

*Welcome to Des Moines!*



# NJAS Overview

Junior Angus enthusiasts head to Des Moines, Iowa,  
for the National Junior Angus Show.

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# MONDAY

## *Christmas Season Begins in July*

While most Angus enthusiasts got to the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Sunday, "Christmas in July" and the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) officially kicked off Monday morning with exhibitor check-in, contest sign-up, and submission of the many posters, scrapbooks and Silent Auction items. With 1,141 head of Angus cattle entered this year, it was a busy morning for all involved with check-in.

Monday afternoon featured informational meetings for juniors and advisors alike. Each group got a preview of the week, and some ground rules were laid down, followed by introductions and speeches.

At the Advisor Meeting, Cherie Viator of Franklin, Texas, spoke about

the importance of keeping beef's public image unblemished. At the Exhibitor Meeting, all of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) junior Board members were introduced, as were the candidates campaigning for this year's Board positions.

Earlier in the afternoon, Angus royalty went to the Des Moines Botanical Center for the Queen's Tea. Junior Angus royalty from states throughout the U.S. were treated to a reception featuring a presentation by Miss America contestant Miss Iowa 2007 Diana Reed.

For young Angus exhibitors, the Mentor Mixer provided the opportunity to meet other exhibitors with more experience attending the NJAS. Several "icebreaker"

games were played to ease introductions and have some fun. After several activities, the protégés and mentors were paired up for the week.

Opening ceremonies were the highlight of Monday's activities, with the parade of states featuring the junior delegations from each state in attendance and the welcome to Iowa. Santa and Mrs. Claus (aka, Bob and Marilyn Schlutz) led the way, bringing with them the gift of air conditioning and even a little "snow" in the showring.

As states entered, they all brought gifts to put under the tree. The gifts were to be given to the less fortunate. For entertainment, the drumline Sheltered Reality played their drums and taught a few NJAA members how to play (see page 232).

Exhibitors then enjoyed the banana boat ice cream social.



*Unloading the trailer*



*Exhibitor check-in*



*Queen's Tea*



*Checking in*



*Opening ceremonies*



## TUESDAY

### *The Reindeer Games Begin*

Tuesday morning kicked — or actually teed — off early with the Angus Foundation Golf Tournament. A record number of golfers participated in the Angus Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Tournament at The Legacy Golf Club in Norwalk, Iowa. Seventy-three golfers hit the links to raise money for the Foundation (see page 256).

NJAS contests began Tuesday morning. As judges started evaluating state scrapbooks and posters, juniors started pacing the halls with last-minute rehearsals for the prepared speaking contest.

In prepared speaking, contestants in the junior and intermediate divisions picked their own speech topics, while senior contestants had to speak about the effect of biofuels on the feed industry. Winners included: Will Harsh, junior division, ages 9-13; Hannah Wright, intermediate division, ages 14-15; Hannah McCabe, intermediate division, ages 16-17; and Rachel Bartholomew, senior division, ages 18-21. See page 213 for additional winners.

The winning speeches will be featured

throughout the year in the *Angus Journal's* "Next Generation" column.

The cattle judging competition began mid-morning. This is the third year for the judging competition. This year's winners were Kodi Schroeder, junior division, ages 9-10; Carter Ward, intermediate division, ages 11-13; Colton Ogburn, intermediate division, ages 14-17; and Ben Warfield, senior division, ages 18-21. See page 219 for additional winners.

In addition to the contests, many of the participants took advantage of the showmanship clinic Tuesday morning. Cheramie Viator spoke about different aspects of showmanship — from training a calf to lead to showing etiquette. Details are presented on page 182.

The Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off is a Tuesday afternoon standard at NJAS. However, this year was far from standard as the American Angus Auxiliary and Cook-Off participants celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the event, which had its beginnings in Des Moines as "The Great Ground Round Cook-Off." For coverage of the Cook-Off and a full list of winners, see page 188.

The NJAA met Tuesday evening for its Annual Meeting. Each state sent its representatives to listen to the speeches from the 14 candidates running for the NJAA Board. After the speeches, the state representatives were given the opportunity to speak with each candidate as they moved around to each table and answered any questions presented to them.

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*State scrapbook contest*



*Decorating Christmas cookies in the stalls*



*Cook-Off co-chairs, Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe*



*Livestock judging competition*

Wednesday was the beginning of the Angus showing activities at the NJAS.

Junior exhibitors from Maine to California brought 1,141 entries to Des Moines for the NJAS. Included were 669 owned females, 235 bred-and-owned females, 72 bred-and-owned bulls, 14 bred-and-owned cow-calf pairs, 31 owned cow-calf pairs, 73 steers and 47 carcass steers.

Mark Duffell, Aldie, Va., kicked the show off, evaluating the 235 bred-and-owned females Wednesday before selecting his grand champion.

Leo Kruse, Rudd, Iowa, led the grand champion bred-and-owned female, KAF Bree, an April 2007 daughter of Gamble's Hot Rod. Trey Davis, Doerun, Ga., led the reserve grand champion female, Davis Shadoe 7288, an October 2007 daughter of Leachman Saugahatchee 3000C. For additional show winners in Wednesday's bred-and-owned show, see "Parade of

## WEDNESDAY

### *Let It Show*

Champions," beginning on page 161.

At the conclusion of the bred-and-owned show, the NJAS contests resumed with the extemporaneous speaking competition. Each participant in the contest received a topic and reference information 30 minutes prior to his or her scheduled speaking time. Following their preparation, the contestants were to present a 2- to 6-minute speech.

This year's winners in extemporaneous speaking were Alex Rogen, junior division, ages 9-13; Tyler Ottensmeier, intermediate division, ages 14-15; Hannah McCabe, intermediate division, ages 16-17; and Melissa Miller, senior division, ages 18-21. For additional winners, refer to page 214.

Following the extemporaneous speeches, teams took to the ring to test their marketing skills in the team sales competition.

Communication, teamwork and marketing skills were essential to the competitors, who were allowed to bring a sales package of performance data, pictures and show records, along with a live animal, to the ring to "sell" to the judges.

The Arkansas team consisting of Taylor LaCour, Will Pohlman and Katlyn Tunstill won the junior division. In the intermediate

division, Missouri's Cameron Ward, Austin Thummel, Sadie Kinne and Paige Wallace claimed top honors.

The senior division of the team sales competition went a step further. A scenario was written for the contestants to use as a base for the selling of their animal. They received the scenario just one day prior to the contest.

This year, senior teams were given the following scenario: "You are approached by a buyer in central Iowa who is looking for an Angus bull to mate to a group of yearling Simmental heifers to make F<sub>1</sub> crosses. Females will be retained as replacements and all males will be sold at weaning to a regional feedlot that places emphasis on reaching *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) specification." Winning the senior division were David Lundgren, Chelsea Dickinson, Samuel Rucker and Clinton Laffin, representing Kansas.

Seventy-two teams competed Wednesday evening in the written portion of the quiz bowl competition. Scores of the written test were tabulated to qualify teams for the verbal round. The top eight teams in each age division moved on to the finals on Thursday.

The American Angus Auxiliary conducted one of its bi-yearly meetings Wednesday evening while at the NJAS. More than 50 members attended the social hour and business meeting.

Sheri Spader and family donated "Blue," a blue roan gelding from their program registered through the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA), to support the American Angus Auxiliary scholarship fund. Blue was on display throughout the NJAS. He will be offered at auction Jan. 14, 2009, at the Trowbridge Family & Friends Angus Sale, Denver, Colo.



*Bred-and-owned female show*



*Filling clinic sponsored by Andis®*



*Team sales competition*



*Tying out cattle at the end of the day*

The show resumed Thursday morning with the steer show. Blake Bloomberg, College Station, Texas, evaluated the 73 steers in the live show.

Kade Patton, Frankfort, Ind., showed the grand champion steer. Covell's General is an April 2007 son of BEB Juneau 104 and weighed in at 1,305 pounds (lb.) on show day. Katy Satree, Montague, Texas, captured reserve grand champion steer with DAJS Owen 410. He's a July 2007 son of DAJS All Star M243 and weighed 1,325 lb. For additional winners, see "Parade of Champions," beginning on page 161.

Mark Duffell returned to the showring to judge the cow-calf pairs and bred-and-owned bulls. Blake Boyd, Mays Lick, Ky., showed the grand champion bred-and-owned cow-calf pair. Boyd Forever Lady 5125 is a September 2005 daughter of Wulff's EXT 6106. Her calf is an October 2007 daughter of SAV 8180 Traveler 004.

Lindsey Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio, led the reserve grand champion bred-and-owned cow-calf pair. Maplecrest Rita 5120 is a November 2005 daughter of Rito 112 of

## THURSDAY *Away From a Manger*

2536 Rito 616. Her calf is a January 2008 son of CRA Bextor 872 5205 608.

Mandy Richardson, Louisa, Va., captured grand champion owned cow-calf pair with Champion Hill Lucy 5373, a February 2006 daughter of Leachman Saugahatchee 3000C, and her calf, an April 2008 daughter of SAV 004 Traveler 4836.

Courtney Jass, Garner, Iowa, led the reserve grand champion owned cow-calf pair. SH Raptor's Rose Lee 6460 is a March 2006 daughter of Dameron PVF Raptor 702. Her calf is a February 2008 son of EXAR Lutton 1831.

In the bull show, it was Walt Stinson, Talbott, Tenn., who showed the grand champion bred-and-owned bull. SAF Achilles 710 is a February 2007 son of SAV 8180 Traveler 004.

Garrett Johnston, Staunton, Va., led the reserve grand champion bred-and-owned bull. GJCC Hot Rod'n' Thumper 0037 is a February 2007 son of Gamble's Hot Rod.

At the conclusion of the bred-and-owned bull show, 46 competitors from 27 states entered the showring looking for "Top Showman" honors. Earning the right to compete in Saturday's showmanship finals were Gretchen Frost, Tallula, Ill.; Lauren Moss, Lancaster, Ky.; Garrett Knebel, Winamac, Ind.; Lindsey White, Staunton, Va.; Garrett Blanchard, Firebaugh, Calif.; Austin Perry, Prather, Calif.; Kylee Carr, Elwood, Ind.; Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan.; Ericka Waggener, Harrodsburg, Ky.;

Jessica Willis, Union Bridge, Md.; Ben Warfield, Marriottsville, Md.; Kourtney Nelson, Crete, Neb.; Marcie Falleur, Gearhart, Ore.; Jennifer Ann Smith, Elysian Fields, Texas; and Staci Anderson, Parkston, S.D.

Kelsi Retallick, Glen Haven, Wis.; Klaire Jorgensen, Exeter, Neb.; Cameron Clark, Rochelle, Ga.; Sydney Geppert, Mitchell, S.D.; and Ryan Hollenberg, Mexico, Mo., won honorable mention.

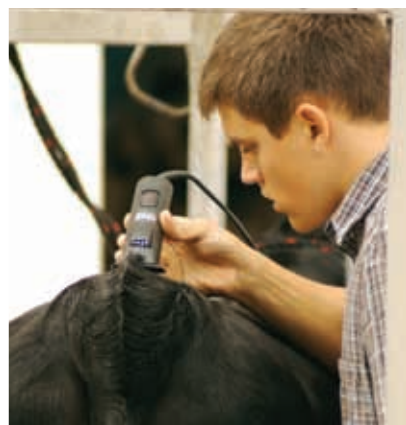
In its second year, the team fitting competition featured teams of four working together to completely fit a heifer, bull or steer. Points are awarded on the ability to fit, organization of the supplies and equipment, and knowledge and response to questions. With no age breakouts, there was only one first-place team in this contest. This year's winner was the team from Ohio consisting of Justin Bachman, Jordan Bachman, Jordon Mullett and Tyler Holcomb. For additional winners, see page 219.

The final oral round of the quiz bowl competition got under way shortly after the conclusion of team fitting. Winning first in the junior division was a team from Ohio consisting of Lauren Grimes, William Harsh, Jordan Bachman and Shyla Kreager. The Kansas team consisting of Cole Gardiner, Ransom Gardiner, Cody Theis and Peter Lundgren won the intermediate division. Winning the senior division was a team from Nebraska consisting of Jara Settles, Klaire Jorgensen, Jessica Clowser and Claire Volk. See page 217 for additional winners.

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*Cow-calf pair show*



*Team fitting competition*



*Steer show*

Always the biggest package under the tree, the open heifer show featured 669 females. Judge Chris Sankey of Council Grove, Kan., evaluated the heifer calf division, late and early intermediate divisions, and junior yearling divisions Friday. Winners of these divisions came back to compete for champion on Saturday.

Throughout the show on Friday several individuals were recognized for their outstanding support and service to the NJAA. These members were named to the Honorary Angus Foundation. This year's

## FRIDAY

### *Walking in a Heifer Wonderland*

inductees were Stan Thomas of Three Trees Ranch, Sharpsburg, Ga.; Shelia Stannard, director of communications and events for the American Angus Association; Tammy Wallace, Stotts City, Mo., NJAA advisory board member; and artist C.J. Brown, Lindenwood, Ill. For more information on these individuals, see page 244.

Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., was honored as the NJAA Advisor of the Year. For her dedication and leadership to the Arkansas Junior Angus Association, Rieff was recognized for her vision and hard

work. For more information, see page 242.

Following the show, state delegates reported to a designated area around the ring to elect six new members to the NJAA Board.

After the election, the showing was transformed for the awards ceremony. Tables were set up and juniors brought in their lawn chairs for the awards ceremony, NJAS slide show and the announcement of the new officers and directors of the NJAA Board. For a full list of winners, see "At the Backdrop" starting on page 210.

Concluding the evening was the NJAA and adult socials at the Sheraton Hotel.



*Show goes on*



*Awards ceremony*



*Honoring John Crouch*



*Welcoming new Board members*



Saturday morning began with the showmanship finals. The 15 finalists were judged by Holly Gamble Meier, Clinton, Tenn.; Jim Pipkin, Republic, Mo.; and Donnie Robertson, Yukon, Okla. Jennifer Ann Smith, Elysian Fields, Texas, won first place; Lindsey White, Staunton, Va., earned second-place honors; Garrett Knebel, Winamac, Ind., claimed third place; Gretchen Frost, Tallula, Ill., won fourth; with Lauren Moss, Lancaster, Ky., rounding out the top five contestants.

# SATURDAY

## *Frosty the Showman*

With the conclusion of the showmanship contest, the owned show resumed. But before the champion was named, the Silver Pitcher Awards for outstanding achievements at the NJAS were presented to Garrett Blanchard of Firebaugh, Calif., and Katy Satree of Montague, Texas.

Champions in the owned show were Danielle Foster, Niles, Mich., who led

the grand champion owned female, WK Georgina 7315, a February 2007 daughter of BR Midland. Katy Satree, Montague, Texas, claimed reserve grand champion owned female with DAJS Lola 240, a September 2006 daughter of TC Stockman 365.



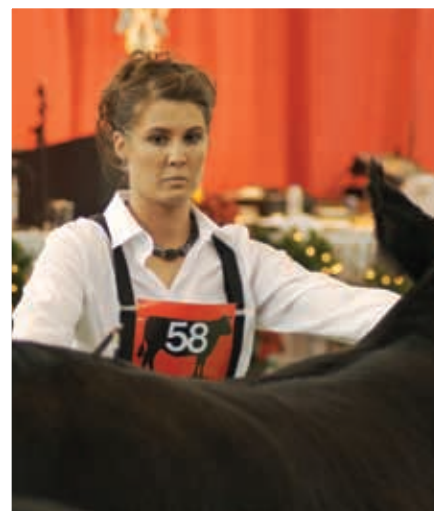
*Showmanship competition*



*And the show goes on*



*A helping hand*



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