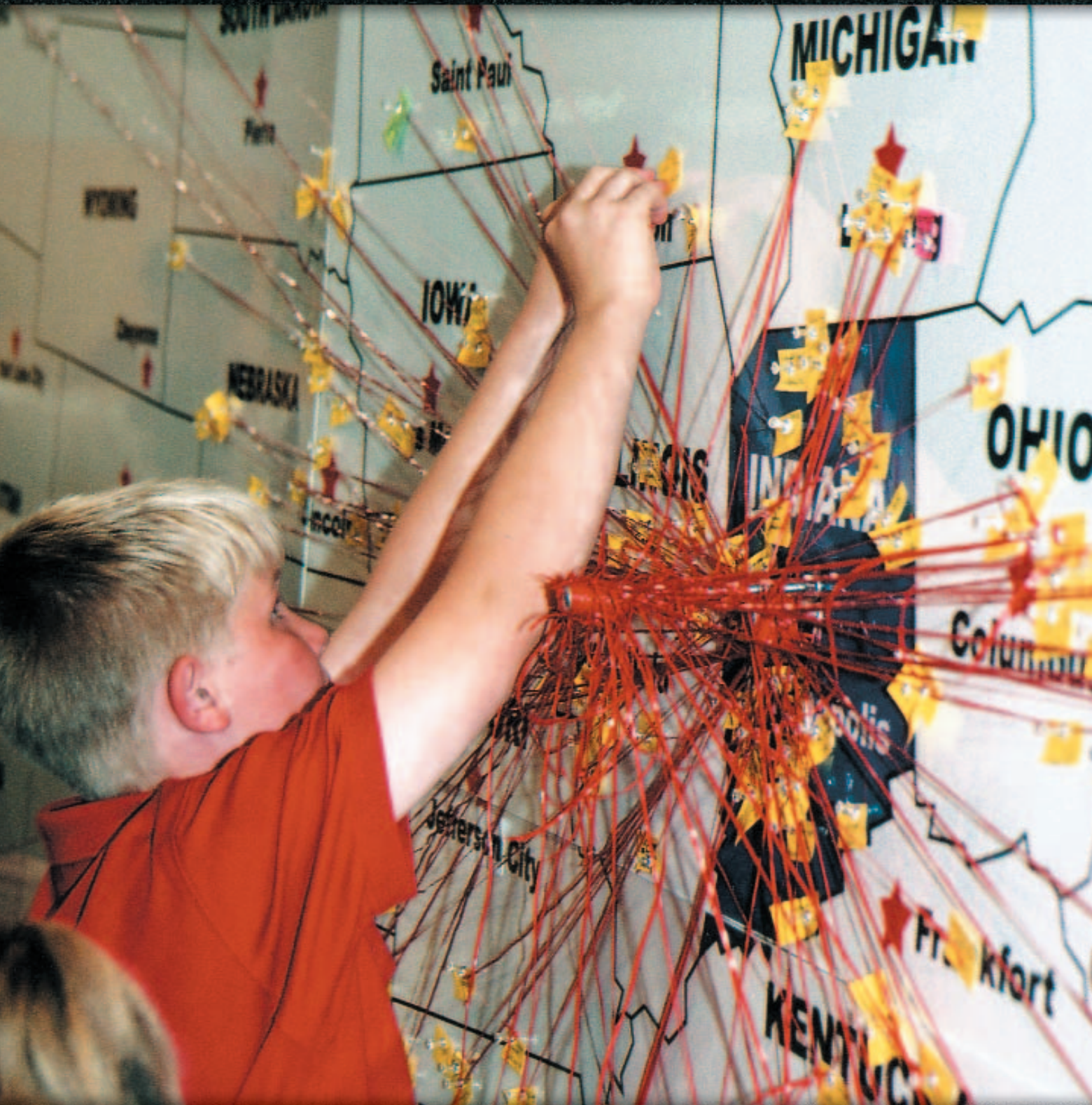


All Roads Led to the '06 NJAS

Angus juniors and their families hit the road in July, traversing many different routes to converge at the Indianapolis State Fairgrounds for the 2006 National Junior Angus Show July 9-15.

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► While at the Our Land Pavilion, juniors helped create a display to show the many roads traveled to the NJAS by connecting a string from a point indicating where they live to the marker for Indianapolis.

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►As exhibitors reached their destination and pulled into the Indiana State Fairgrounds Sunday and Monday, volunteers from Indiana met them to provide directions and answer questions. The Indiana hosts were highly visible wearing their fluorescent green shirts.



►Trips to and from the tie-outs were an everyday occurrence.



►Above: Sunday and Monday were designated arrival days. Angus juniors and their families unloaded trailers and set up their stalls with others from their state.



►Left, above, right: During Monday night's Opening Ceremonies, state groups displayed their enthusiasm, introduced their Board Candidates and royalty, and poured gifts on the crowd during the Parade of States.



►Left: Indiana junior Casey Zeller of Noblesville sings the National Anthem as Member Specialist Christopher Rieker bears the U.S. flag for the Indiana Army National Guard 38th Military Police Co. during the Opening Ceremonies. Christopher is the older brother of junior members Baron, Katarina, Steven and Zachary Rieker, all of Columbus. At the podium, Tom Burke of the Angus Hall of Fame, Smithville, Mo., served as master of ceremonies.



►Left & right: Special guests were introduced in a “drive-thru” of vintage cars. Pictured in the red car are (from left) show hosts Ashlyn Carter, Upland, Ind.; Lucas Neumayr, New Richmond, Ind.; and Julia Wickard, Greenfield, Ind. In the black car are 2005-2006 NJAA officers Casey Jentz, Fennimore, Wis.; Alicia Kramer, Farina, Ill.; and Jake Tiedeman, North Platte, Neb.



►The Nebraska juniors hosted an ice cream social following Opening Ceremonies Monday evening.



►A live band and a variety of games helped entertain kids of all ages during the Street Party Monday night following Opening Ceremonies.

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►The walk in from the tie-outs was a little soggy Tuesday morning.



►Above: Tuesday's livestock judging competition sponsored by the Indiana adult and junior Angus associations was a popular venue, with 342 juniors participating.



►Hungry Angus enthusiasts gathered in the Our Land Pavilion at mealtime. State groups sponsored various meals throughout the weeklong event.



►Left: Contests, including the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® Cook-Off, took center stage Tuesday. In addition to the cattle show, the NJAS featured 14 life skills competitions.



►The cattle show kicked off Wednesday morning with the judging of the steers, cow-calf pairs and bred-and-owned bulls. Bred-and-owned heifers showed Thursday, and the owned heifer show took place Friday and Saturday.

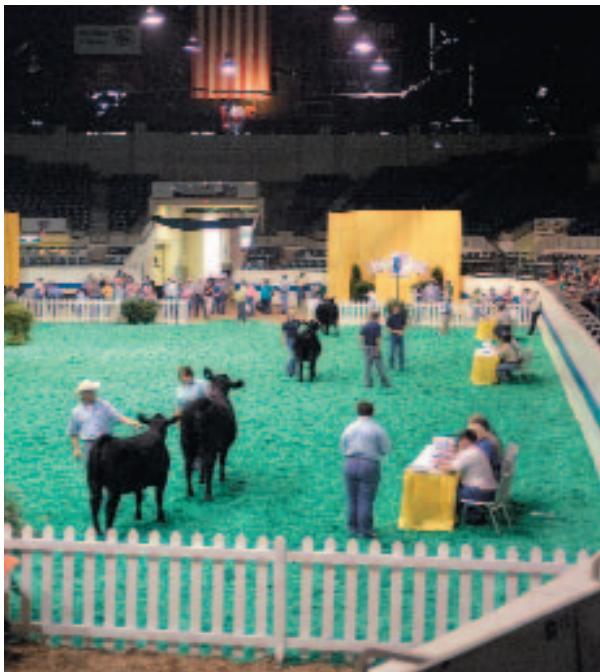


►Trade show exhibitors offered a variety of goods and services — from belt buckles to benches, china to T-shirts, and show foam to hydraulic chutes.



►Left: What goes on must come off. Juniors and their parents spent as much time on the wash rack as in the ring.

►Right: Older NJAA members could be seen throughout the week helping those new to the NJAS meet other juniors, learn about the events and add signatures to their autograph booklets for the Mentoring Program.



►Wednesday's contests included the team sales competition.



►Judge Doug Parrett, Urbana, Ill., wrapped up the 2006 NJAS with the conclusion of the owned heifer show.



►Left: Bob Norton, president of Biozyme, presented a check for \$10,000 to the Angus Foundation to help sponsor junior activities and programs funded through the Foundation. The money was raised through an incentive program in which Biozyme donates a percentage of its sales to the NJAA. Norton also serves as chairman of the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) Board of Directors.



►Showmanship contestants get instructions from American Angus Association regional manager Chuck Grove before going into the ring.

