

# A Shirt for Tawnia

Missouri juniors show support for girl with brain tumor.

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► **Above:** Connie Sayre, MJAA advisor, holds the Angus shirt so a Missouri junior can sign her name, sending Tawnia Misemer get-well wishes.

► **Right:** Josh Worthington, Missouri Angus Association general manager, signs his name, wishing Misemer well.

**W**hen someone is sick, it's customary to send a card with get well wishes. But, a card wouldn't have meant nearly as much as a T-shirt. The Missouri Junior Angus Association (MJAA) decided to sign a T-shirt for Tawnia Misemer, sending her get-well wishes from the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

Tawnia has a brain tumor, and MJAA members wanted to let her know they were thinking about her. Some of them saw her at the Charolais junior nationals a few weeks before the NJAS, where she had the grand champion steer and senior champion heifer. They took the opportunity at the NJAS to sign a T-shirt instead of a traditional get-well card to let Tawnia know they missed her at the NJAS.

"I wanted to sign it to show support," Gregory Connell, Eugene, Mo., said. Connell's signature was one of about 50.

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"She's always been at every one of our Angus junior shows," Connie Sayre, MJAA advisor, said. "We thought it would be nice to have all the kids sign a T-shirt for her."

Sam and Paige Wallace of Stotts City, Mo., took the shirt to Tawnia when they returned from the NJAS. Tawnia was surprised and pleased.

"It meant a lot that they took the time to sign it for me and bring it back," Tawnia said.

She plans to frame the shirt.

