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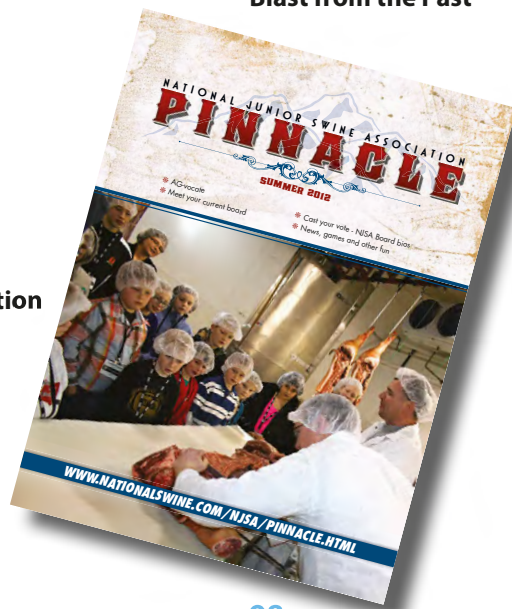
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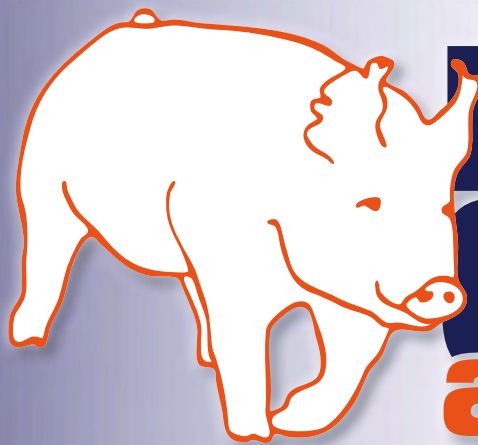


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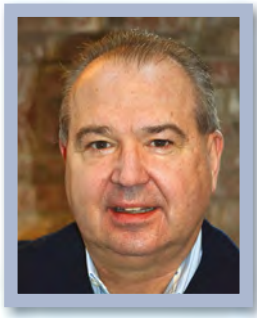
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# Open Mike

**Mike Paul**  
CEO, National Swine Registry

## Changing roles

Many of you received the following announcement in April, explaining how my role at NSR will be changing this month.

The National Swine Registry (NSR) Executive Committee announced this week the hire of Mike Paul as the future chief executive officer of NSR, effective June 1, 2012.

"The Executive Committee is pleased to announce Mike as our next CEO," says NSR Executive Committee Chairman Jim Grimm. "Because of his integrity and work ethic, he has the upmost respect from the board and NSR members. We would like to congratulate Mike on his new position, and we look forward to the strong future of NSR."

Paul, who has been employed by the NSR for 16 years, currently serves as the vice president of operations. In this role, he oversees the activities of the NSR field representatives and manages NSR-sponsored shows and sales. In addition to his duties with NSR, Paul serves as the president of the National Association of Swine Records (NASR) and has previously served as both the vice president and member of the board of directors for the National Pedigree Livestock Council (NPLC).

As I step into this new role, I would like to say that I'm honored to be selected as the CEO of the National Swine Registry, and I look forward to working with all of the NSR membership. NSR is a membership-based organization, and our members have indicated a desire to contribute to the growth of NSR by their strong response to the membership survey that took place in 2011. These responses will direct the future programs and activities that will provide opportunities for the NSR and its members, both in the U.S. and around the world.

NSR is recognized as a leader within breed association work, and our staff will continue to evolve to meet the future needs of the membership.

I would like to thank everyone for their calls, notes and e-mails expressing congratulations and support.

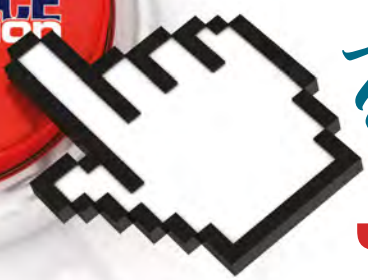
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**– Mike Paul**



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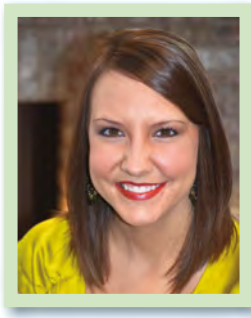
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# Youth View

**Cally Hass**

NSR Director of Junior Activities

## Measuring show ring success

The last question on the NJSA Outstanding Member Scholarship application asks applicants to describe one of their goals in the swine industry. Peyton Hines, the 2011 Outstanding Junior NJSA Member, wrote that her goal was, “to continue to work as a breeder to improve the belted-breed,” – which is her favorite.

Peyton goes on to explain how she will use her best Hampshire sow, “Moolah,” and select the best boar to breed her to by looking at semen catalogs, visiting boar studs and polling her dad and sister for their opinions. She describes how she will help farrow and process the litter, keeping three of the gilts – two for replacements and one for her to show at the NSR Summer Spectacular – and selling the rest of the offspring to other youth to exhibit. The final two sentences of Peyton’s answer read, “I would like to take her through the sale ring and stand behind her when someone else takes her home to be a sow. Then, the next year, breed the gilts that I kept from the litter to try to make even better pigs.”

At 11 years old, never once did she mention winning champion or having the high-selling Hampshire gilt. She is measuring her success by the contribution she makes to the improvement of the Hampshire breed, instead of banners and money. It is encouraging that at such a young age, Peyton was able to see outside the tunnel vision created by awards and titles and look beyond to the broader goal that all purebred

swine enthusiasts strive for – breeding better hogs, each and every year.

When you sit down to figure out your matings, are you thinking of producing offspring that will bring the most money and win the biggest title, or do you have a goal to produce offspring that will further the purebred swine industry? That is great if an animal can accomplish both, but unfortunately, that is not always the case. I realize that nearly all breeding programs are driven by profit, and champions drive demand. But, at the same time, good breeding stock drives genetic progress.

With seven NJSA shows spread throughout the calendar, it is easy to focus on bringing home trailers, banners

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and big checks. Don’t get me wrong – I think titles and awards are important and that it’s an honor to win. Recognition is the greatest motivator, after all. However, I believe that as purebred swine breeders, we must remember why we breed hogs and attend shows in the first place. Yes, an award might be icing on the cake, but the real reason is to continue to improve the breeds that we are passionate about and achieving that should be just as rewarding as being named champion.

Although the NJSA is a youth

organization that focuses on providing competitive opportunities to reward excellence, enhance educational opportunities and develop leadership skills, we must not forget to align ourselves with the NSR mission statement to: *“Lead the development and implementation of programs and services to enhance the value and influence of U.S. Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire swine within all segments of the global purebred industry through avenues of technology, genetic service and youth development.”*

When you’re all packed up and in the truck driving home from the World Pork Expo Junior National, NSR Summer Spectacular or another show

throughout the country, don’t glance in the back seat to see if there are any banners, plaques or awards buckled in when determining if you had a successful show or not. Instead, take Peyton’s advice and think about the purebreds you drove through the show or sale ring. If you contributed to the improvement of a breed, even by just a hair, then isn’t that worth more than all of the banners and trophies in the world?



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from the pen...

**Jen Gillespie**

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## Brains in your head, feet in your shoes

Because this our June issue of *Seedstock EDGE*, and in this issue we make a special effort to focus on the youth of our organization, I thought I would reflect on a page from the book of my adolescence – both literally and figuratively. When I was a child, I *loved* to read. I still do – but in lieu of *Rufus the Hungry Lion* and *This Farm's a Mess* (childhood favorites according to my mom), I now find myself picking up *National Hog Farmer* or *Pork* magazine to keep up on industry news. But's that's neither here nor there. What I really want to talk about is an encouraging, yet challenging message from one of the most infamous authors of our time – Dr. Seuss.

Now, I could talk Dr. Seuss quotes all day – his books provide infinite bits of simple wisdom to all ages. Today, however, there is one book in particular I think applies. It is a book my mom used to read at graduation when she was a high school principal – a book that I received when I graduated and still have today. It's called *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

The book starts with a heartening verse, "*Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places! You're off and away!*"

Wouldn't it be great if each day we could wake up with this outlook – that we are off to great places? I am a true believer that, while attitude may not be *everything*, it can make a heck of a difference in what we take away from each day.

We all know not every day is going to be *our day*, but we all have a choice each morning when we wake up – to make the

best of whatever comes our way, or to let our attitude be dictated by circumstance.

This next Dr. Seuss adage I want our older junior members, in particular, to pay attention to.

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go."*

While this can really apply to a person's life at any age, I think it is especially pertinent to our youth preparing for the next step in their lives – whether that's high school, college or a career. In this issue you will find three stories,

time in this organization will impact you down the road. For those of you preparing for college, realize that while what you do in the classroom is important – the experiences you seek out beyond your textbooks will likely be just as significant. Whether you choose to join an organization or club, work at a university swine barn or judge livestock – just get involved! There are certain lessons that can't be learned sitting behind a desk. Finally, listen to those around you. At a show, take note of what the showmanship judge is saying. Around the barn, seek out advice from those who have had an impact on the industry.

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all pertaining in some way to youth development. One focuses on NJSA and how it prepares its members for success in the industry. Another highlights a college swine program, and the value this type of experience brings to higher education. And finally, there is a feature about an individual who has had a great impact on many in our industry throughout his career by being a true teacher, mentor and friend.

So what should you learn from these stories? One is to recognize the value of your involvement in NJSA. Whether you see it now or not, the skills you learn and the people you meet through your

If a seasoned producer takes time out of his day to talk to you – don't take it for granted. You never know what that lesson may mean to you down the road.

And always remember the words of Dr. Seuss – *YOU* are responsible for where you go and how you get there. Use your brain to make decisions. Use your feet to get where you need to go. And use your hands and heart to help others along the way.



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- **September Showpig Issue**  
– Ad copy due Aug. 21

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## new arrivals



**Teagan Sue Winter**  
Born April 10, 2012

### Teagan Sue Winter

Tanner and Samantha Winter are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Teagan Sue Winter, born April 10 in El Reno, Okla. Maternal grandparents of the new arrival are Steve and Judy Sell of Glenwood, Iowa, and Steve and Shannon Rubes of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Paternal grandparents are Jay Winter and Dana Winter of Lubbock, Texas. Congratulations to the family!



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## Anderson honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Former NSR CEO Darrell Anderson was recently recognized with the Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Pedigreed Livestock Council (NPLC) meeting in Amarillo, Texas. Prior to his 25 years as CEO of the American Yorkshire Club and NSR, Anderson served as President of the National Suffolk Sheep Association from 1978 - 1982.

Since retiring from NSR, Anderson has continued to contribute to the pedigreed livestock industry, as he has facilitated strategic long-range planning programs for two beef breed registries as well as four of the major draft horse breeds. He also continues to serve in a number of leadership roles with the International Llama Registry and auctioneers most of the major llama sales.

Debbie Fuentes, President of NPLC and Registrar for the Arabian Horse Association, made the presentation and thanked Anderson for his decades of service to the pedigreed livestock industry. She noted that Anderson had served as



**Darrell Anderson (r) accepts the NPLC Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award from NPLC President Debbie Fuentes (l).**

President of the NPLC, the association of executives from the various cattle, horse, swine, goat, llama and dairy associations, and will continue to serve on the board. She notes, "Darrell's passion and dedication to the pedigreed livestock industry has impacted several breed registries, across specie lines. Even in his retirement, Darrell is still serving as a consultant and facilitator for a number of breed registries."

## obituaries

### George Johnson, Jr.



**George Johnson, Jr.**  
1923-2012

George Johnson, Jr., 88, of North Henderson, Ill., died Monday, April 16 at Cottage Hospital, Galesburg, Ill.

He was born April 25, 1923, in North Henderson, Ill., the son of George O. and Ella (Swanson) Johnson. He was raised and educated in North Henderson, graduated from Alexis High School in 1941 and attended Augustana College, where he sang in the Augustana Choir. Johnson also attended the University of Illinois.

Johnson married Dorothy Holder on Dec. 11, 1949, in Moline, Ill. He farmed all of his life in the North Henderson area, where he raised purebred Hampshire and Yorkshire pigs. Johnson loved his family, farming and raising hogs. He also enjoyed writing poetry and singing at weddings and funerals.

Johnson was a life-long member of the Zion Lutheran Church where he served on the church board for many years. He was on the Illinois Association Yorkshire Board for six years and the National Hampshire Board for six years, serving as vice president one year and receiving the Distinguished Hampshire Service Award. He also served on the Warren County Soil Conservation Board for 20 years, 10 of those as president. He served six years on the Warren County Land Use Council, four of those as president, and the Alexis School Board for 12 years, four as president. He sang in 40 Choral Dynamics Shows and, in 2004, received the International Poetry Award.

Johnson's surviving family includes his wife, Dorothy; two sons, Jack (Jayne) Johnson of North Henderson and Scott (Paula) Johnson of Franklin Grove, Ill.; two daughters, Nancy (Jim Van De Bogart) Johnson of Beloit, Wis., and Julie Stretch of Peoria, Ill.; one brother, Dick Johnson of North Henderson; two sisters, Joyce (Dick) McCaw of North Henderson and Doris Ann (Don) McKelvie of Alexis, Ill.; one son-in-law, Dennis Higgins of Alexis, Ill.; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, along with nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son, Jimmy, daughter, Patti Higgins, and brother, Robert Johnson.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, at the Zion Lutheran Church in North Henderson, with Rev. Beth Hamilton officiating. Burial was in Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens, Galesburg. Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church.

### Melvin Shipley



**Melvin Shipley**  
1929-2012

Melvin Shipley, 83, of Esbon, Kan., passed away on April 28, at his farm where he lived his entire life.

Melvin began raising purebred Hampshire breeding stock with the purchase of 10 Hampshire gilts and a Hampshire boar in 1951. He was instrumental in many areas of the swine industry until 1996, when he sold all of his sows.

Shipley was a charter member of the Jewell County Pork Producers, the NCK Pork Producers, the Waconda Area Swine Producers, the Kansas Pork Producers Association and the Kansas Hampshire Breeders Association. He was also a member of the National Hampshire Swine Registry. Shipley was an early supporter of the purebred boar testing stations in Manhattan and Valley Center, Kan., and SENEK boar testing in Wymore, Neb. He participated in many area, state and national swine shows, placing near or at the top each time. He was well respected world-wide for his purebred Hampshire breeding stock.

Shipley had a passion for helping youth. He spent many hours helping 4-H and FFA members with their livestock projects. He especially liked to help with livestock judging, hosting many contests and workouts. He also had a reputable commercial Angus herd, with buyers wanting his steers and heifers.

Shipley never retired from the farm that was his life. In his later years, he loved to raise watermelons, cantaloupe, pumpkins and decorative gourds. He loved to work with his hands – his hobby was to make barbwire windmills, horseshoe cowboys, barnwood picture frames, hedge root decoratives and several other wood projects, all to give away to neighbors, friends, relatives and people he met along life's journey.

His bride of 57 years, Ione, still lives on the family farm. His son, Gary, and Gary's wife, Teresa, also live and work on the farm near Esbon. His son, Lyle, and his wife Pennie, pastor in the United Methodist Church in Coalgate, Okla., and his daughter, Melva, and her husband, John Harvey, manage a landscaping business near Raymore, Mo. Shipley has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, due in August.

# letter to our readers

There are a lot of exciting changes happening in the NSR Marketing & Communications Department, and we can't wait to share them with you! You will notice a few of these changes in this issue of *Seedstock EDGE*.

We are now working with a new printer, Sutherland Companies of Montezuma, Iowa. With the help of Dave Sutherland, Sr., and his team, we have added some new features to *Seedstock EDGE*, including a plastic cover-wrap to protect the magazine during mailing and subscription renewal cards that will come as a reminder with the last issue of your subscription.

With these changes, we are also making some modifications to our advertising structure to help streamline the production and printing of *Seedstock EDGE* with Sutherland Companies. Starting with the July issue, we will be implementing the following:

- **One advertising deadline** for all advertisers – these dates are listed below. These deadlines apply to both the ads we design “in-house” and the ads we receive “camera-ready.”
- A **rush fee of \$100** will be assessed to any ad that is received after the deadline\*\*. This will help our design and editing team produce the highest quality ads possible, in turn, helping *Seedstock EDGE* remain the premier publication of the showpig industry.

We are excited about the future of *Seedstock EDGE* and look forward to working with you to promote your genetics, services and the purebred swine industry. Feel free to get in touch with our team if you have any questions or concerns!

**\*\*This late fee will not apply to ads coming from late state fairs for the September Showpig Issue.**

## Seedstock **EDGE** 2012 Print Schedule m a g a z i n e

### June (Youth Issue) 2012

Advertising copy due: May 1, 2012  
Mail date: June 1, 2012  
*Delivers to World Pork Expo  
Bonus mailing to 12,000 NJSA members*

### July 2012

Advertising copy due: June 12, 2012  
Mail date: July 2, 2012  
*Delivers to NSR Summer Spectacular*

### August (Boar Stud Issue) 2012

Advertising copy due: July 12, 2012  
Mail date: Aug. 9, 2012  
*Delivers to NJSA Southwest Regional and various state fairs across the Midwest*

### September (Showpig Issue) 2012

Advertising copy due: Aug. 21, 2012  
Mail date: Sept. 6, 2012  
*Delivers to National Barrow Show, NJSA Eastern Regional, Tulsa State Fair and the State Fair of Texas  
Bonus mailing to all FFA chapters in the Southwest*

### October/November 2012

Advertising copy due: Sept. 18, 2012  
Mail date: Oct. 16, 2012  
*Delivers to NSR Fall Classic, American Royal and NAILE*

### December (Female Focus Issue) 2012

Advertising copy due: Oct. 23  
Mail date: Nov. 20, 2012  
*Delivers to Western All Breeds Show*

### January/February 2013

Advertising copy due: Nov. 27, 2012  
Mail date: Jan. 8, 2013  
*Delivers to NSR Winter Type Conference/NJSA Southeast Regional, Pennsylvania Farm Show, San Antonio Stock Show, Fort Worth Stock Show and National Western Stock Show*

# “Al’s Kids”

*Teaching life lessons while talking pigs.*

By Katie Maupin



Snedegar and his past students gathered during the 2011 National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Ky. Back row (l-r): Tyler Berens, Ernie Birchmeier, Todd See, Daniel Hendrickson, Brandon Ogle, Nick Mauck, Brad Mortensen, Brian Cline, Al Schminke, Mark Hoge and Brian Hines. Front row (l-r): Doug Albright, Tim Trattles, Al Snedegar, Cally Hass, Bailey Albright-Elchinger and Kent Hahn.

**A**l Snedegar sat in the front row of the NSR Weanling Pig Extravaganza. He struck up casual conversation with the couple next to him, while he looked over the prospects with his glasses perched low on his nose.

He pointed across the ring while leaning closer to the couple.

“That’s one of my kids – I have a lot of them here.”

“Oh, I bet you do,” the man said in response.

Snedegar just laughed.

“Although, they aren’t quite the ‘kids’ they were at one time.”

If you followed Snedegar’s gesture to his ‘kid’ across the ring, you would have struggled to find any family resemblance. Not all of Snedegar’s kids are related by ‘blood,’ but rather, they became part of his family during the three decades that he served as a teacher, mentor, counselor and friend.

After working at a couple of private commercial farms, Snedegar was hired to run the swine program at Hawkeye

Tech, now called Hawkeye Community College, in Waterloo, Iowa.

“Al and Kandy Schminke were some of the first ones we had in our program there at Hawkeye,” Snedegar says. “And we’ve been building what I call ‘my kids’ ever since.”

Seven or eight years later, Dr. Maynard Hogberg called Snedegar to Michigan State University, where he retired this spring, after decades of service.

## Humble beginnings

Before Snedegar was known throughout the industry, he was just a farm kid growing up north of Rushville, Ind., on a diversified farm. His first year in 4-H, he drove a common pig off the family farm. But as luck would have it, his father graduated high school with Don Gray, a noted Hampshire breeder of that time. The next year, his dad purchased two purebred gilts for Snedegar.

“That’s where all these things kind of started – from those two Hampshire gilts,” he says. “I’ve been at it pretty much ever since.”

Gray had two daughters that were within a couple years of Snedegar, but in many ways Gray considered him a son, according to Dr.

more importantly, he worked for Hobe Jones at Purdue’s swine farm.

“Hobe believed in kids in a big way,” says Snedegar. “Outside of my father, he is the man who has had the most impact on my life. Dick Nash would probably tell you the same thing.”

## Eye for Quality

Anyone will tell you that Snedegar doesn’t spare many words when telling people not what they necessarily want to hear, but what they need to hear. That may be in part because in his more than four decades of judging pigs, he had mentors who did that for him – Dick Nash, Jack Rodibaugh and Fran Callahan.

“If you’re going to [judge] for

the pen and come shake hands with and meet their fellow exhibitors.

“I think the important part of [showing pigs] is not necessarily whether you won or lost or where you were, but that you establish those friendships and relationships that will help you out through life,” Snedegar says.

Hill, who has watched Snedegar judge many shows, says that he has a way of making everyone feel at ease. Often times, he will have some kind of Michigan State hat on while he is judging, and soon he will trade hats with a kid who may have worn a hat to show in. Hill fondly remembers watching Snedegar interact and joke with the youth while they showed.

“Pig shows need to be fun if we’re going to keep kids interested in them,” Snedegar says. “They need to go past just getting a ribbon or the plaque and the money.”

Although, many kids don’t realize how important the connections they make exhibiting swine are initially, as they get older they often realize the true intent of Snedegar’s unorthodox show ring tactic.

“I’ve had several of them, eight or 10 years later, I will be somewhere, and they will come and thank me. They say, ‘I was in one of those groups, and you made me come up and shake hands with someone else. Maybe I didn’t appreciate it for five or ten years down the road, but I do now,’” Snedegar says.

Snedegar knows the importance of these connections. He met his wife of 45 years, Beth, at a hog show. Beth’s parents were regulars at the Indiana

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– Gretchen Hill

Gretchen Hill, animal science professor at Michigan State University.

Although Hill worked with Snedegar recently, she first met him when she was showing Hampshires and Snedegar was hauling with Gray.

“Al comes from a very modest background, but he has done so much,” Hill says. “I think he is just a real good example for me, and many other people, that you can be who you are by hard work.”

With a love for the industry kindled, Snedegar chased his passion through his college career at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. He judged livestock for Jack Frost in 1967, worked for Bill and Jana Williams, elite Yorkshire breeders, and rubbed elbows with key players in the purebred world such as Wilbur Plager, Yorkshire Executive Secretary at the time.

During this time, Snedegar worked with breed-changing genetics such as Williams’ Break Thru boar and learned the fundamentals of breeding and selecting swine. But maybe

the long pull, you need someone to bounce off what you did, how you did, and what you need to change to continue to do these things,” Snedegar says. “Even before I went to San Antonio this spring, I called Nash – I have since the beginning.”

Although some would argue, no one was needed to tell Snedegar how he did evaluating the San Antonio Gilt Show. The crowd gave Snedegar a standing ovation during the selection of the supreme champion.

Snedegar’s eye for quality is undeniable, but it’s the way he judges a youth show that makes him unique. He is well-known, if not notorious, for having the youth leave their pigs in

Each year, J.W. Ralph and Dora Bishop selected one 4-H exhibitor at the Indiana State Fair and awarded him or her a Hampshire gilt – in 1963, Snedegar received the honor.



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**– Al Snedegar**



Snedegar (left) stands with youth from the San Antonio Stock Show. Unbeknownst to him at the time, both the Champion and Reserve Overall Champion Gilts were bred by his past students.

State Fair, and exhibited hogs there for 50 straight years. By his account, she followed him home from the Indiana State Fair one year – although others will tell you Beth claims it was Snedegar who did the following.

### Setting up for success

Described by all of his ‘kids’ and peers as a constant teacher, Snedegar has a way of teaching everyone around him. Sometimes his students don’t realize the lesson until much later.

“Al probably did more for people after they were done than they ever realized. He taught you for the future,” says Brad Mortensen, past student and owner of Sunnybrook Farms in Kent City, Mich. “He was always one of those guys that you didn’t know exactly what they were trying to get across at the time, but the older I get the more I use what he taught me.”

Kevin Turner, Michigan State University Swine Farm assistant manager and past student, agrees that Snedegar has a knack for teaching people even if they don’t even realize it at first.

“You might not always like what you’re hearing but by-God you’re going to hear it. You walk away thinking – that guy is crazy, I have no idea what he’s talking about,” says Turner. “Then three years from now, you realize what he’s talking about. He is a teacher to the core.”

Snedegar’s ability to know exactly what people need to be pushed in the direction of success is almost uncanny.

“Al has saved a lot of young people at Michigan State,” Hill says. “By saved I mean staying in school

and getting their heads straight.”

If you were to ask people what they learned from Snedegar, their favorite memory or time they spent with him or what was the best piece of advice he has ever given them, the answers will likely differ.

“Al had a real unique way of reading people. Not everybody is the same, not everybody could do the same thing, not everybody could handle the same responsibilities, but he had a unique way of understanding each individual person and what their talents were and where they needed to be,” Mortensen says. “He helped every kid along their way, and there wasn’t a single person who came through that farm that he didn’t help in one way or another.”

Mortensen’s favorite time to visit with Snedegar is during the annual dinner at the Old Mill just outside of Austin, Minn., during the National Barrow Show.

“After the contest and truckload deal, he always takes everyone in and sits them down and introduces everyone to people,” Mortensen says. “That is just one of his teaching tools. He just didn’t teach you about hogs. He introduced everyone to certain people that they would need to know. He did that for everybody. He made sure every single person that came through there had the same opportunity.”

Turner fondly thinks back to all the morning briefs he and Snedegar had over coffee at the Michigan Swine Farm. What usually started as a quick

talk about the day’s schedule would often turn into a discussion about life over a couple of cups of coffee.

“I’ve learned a lot from Al about how to treat people. He’s really pointed me in the right direction,” Turner says. “I wrote in his retirement card that I’ve never stopped learning from him.”

Even Hogberg recalls moments that he learned from Snedegar. When he was at Michigan State, Hogberg and Snedegar used to travel together to look for seedstock to bring back to the swine program.

“He had that passion for the pigs. He is a master of breeding and selecting pigs and blending science and common sense,” Hogberg says. “He cared enough about students that he not only taught students about pigs but about life – pigs were just the vehicle. We don’t have enough in the industry like that.”

### Rewarding work

Through decades of work teaching young people in the swine industry, Snedegar has touched countless lives.

“Everybody is going to be a little bit different, but we have the opportunity here to be around young people, watch them mature and watch them learn,” Snedegar says. “Sure you have some disappointments, but the rewarding part is watching them strike out on their own.”

Many of his ‘kids’ have already made their impact on the industry. One such example is Dr. Jodi Sterle, associate professor of animal science at Iowa State.

He served as the judge when she was just a youth showing pigs and her educator at MSU. Now, he is proud to watch the work she is doing at Iowa State and the list of things she accomplished for the industry at Texas A&M. NSR's own Cally Hass is also proud to be called one of 'Al's kids.' And the list goes on and on.

"We would be forever trying to think of all of them," says Snedegar. "Those are rewarding moments, things like that. It's just things like that."

Snedegar and Michigan State were rewarded in 1991 when they exhibited the Champion Truckload, both in the live and carcass show, at that National Barrow Show – a rare feat. He has many memorable moments as an evaluator as well. Among them is judging at the National Barrow Show with Hogberg, evaluating a Hampshire Type Conference after Snedegar's passion for the industry was kindled in the belted-breed and sorting hogs at Houston while the sift still took place at Brenham.

The pinnacles of his career are when all his work as a teacher and his work as an evaluator cross paths in unexpected ways.

After receiving a standing ovation for his critique of the gilts in San Antonio, NSR Fieldman Brian Anderson pointed out that both the Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Gilts were bred by some of his 'kids' – Brandon Ogle and Daniel Hendrickson.

"I'm not sure if that wasn't the most rewarding thing that has happened to me," Snedegar says. "Now someone may look at that and say, 'Well you knew.'"



An avid hunter, Snedegar enjoys anything in the outdoors, especially hunting game with Treeing Walker Hounds. In 2002, he exhibited the UKC World Champion Treeing Walker dog.

But I didn't – I had no idea. Seeing these young people get out and do the things that they really like and love to do while they mature – well, that's the reward of it. That's just the way I look at it."

### Two little red-headed girls, hound dogs and fishing

Just because Snedegar is retiring from the swine barn doesn't mean he won't be around the Michigan State campus. This fall he will be back to work with the livestock judging team and probably help beyond that. He just won't be visiting the hog barn everyday anymore.

"I'm 66 years old and still in reasonably good health so I would like a little time to do some of this stuff and still have some fun and enjoyment,"

"Some of this stuff" includes fishing and hunting in Canada and Northern Michigan. His youngest daughter, Tina, owns some cabins and hunting acreage that Snedegar refers to as 'Heaven,' and he plans to spend quite a bit of time there.

He also plans to get back into Treeing Walker hunting dogs. His wife's father started the breed and had the World Champion dog in 1949. Snedegar had the UKC World Champion in 2002.

"They start with about 5,000 dogs and in about three weeks or so they get it down to one. It's like a 4-H kid winning Houston or having the Champion Gilt at Louisville in the summer," Snedegar says. "It's been a really neat experience, and as I retire I'm going

to get back into doing a little more of that than I have in the last few years."

Although he is busy making hunting plans and watching his honey-do list get longer and longer, he is most looking



Snedegar and his wife, Beth, like to spend time with their children and grandchildren. Their two 6-year-old granddaughters, Olivia and Lillian, will show pigs next summer for the first time. Front (l-r): Daughter Jamie (in red); grandchildren Franklin, Olivia, Lillian, Ben, Brian and Will. Center (l-r): Snedegar; wife Beth; and daughters Tina and Tricia. Back (l-r): Daughter-in-law Tammy (in green); son Mic; and son-in-laws Tim George and John Horner.

forward to helping his twin, red-headed granddaughters start showing pigs.

"Me and those two little red-headed girls are going to have fun showing pigs," Snedegar says. "We will probably show up to Louisville, not this summer but the next one."

### A legacy

There's no doubt that Snedegar has left a legacy in the swine industry. He has touched countless lives as a judge, a teacher and a friend. Through his hard work and dedication to youth he has built a large 'family,' and if the past is any predictor of the future, he will continue to find ways to prepare young people for life by teaching them about pigs.

He's already inspired many of his 'kids' to do the same.

"I hope that I can reach out and affect half the people he has," says Turner.

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# A BLUEPRINT FOR THE

# FUTURE

By Jen Gillespie

*South Dakota State University is in the process of raising funds to break ground on a state-of-the-art swine teaching and research facility – but barns are not the only thing they will be building. The program, which provides hands-on experience and training, also helps students lay solid foundations for successful futures in the swine industry. And looking beyond the scope of the university, this new facility will open its doors for public education and outreach, bridging the gap between production and plate.*

Going to college is more than taking notes, writing papers and cramming for the dreaded comprehensive exams at the end of each semester. Students can join clubs, associations and organizations of all types and sizes. They can play intramural sports, volunteer or find a part-time job on campus. The bottom line is – education goes a lot deeper than textbooks and tests.

Agricultural programs are no exception. At any given campus across the nation with an animal science program, you will find students involved in Block & Bridle, livestock associations and judging teams. And at universities with animal production units, student workers are gaining an education and work ethic that's not learned in the classroom.

## Hands-on learning

South Dakota State University (SDSU) is one of eight land grant universities in the U.S. that still oper-

ates a production-based swine research center. Today, the unit consists of a gestation, farrowing and nursery facility, where farm manager Zach Schwecke oversees around 60 sows in the commercial line and an additional 15 sows that are show ring oriented. There is also a finishing barn that can house up to 144 pigs in small pens where most of the university's research is done.

Animal Science Department Head Dr. Clint Rusk believes that livestock programs can be used as a tool in youth development, helping students cultivate life skills including critical thinking, decision making and effective communication.

"Learning by doing is still the best model for a lot of our students," Rusk says. "They develop life skills, while also developing confidence. They can work at the swine unit and learn to make a difference. They learn how to manage and process pigs, AI sows and collect boars – all of these skills

enhance their self-confidence and their value to go into the workforce.”

Schwecke, who worked at the swine unit as an undergraduate at SDSU, is now responsible for hiring and managing these student workers.

“It’s more of a hands-on learning experience,” Schwecke says. “Instead of sitting in a classroom taking notes and going through a PowerPoint presentation, students get the opportunity to learn and perform the tasks first-hand.”

Students who work for Schwecke do everything from processing pigs and breeding sows to cleaning the barns and mixing feed. What some may consider “grunt work” actually provides practical experience that can lead to opportunities for these students after college.

“I just had a student graduate who worked out here all four years of college – he now has a job in the swine industry,” Schwecke says.

Beyond what the swine barn provides to the students who work there, it also benefits the SDSU animal science program as a whole. The pigs on the farm are used in livestock evaluation classes and for events like the Little International Showmanship Contest, also known as the “Little I” – one of the largest student-run agricultural expositions in the nation.

In the last couple years, the SDSU Swine Club has started bringing more of a show ring focus to the herd – a direction Schwecke and Rusk hope to continue through improved genetics. Several breeders, including Chuck and Ben Olsen, Steve Schmeichel and Penner Genetics, have had a hand in this genetic progress by providing both breeding females and semen at market price to the university.

“Those are the two keys that have really helped our quality – getting a better female base and getting semen from high quality boars,” says Rusk. “It’s because of generous producers that we have been able to improve the genetics of our herd.”

Chuck Olsen, owner of Olsen Yorkshires and SDSU alum, worked at the swine unit while he was at SDSU in the early ’70s. He is now giving back to a program that taught him many of the production practices he uses today. Olsen believes highlighting the show-focused side of the swine industry will benefit both the program and the students involved.

“It gives the students a broader scope of what’s out there in the hog industry,” he says. “There are a lot of people and a lot of students out there that have no idea what the show industry is about, and it’s a huge industry. We just wanted

to broaden the scope and the learning experience of the students so they would have more opportunities available to them once they get out of college.”

Schwecke says SDSU is striving to produce hogs worthy of being exhibited at national shows and sales, which will serve as one more opportunity to expose students to different facets of the industry. Rusk supports these efforts, and encourages the pursuit of quality hogs.

“I’m not happy raising average pigs – I want to have pigs that represent what we stand for, and that’s excellence,” he says.

Both he and Schwecke are aiming to have a truckload of barrows to compete at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minn., if not this fall then next.

### Building the future

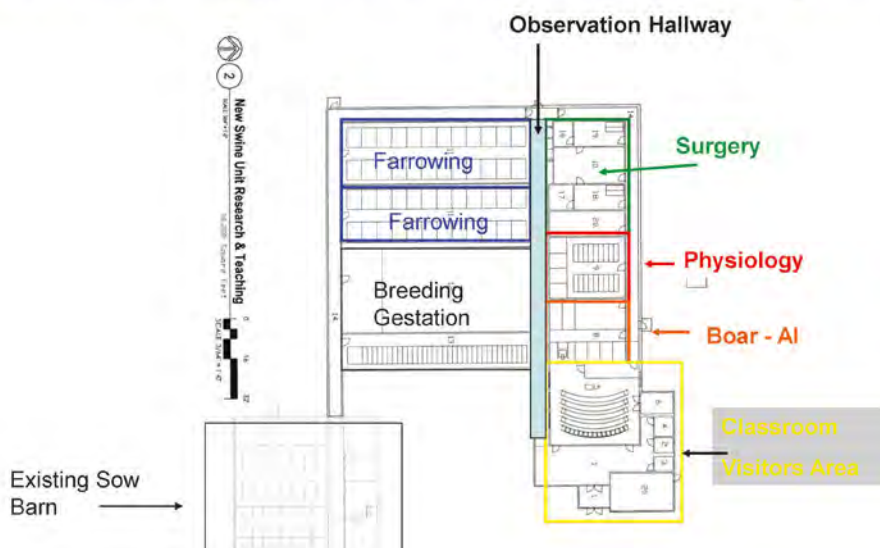
Regardless of whether it’s for graduate research, livestock judging or competing in the show ring, the students and faculty at South Dakota State take pride in their swine program. While many universities across the country are liquidating their herds and cutting their programs, SDSU is looking to make theirs stronger.

The original SDSU swine housing facility, known as the “old red barn,” was built in the 1950s. This building now serves mostly as a storage facility. Today, SDSU uses a gestation-

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## Sow-Teaching-Intensive Research Complex



**Figure 1** The SDSU swine unit enhancement project includes plans to build three new complexes – two at the current barn location and one off-site unit. This teaching-intensive research complex will house around 150 sows for teaching, research and Extension. Along with breeding, gestation and farrowing rooms, there will be a boar collection center and a 70-seat classroom. One of the most unique features of the unit will be the central, raised hallway that will allow public observation of each phase of production.

farrowing-nursery barn built in 1991 and a grow-finish barn built in 1971.

“We’re raising pigs, but not in the kind of facility we’d like to have,” Rusk says. “We see an opportunity to grow our swine program, and our pork producers have come on board to help us out.”

Glenn Muller, Executive Director of the South Dakota Pork Producers Council (SDPPC), explains the interest that South Dakota producers have in supporting the construction of a new, state-of-the-art swine facility at the university.

“We have an excellent staff at SDSU. They are nationally respected, and a lot of students come to SDSU from neighboring states just because of the caliber of our staff,” Muller says. “If we can build facilities that coincide with that, we feel like it’s going to be a real recruitment tool for us and a real opportunity to train those individuals who will become involved in the industry.”

SDSU Professor and Swine Extension Specialist Dr. Bob Thaler chairs the committee that is raising funds for the new buildings. He says they currently have approximately \$1 million of the \$5 million needed to complete the project, and the South Dakota Pork Producers Council has led these efforts.

“By building these facilities, we’re showing people what our focus is – it’s undergraduate education, it’s doing applied research, and it’s helping change the perception of the industry,” Thaler says.

Along with making a substantial monetary contribution from its own funds, the SDPPC is assisting in the solicitation of additional outside capital.

“We are identifying entities that are

impacted by the swine industry and getting them on board as well,” Muller explains. These efforts are not only within South Dakota, but also in surrounding regions and across the nation.

“We truly look at this as an opportunity to educate the next generation of producers,” says Muller.

### Reaching the public

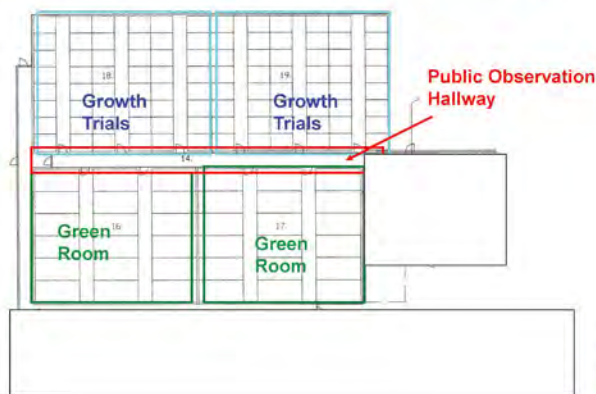
Along with enhancing the value of education for students at SDSU, one of the primary goals of the swine unit enhancement project is public outreach and education.

“Most of the time when you drive into a hog farm the first thing you see is a stop sign and it says ‘Don’t go beyond this point’ – I think the public sees that and thinks *well, what’s going on behind those doors or what’s going on inside that building,*” says Rusk. “And then you see a few things on television and think *wow, these folks must be hiding something.*”

With less than 2 percent of the U.S. population having direct involvement in production agriculture, and only a fraction of that percentage handling livestock, public outreach has become a critical component of our industry.

“Our goal is not only to service our students and producers, but probably just as importantly now, is getting the general

## One 4-room W-F Barn with 1,000 hd Commercial Barn at a Different Site



**Figure 2** One of two wean-finish barns will be built on-site at the current SDSU swine unit. It will have four rooms, each housing approximately 300 head. Two of the rooms will be equipped with 48 small pens, used for university research. The other two “green rooms” will have 18 pens each and will focus on improving production and energy efficiencies.

# “You know, I think as is the case with anything that’s successful – it’s truly about the people.” – Dr. Clint Rusk



At SDSU, students get hands-on experience working in every phase of swine production. Front (l-r): Calli Pritchard and Brett Tostenson. Back (l-r): Andy Jensen and Brianna Sandager.

public to understand what swine production is all about,” Thaler says. “We are great environmental stewards, we believe in animal welfare, we value rural communities, and we provide good, well-paying jobs. That’s what the swine industry is.”

The new facilities will consist of three complexes: a 150-head sow teaching-intensive research complex (Figure 1); four 300-head wean-to-finish rooms housed in a larger building (Figure 2); and a 1,000-head wean-to-finish complex located off-site. The current sow barn will be remodeled into a multi-purpose building.

What is unique about these buildings is they will be equipped with a central, raised hallway, and the interior walls will be primarily glass. This will allow public access to the units without breaching biosecurity. Essentially, anyone wanting to learn more about swine production can come to the SDSU facilities and view industry practices from boars in the collection center to sow farrowing, and from weaning to finishing.

“We’re trying to have a facility where the public can come in, look through the

glass and see what’s going on,” Rusk explains. “We call this ‘de-mystifying’ pork production.”

Each barn at the facility will also be equipped with a video camera, which will allow people who aren’t in close proximity to the university to observe the entire production process online. According to Thaler, the hope is that eventually, a group like a third-grade class in Chicago could essentially “adopt” a pig and watch it from farrowing all the way through the finishing barn on a computer.

Regarding transparency in the swine industry, Thaler contends: “It’s huge – showing people *here’s what we do, and here’s why we do it.*”

Muller shares a similar sentiment from the producers of SDPPC, and emphasizes the importance of connecting urban and rural populations to production agriculture.

“We feel it’s critical because there are so many misperceptions, as well as more separation between the urban community and the rural community – especially in swine production,” he says. “As operations have gotten larger, there are fewer families in the rural community and less connec-

tion to production swine facilities. So you don’t have that first and second generation – we’re now looking at the third and fourth generation removed from the farm. They don’t have that exposure on a personal basis, so we need to do it professionally – and we think that can be done through the university setting.”

Muller says this exposure is vital, whether that individual goes into the swine industry or another vocation.

## People behind the process

Amidst all the excitement around building a new swine facility, Rusk realizes there is a bigger picture than the floor plans that have been sketched for the buildings.

“You know, I think as is the case with anything that’s successful – it’s truly about the people. We can talk about building facilities, but if it’s going to be successful, it’s going to be because of the people that are in place.”

And that goes for swine production units, agricultural programs and the industry as a whole.

## DIGILINK

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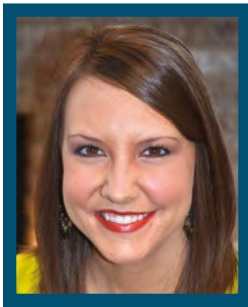
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# NJSA *Youth View*



**Cally Hass**  
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**As** I worked the ring at a show this past spring, a young person who had just surpassed the maximum 4-H show age two-years prior arrived to help work the make-up alley. I couldn't help but notice how she would make a point to talk to each exhibitor while they waited to enter the ring, giving them showmanship tips, asking the name of their hog and simply saying good luck. Furthermore, while waiting for the make-up alley to fill for the next class, she would watch and take note of the show, catching the exhibitors afterward to give them tips on what she noticed and how they could improve. As each class ended and the exhibitors exited the ring, there she was to give high-fives, good jobs, smiles and pats on the back to each exhibitor, whether they won the class or didn't even place.

Even though she didn't know many of them, youth of all ages gravitated to her because she took time for them and made them feel special. She went the extra mile to make each exhibitor feel welcome, whether they had a confinement barn hog or a high-dollar showpig, whether they were 9 or 19-years-old and whether this was their first hog show or their last. To her, she was just being herself, but to the exhibitors she meant the world – getting them excited about showing hogs, encouraging them to keep learning and improving, and making them feel proud of their accomplishments.

Think back to when you were a junior and showed hogs – did that swine barn celebrity pay any attention to you? How special would you have felt and how different would your show career have been if they would have? You may think that doing or saying something so small may not make a difference. However, Edwin Hubbel Chapin says it best that, "Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity." You'll never really know what affect you had on that person by offering a bit of advice, telling them good job or taking the time to lend a helping hand. Even so, I can assure you that you made a difference in that young person's life that will never be forgotten.

*Cally Hass*



**Sarah Schwab**  
NSR Junior Activities  
Coordinator

**October 8, 2010** marked the start of my career with the NJSA, and I am sad to say it will come to an end May 11, 2012. I don't even like to call it a career as it has been more like a fantastic roller coaster ride with highs, lows, jolts and turns. Most importantly, my time with the NJSA has been something I will never forget; it has taught me lessons that I will carry with me into the next chapter of my life – whatever that may be. It has been fun to see and be a part of the growth and changes in the NJSA and its members over the last year and a half. I know there are great things on the horizon for the NJSA, and many positive changes sure to come. I would like to thank the members of the Youth Advisory Board and NSR Executive Committee for their support, guidance and never-ending belief in what the NJSA is striving for. Also, thank you to the NSR staff for letting me a part of your swine family – I have enjoyed it and will certainly miss you. Best of luck to every NJSA member and their families – thank you for all the great memories!

*Sarah Schwab*

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Advocacy. What is it about this word that has everyone in the agricultural industry talking? Within the past couple years, the word advocacy has become known to the everyday-agriculturalist due to the constant and continuous struggles facing our industry. Although it has trended into a popular term in the agriculture industry, what exactly does this word “advocacy” mean? *Merriam-Webster’s dictionary* defines advocacy as, “The act or process of advocating or supporting a cause or proposal.” While this is all well and good, the meaning of this word is better understood through the actions we, as swine enthusiasts, display. As part of the swine industry, each and every one of us must tell

our story and be an advocate for the industry we love. This word might come off as somewhat intimidating – making you think you have to begin an entire revolution to be an advocate for the swine industry. However, from experience, I have found some of my most defining moments as an advocate for the swine industry have been as simple as conversing with the person next to me on a plane ride. Anyone can be an advocate, but to be an effective advocate there are a few things you should know.

First, it is important that you be a good listener. Listening to what the opposition has to say is critical. Although you may disagree with what they are saying or they may be incorrect, it is important to know what

they’re saying so you may address their concerns and correct any misinformation they may have received from other sources. Hopefully, if you take the time to listen to what they have



By Rebecca Bailey

to say, they will listen to you. Listening also demonstrates a high level of professionalism, which can go a long way and shed a positive image on the subject you are advocating for.

This leads into the next piece of being an effective advocate, which is professionalism. If we want people to take us seriously, we have to show them we can conduct ourselves in a professional fashion and educated manner. I believe the National Junior Swine Association does a tremendous job in developing leaders in the swine industry who exhibit these characteristics. Getting involved in the various events and activities the NJSA is a great way to gain skills as an effective advocate. Livestock judging, skillathon, showmanship, speech contests and leadership conferences are all channels that equip youth with the tools needed to be a leader and advocate for the swine industry. Not only do they supply you with the knowledge to found your argument, but they also arm you with a professional approach to help get your point across.

Finally, if you are going to be an advocate, make sure you are passionate about what you are advocating for. I think this is the most important part in being an effective advocate. Everyone has something they are passionate about, and it is vital that you display your passion and stand up for what you believe in. English novelist E.M. Forster once said, "One person with passion is better than forty people merely interested." Do not doubt your ability to make a difference if you are passionate about something. You can make all the difference by transferring passion into action. So, if you listen to what others are saying, maintain a sense of professionalism and speak passionately from the heart to share the truth about agriculture, you will do a great job advocating for the swine industry.

Now that you know how to be

an advocate, you can put your skills in action. One of the most common ways you can advocate for the swine industry is by interacting with people – something we all do every day. The opportunities are countless from school to the workplace, however, I know most of you travel to a large number of livestock shows each year. At these events, you will run into people who are uneducated and have questions or misconceptions. The general public will ask questions such as "Why do you put notches in their ears; does it hurt them?" or "Why do you put a sow in a small crate with no room to turn around?" Although these questions may seem silly to you, understand that not everyone has the luxury of raising and showing livestock. Look at these questions as opportunities to be an advocate for the swine industry. Take the time to answer their questions or clear up any misconceptions. Explain to them the good production practices producers follow and the benefits of why we do what we do. Displaying exhibits including educational information is also a great way to inform people of the truth.

The agriculture industry has done a great job of using the social media channel to advocate for animal agriculture. In today's society, just about everyone uses social media in some way, shape or form. Whether it is Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, blogging or another one of the countless social networks, social media is something that has forever changed the way people communicate and receive information. However, we want to make sure people are receiving the correct information. One way agriculturalists have utilized social media as a form of advocacy is through YouTube. Producers and advocates have done a good job of creating videos showing how modern day pork production works, and why

we use the practices we use. This helps narrow the gap between people and agriculture, because it allows for those who have never been on an operation to see what it is like and understand the reasoning behind our practices. As an advocate, you could post the link to one of these videos to your Facebook or Twitter for your friends to see. This is a fast and easy way to spread the positive word of the swine industry. Twitter groups such as AgChat conduct weekly chats about different ag topics to promote and advocate for the agriculture industry. Livestock organizations have Facebook pages and post different information regarding animal agriculture. Producers write weekly blogs to showcase their operation and facts relating to it. These are all ways agriculturalists have embraced social media and are using it to advocate. Social networking sites are a fast and easy way for agriculturalists to publicize correct and truthful information.

You see it is the little things like answering a fairgoers question at your county fair, sharing or creating a YouTube video about good production practices or even having a conversation on a plane ride that make a big difference. By doing this, you are allowing someone who is not involved with the swine industry to hear from someone who is directly involved in agriculture, creating a personal connection. The fact is, the swine industry is involved in a constant battle to get the truth out. As leaders in this industry, it is our job to advocate for the industry we love and stand up for what we believe in and what we know to be true. It is up to us to voice the truth about the swine industry – if we don't, someone else will.



## Raffle Tickets

Have you requested your NJSA raffle tickets yet this year? Every year the NJSA concludes its raffle in Louisville, and this year we will continue the tradition. The raffle drawing will be held at the end of the Awards Ceremony on Friday, July 6, at the NSR Summer Spectacular. Raffle items include a one year lease of an Exiss trailer, a set of hog scales from WW Livestock Systems, an aluminum popper from Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc., hotel packages from the Hilton Garden Inn and the Crowne Plaza for the 2013 NSR Summer Spectacular, a snack pack from Thrushwood Farms consisting of six boxes of snack sticks, three boxes of beef jerky and four varieties of summer sausage, and a custom painting from Zietlow's Custom Signs & Livestock Awards. The member who sells the most raffle tickets will receive \$100, and the second high-seller will receive \$50.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Do your part to help the NJSA; all funds raised are used to continue shows and leadership conferences. To purchase or request tickets to sell, call the NSR office at 765-463-3594 and ask for Cally.

## New Contests!

New name but same great show – NSR Summer Spectacular will take the place of the former National Junior Summer Spectacular, complete with several new and fun additions to the week. Two new contests will be unveiled at the NSR Summer Spectacular to increase the amount of educational opportunities NJSA offers to its members and families. Thursday, July 5, will mark the first NJSA Quizbowl at 6 p.m. There will be two divisions, Novice/Junior and Intermediate/Senior, each consisting of 3-4 members per team. Contestants should refer to the suggested resource list to prepare for this event. Questions may come from the Ohio State University Swine Resource Manual, Pork Quick Facts book from the National Pork Board, the Pork Information Gateway ([www.porkgateway.com](http://www.porkgateway.com)) or the Youth and Adult PQA Plus study guides.

The second educational event added this year is the Ag Sales Contest, which will be held on Friday, July 6. This contest will have the same age divisions as Quizbowl; however, there will be individual and team divisions. The objective of the NJSA Ag Sales contest is for an individual or a team to create a unique swine related product, and sell it to a panel of judges. Sales, communication and presentation skills must be used to accomplish this goal. Below is an abbreviated set of rules for the contest. The full set of rules is available on the NJSA Summer Spectacular web page.

1. All contestants must be members of the National Junior Swine Association.
  2. The NJSA Ag Sales contest will consist of two divisions split into two age categories:
    - a. Divisions:
      - i. Individual Ag Sales Contest
      - ii. Team Ag Sales Contest
    - b. Age Categories:
      - i. Novice/Junior
      - ii. Intermediate/Senior
  3. Teams must consist of no more than three (3) individuals.
  4. Teams can have any combination of ages as long as there is at least one team member from each division.
    - a. Novice/Junior Team Ages 12 and under
      - i. At least one member must be Novice aged (8 and under)
      - ii. At least one member must be Junior aged (9-12)
    - b. Intermediate/Senior Team Ages 13-21
      - i. At least one member must be Intermediate aged (13-16)
      - ii. At least one member must be Senior aged (17-21)
  5. Teams can consist of members from different states.
  6. Teams must sign up during the posted/announced registration time.
  3. Each team member must speak during the presentation.
  4. At the conclusion of the presentation a panel of judges will be allotted 5 minutes to ask questions pertaining to the presentation and product.
- ### Ag Sales Format Individual Division
1. Each participant will create a swine related product to present to a panel of judges.
  2. The presentation must be a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes.
  3. At the conclusion of the presentation a panel of judges will be allotted 5 minutes to ask questions pertaining to the presentation and product.
- ### Ag Sales Format Team Division
1. Each team will create a swine related product to present to a panel of judges.
  2. Team presentations must be a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes.



# FOCUS ON



*Kayla Meyer*

**NJSA Secretary**  
Hinkley, Ill.

Hi! I'm Kayla Meyer, a senior at the University of Illinois majoring in agriculture leadership education. I am an avid learner who is continuing my education by going to graduate school to get a master's degree in elementary education at the University of Illinois, which I will begin this fall. My parents, Bryan and Sara Meyer, currently live in Springfield, Ill., which is a short distance from my school in Champaign. Growing up on a small farm allowed me to experience the responsibility that comes along with raising and showing livestock. As an active 4-H and FFA member, I was able to participate in many livestock shows at county fairs and conferences throughout the state to expand my knowledge on agriculture and leadership. I decided my love for agriculture wouldn't stop there and began showing at the state and national levels, which is how I got introduced to the National Junior Swine Association. After being a part of NJSA for a couple of years, I was able to see the involvement of the NJSA Junior Board of Directors and started looking up to the Junior Board members. When I was old enough, my passion for showing swine and the influence the previous Junior Board had on me inspired me to run for the NJSA Junior Board. Being a part of the Junior Board is something that I always will remember. I have been able to meet so many wonderful NJSA members and families associated with showing hogs. Their passion for showing animals and being involved in the agriculture industry really shows us what great leaders we will have in the industry in the future. After retiring from the Junior Board, I hope to continue to help at shows that are close to home and stay involved in the agriculture and showing business. When I am not in the show ring, I enjoy spending time with my family as often as I can and boating in Wisconsin throughout the summer. During the winter months, I love to go snowboarding in Colorado or Wisconsin. Thank you to everyone who voted for me and helped guide me along my way as the NJSA Central Region Director!



*Kaylee Miller*

**NJSA Vice President**  
Brazil, Ind.

Hello! My name is Kaylee Miller, and I am the 21 year-old daughter of Anne Wilkey and the late Danny Miller. I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Brazil, Ind., and currently attend Purdue University where I am a senior studying agriculture economics. At Purdue, I am a member of the Block & Bridle Club and Dairy Club. I have been showing hogs for 12 years and have been a member of NJSA since 2005. I am honored to have had a successful show career with several winners, including Grand Champion Gilt and 3rd Overall Barrow at the 2006 Indiana State Fair, Reserve Yorkshire Showman at the 2007 Indiana State Fair, Grand Champion Crossbred Barrow at the 2008 NJSA Southeast Regional, Champion Crossbred Showman at the 2009 Indiana State Fair and the Champion Yorkshire Barrow at the 2009 NJSA Southeast Regional. My favorite NJSA memory would have to be when I was elected to be on the NJSA Junior Board of Directors in 2010. I ran for the Junior Board because I have always had a true love for the swine industry and youth. Additionally, at that time I was no longer showing hogs in the NJSA and being on the Junior Board was one thing that I could do to stay involved. While serving on the Junior Board, it is my hope that I influenced many of the youth in the NJSA. I have always strived to put my best foot forward and to get as many young people involved as I could. As my term comes to an end, I am blessed with all the opportunities that have come my way. I would like to thank my brother, Brandon, because without him I would not be the person that I am today and would not have had the opportunities that I had throughout my 4-H and NJSA careers. Thank you, Brandon—you have been a brother, a best friend and an amazing role model!



*Mackenzie Langemeier*

**NJSA President**  
Marion, Texas

My name is Mackenzie Langemeier, and I have served on the NJSA Junior Board of Directors from 2010-2012. My first year, I served as the Southwest Region Director, and I'm currently the 2011-2012 NJSA Junior Board President. I am a 22 year-old from Marion, Texas, and currently attend Texas State University where I am a junior majoring in agriculture with a minor in animal science. I plan to get my teacher certification after I graduate. My dad, Jeff, works for Alta Genetics and my mom, Ellen, is a special education teacher at Marion Middle School. I have three younger siblings: Austin, 19; Madison, 17; and Reagan, 14. Along with NJSA, I am also involved with Texas State's Agriculture Ambassador Program, where we promote agriculture through our university and to our surrounding communities by putting on events, competitions and fundraising activities to get everyone involved. I am still active in FFA as well, and received my American FFA Degree this past fall – the last and most prestigious degree the FFA offers. Aside from agricultural organizations, I am also very competitive with intramural sports on campus, such as soccer and basketball. Apart from school and extracurricular activities, I work for the City of New Braunfels as a recreation instructor. I, along with eight other rec instructors, put on different events for the city, teach summer camps, coach sports teams, run adult sports leagues and help book and reserve amenities in the parks. If I'm not at school, you will find me at work or at home in the show barn with my sisters, helping them with their projects. I grew up showing hogs up north in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. We then moved to Texas, where my family and I are very competitive at all of the Texas majors and across the country. I have been involved with NJSA for many years and always knew I wanted to be on the Junior Board. It was by far one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have met so many people and have gained so much knowledge and experience from being on the board. I know the organization will benefit me for the rest of my life.

# IN THEIR SHOES

Read about the day-to-day lives of the National Junior Swine Association directors.



**David Ammann**

My favorite summer activity is traveling the Midwest, as well as other parts of the country, showing pigs! My family and I show very competitively on the jackpot circuits in Illinois and Indiana, as well as attend the World Pork Expo, CPS Summer National, NSR Summer Spectacular and the Illinois State Fair. My favorite part about showing is meeting so many people that will be life-long friends. Getting to see all of my great friends that I don't get to see on a regular basis is what makes me look forward to going to the next show. Traveling the Midwest with my family is something that I will never forget and always look forward to because there are so many awesome memories. I hope to see you all at the upcoming shows this summer!



**Matt Morrison**

There is so much to do in the summer that it is hard to pick one favorite activity! Maybe my favorite activity of summer is not what you can do, but rather what you do not have to do. As a student, when summer rolls around, it marks a couple of months of freedom. Summer is my chance to work with hogs and young swine enthusiasts. Among my favorite things to do in summer is help young 4-H members prepare for their county fairs. It is always a rewarding feeling to watch someone you have helped drive across the ring with their project, since it is more than the gilt or barrow they are driving that matters — it is the experiences and lessons they have learned. I hope everyone has a successful summer. Best of luck to you all!



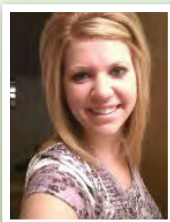
**Gregory Krahn**

When it's summertime, I get time to do something other than attend pig shows and work. My favorite thing to do is go to concerts all summer long! My friends and I usually try to see as many concerts as possible. The biggest concert we go to is Summerfest in Milwaukee, Wis., the largest outdoor music festival in the world. We get there as soon as the gates open and wait all day until the concert starts so that we can get front row seats to some of our favorite artists. Nothing is better than a little country music on a hot summer day!



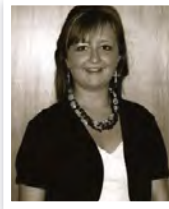
**Kayla Meyer**

During the summer, I love spending time with my family and friends! It is the perfect time to relax from the school year and catch up with people you haven't seen in a while. I really enjoy going to all of the shows and seeing everyone having a good time. Now that my cousins are getting older, I enjoy helping them with their swine projects. It is exciting to watch them in the show ring and see how happy they get, even if they get the last place ribbon. It is awesome to go to shows and see people you haven't seen the whole school year, but are able to catch up with like there was no time missed. Aside from showing, I love to go boating with my family. It is always a relaxing time on the water in the warm weather.



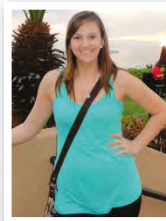
**Kaylee Miller**

My favorite summer activity is going out on our family's boat. As a family, we try to go out on the boat about once a week and enjoy the weather. I love the hot sun and the cool water of the lake. I am not too fond of swimming in the lake water, but I do enjoy the nice tan I can get!



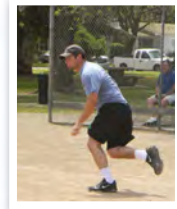
**Tonya Fender**

Although the heat of the summer is my least favorite aspect of the season, I still enjoy the freedom of summer and working with my pigs. I enjoy getting up every morning, knowing that I have a barn full of show pigs waiting to be taken care of. During most days, I look at the pigs we put out to be shown during the summer to build our customer relationship. Then, I spend every evening walking pigs with my parents. This is one of the few times, besides holiday functions, that we are all together and can catch up on what is going on. Evenings are the most relaxing part of the summer to me, because they are cool and fireflies are out. When I am not at home, I am usually at a show, watching our pigs show at county fairs around Ohio, going to a summer Buckeye Show Circuit show or showing at the World Pork Expo, NSR Summer Spectacular or Ohio State Fair.



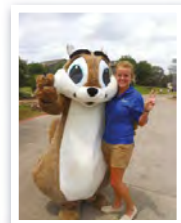
**Amy Newnum**

My favorite summer activity is definitely showing pigs all summer. I love spending time with my family and friends that I have made over the years. Nothing is better than going out and showing the projects we have been working on all spring. Besides showing pigs, I love lounging in our pool, going to concerts with friends and summer night bonfires.



**Corey Carpenter**

My favorite summer activity is being able to enjoy a tick more recreation than I may during the school year. There is nothing like getting together with some friends, having a barbecue and playing a game of softball. During the school year, I don't typically have a whole lot of time for anything except school and work — like many college students. Being able to spend a little leisure time with some friends, and enjoying their company, is always a summertime activity I look forward to! Softball has never been my strong sport, but it's a great excuse to do something a little different than the everyday activities!



**Mackenzie Langemeier**

My favorite summer activity is getting to spend time with my family every Sunday. We all get up early to feed, clean the barn and then head to church. After church, we always either go out to eat or make a big dinner at the house, which we all enjoy together after a long week of work. Though I do love my job, as you can see in my picture, it's always nice to have something to look forward to at the end of the week. Family time is what means the most to me because if it weren't for my family, I wouldn't be who I am today. I am lucky enough to have two families — NJSA being my second. I consider each and every one of the NJSA members, alumni and parents 'family,' and I know that I can count on any of them to be there for me, as I would be there for them.

# Skillathon 101

Get sharpened up on potential questions for the NJSA Skillathon!

**1. YOU HAVE FIVE MARKET HOGS ON FEED. YOU WANT TO DETERMINE THE AVERAGE ACTUAL BACKFAT OF THE GROUP.**

The backfat of the five hogs is listed below. Round two decimal places.

- a. Duroc .85
- b. Landrace .72
- c. Hampshire .34
- d. Yorkshire .91
- e. Duroc .49

ANSWER:

Avg. BF: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. YOUR PIG HAS A FEED CONVERSION OF 2.8 POUNDS OF FEED/POUNDS OF GAIN. YOUR PIG GAINED 210 POUNDS WHILE ON ABC BRAND OF FEED. HOW MANY POUNDS OF BRAND ABC FEED DID YOUR PIG CONSUME?**

ANSWER:

Pounds consumed: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. WHAT SHOULD A PORK CARCASS WEIGH FROM A 250 POUND MARKET HOG USING STANDARD CARCASS YIELD?**

- a. 185 pounds
- b. 165 pounds
- c. 200 pounds
- d. 145 pounds

**4. SCENARIO:**

**ON APRIL 1, JOEY'S PIG WEIGHED 65 POUNDS. 60 DAYS LATER, ON JUNE 1, HIS PIG WEIGHED 155 POUNDS. DURING THOSE 60 DAYS, JOEY'S PIG ATE 250 POUNDS OF FEED. THE FEED COST \$0.15 (15 CENTS) PER POUND.**

What is Joey's pig's weight gain, average daily gain, feed per pound of gain, and feed cost per pound of gain?

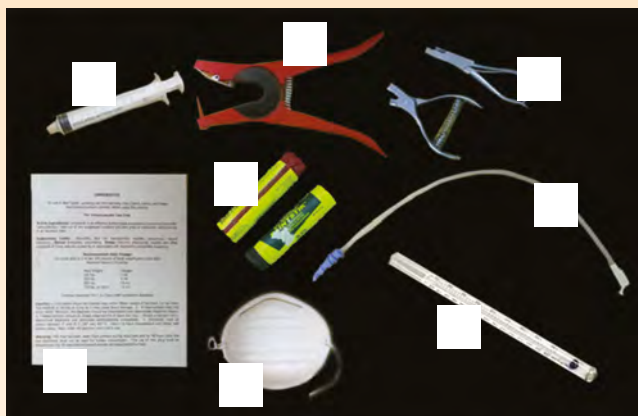
ANSWERS:

- a. Weight Gained: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Average Daily Gain (ADG): \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Feed per Pound of Gain: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Feed Cost per Pound of Gain: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION.**

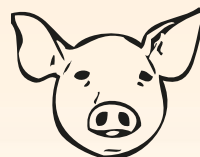
Match the name of the item to its picture.

- a. Thermometer
- b. Paint stick
- c. Spirette
- d. Vaccine label
- e. Ear tagger
- f. Respiratory mask
- g. Ear notcher
- h. Syringe



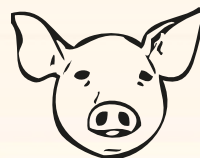
**6. WHICH EAR IS THE LITTER EAR?**

Circle the correct ear



**7. WHICH IS THE PIG EAR OR THE EAR THAT INDICATES THE INDIVIDUAL PIG NOTCH?**

Circle the correct ear



**8. MATCH THE DEFINITION TO THE CORRECT WORD**

**Definition:** Manure with a consistency of 5-10% dry matter handled by some liquid storage systems.

- a. Compost
- b. Slurry
- c. Fertilizer
- d. Dirt
- e. Peat

**Definition:** Period during which a gilt or sow is receptive to mating and during which ovulation occurs.

- a. Parity
- b. Estrus
- c. weaning
- d. open
- e. April

**Definition:** A young pig weighing 20 and 90 pounds.

- a. Feeder pig
- b. Grower pig
- c. Boar
- d. Barrow
- e. Gilt

**Definition:** Lower side of the hog remaining after the loin and spareribs are removed; used to make bacon.

- a. Butt
- b. Loin
- c. Ham
- d. Hock
- e. Belly

Take this quiz online, and get the answer key at  
[www.nationalswine.com/NJSA/Pinnacle.html](http://www.nationalswine.com/NJSA/Pinnacle.html)



# Learn more about the members in the National Junior Swine Association.

Go to the NJSA section of [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com) and click on Youth Spotlight to find out all about these youth. If you are a youth interested in being featured in the Youth Spotlight, send an email to [cally@nationalswine.com](mailto:cally@nationalswine.com).

**APRIL 2012**

**MAY 2012**

**JUNE 2012**



**Dusty Compart**

Nicollet, Minn. • Age: 19

"It is a great organization to get involved in within the swine industry. You can make new friends while learning about our industry."



**Taylor Copes**

New Lothrop, Mich. • Age: 20

"I learn a lot of real life skills such as responsibility, time management, goal setting and hard work."



**Tyler Gradert**

Genesele, Ill. • Age: 18

When asked who has had the biggest impact on him showing pigs, Tyler says, "Ken Lane – I bought my first pigs from Ken, and he is extremely helpful in helping them become competitive in showing today. We continue to buy pigs and work with him today."



**Lindsay Tasos**

Madera, Calif. • Age: 18

Lindsay's favorite quote is "Winners do things most people won't." Lindsay has been showing hogs since she was seven years old and says showing hogs has always been her "thing."



**Marie Bennett**

Sturgis, Mich. • Age: 17

"Showing pigs is my family hobby. I have had pigs since I was really little and wouldn't trade it for the world."



**Chase Bowen**

Ojai, Calif. • Age: 14

Chase really has a passion for showing hogs throughout the country and loves going to shows to see all the kids working together with their family and other families.



**Alison Harwell**

Coldwater, Mich. • Age: 20

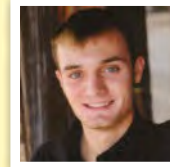
"Being a part of NJSA gives them (younger people) an opportunity to do the things they love to do with the people they love to do it with. Nonetheless, you get to be around people who care about your success."



**Peyton Hill**

Nevada, Texas • Age: 16

"Everyone is family! You might be competing against each other with your pig but you still have a best friend when you walk out of the show ring."



**Kane Austin**

Mt. Vernon, Ill. • Age: 17

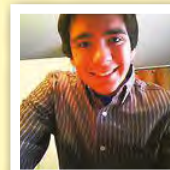
Kane says he shows pigs because he "loves the competitive nature of showing and meeting new people all across the country that can share ideas and experiences on raising and showing pigs."



**Micah Clark**

Bakersfield, Calif. • Age: 20

"Stay involved in the swine industry as long as you can! It will be some of the most memorable times you will have with friends you will keep for forever."



**Austin Pueschel**

Sturgis, Mich. • Age: 16

Austin has a passion for showpigs and for the people that raise them. Austin says, "It's nice to win but you can't find friendships like those made at hog shows any place else."



**Garrett Stickley**

Urbana, Ohio • Age: 15

Garrett says he shows pigs because he "enjoys being competitive in showmanship and the Skillathon, and enjoys being with friends and family."

# PICTURE THIS!

Do you enjoy taking pictures? If so, you need to enter the NEW Pinnacle mail-in photography contest!

## PHOTO CONTEST CATEGORY: **SUMMER-THEMED PHOTOGRAPHS**

NJSA members are encouraged to enter photos taken within the past year. Photos cannot be altered or image enhanced in any way. Photos are to be 5x7-inch color, sepia or black-and-white prints mounted on a 6x8-inch plain, black poster board. All photos will become property of NJSA and may be used in *Seedstock EDGE* or the "Pinnacle." Remember, photos must be the work of the entrant; do not add text or graphics to the photo! Limit one entry per member.

All photos must be post marked by **Aug. 1, 2012** to be eligible for the photography contest.

The winner will be contacted by **Sept. 1, 2012**.

Mail photos and entry forms to:

Cally Hass  
NSR Director of Junior Activities  
2639 Yeager Road  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Contact NSR Director of Junior Activities, Cally Hass, with questions at [cally@nationalswine.com](mailto:cally@nationalswine.com) or 765.463.3594.

**Start snapping those photos!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut off this entry form and mail it in with your photo entry.

Complete this section and mail it in to be entered in a drawing to win free NJSA merchandise! All entries must be post marked by Aug. 1, 2012 to be eligible for the drawing. The winner will be contacted by Sept. 1, 2012.



## WORD SEARCH

Look below and search for some of the contests, events and activities that will take place at the 2012 NSR Summer Spectacular July 2-7, 2012!

S Z B U D D Y I G W V P U W K  
U N Y N R H Y Q H C I U N G O  
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| 1. BARROW         | 6. JUDGING  |
| 2. DUROC          | 7. LANDRACE |
| 3. EXTEMPORANEOUS | 8. MVP      |
| 4. GILT           | 9. OLYMPICS |
| 5. HAMPSHIRE      |             |

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2012

## NJSA Board Candidates



**Trenton (TJ) Doherty**  
Johnson Creek, Wis.  
**At-Large**

T.J. Doherty, 19, of Johnson Creek, Wis., is the son of Shawn and Nancy Doherty and is a freshman at Black Hawk East College, Kewanee, Ill. He plans to attend a four-year college to earn degrees in agricultural communications and animal science and a minor in agribusiness management.

Doherty attended his first NJSA show, the WPX Junior National, in 2009 and has since expanded his NJSA involvement to include several additional NJSA shows and events. He says that attending the 2009 NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC) in Memphis, Tenn., is one of the best things he has ever done, and has attended every NYLC since. Doherty was named the 2010 NJSA Herdsman of the Year for his eagerness to lend a helping hand at NJSA shows and having a great attitude while doing so. He was also chosen to serve as one of the first NJSA Ambassadors in

2011, and has spent the past year representing the NJSA at various shows and events.

Doherty is a member of the Wisconsin Show Pig Association Youth Board and the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock Advisory Board. He was awarded the 2010 Wisconsin All-State Academic Baseball Coaches Award and was the Supreme Swine Showman at the Wisconsin State Fair in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Doherty says he would like to be an NJSA director because he has seen firsthand what the NJSA has to offer and wants to do his part to give back and positively influence other youth. If elected, Doherty would like to work to secure more sponsorship so that the NJSA could provide additional travel grants to shows and events to give opportunities to those who are financially unable to participate.



**Dustin Compart**  
Nicollet, Minn.  
**At-Large**

Dustin Compart, 19, of Nicollet, Minn., is the son of Chris and Rochelle Compart and a freshman at South Dakota State University majoring in animal science. Eventually, he hopes to return home to work with his family in their seedstock business, commercial production or branded meat program.

A five-year NJSA member, he has attended the World Pork Expo every year since he was six years old.

Compart was a Junior Representative on the Nicollet County Fair Board, a county 4-H Ambassador, and the captain of the varsity football team in 2010. He is currently involved in the SDSU Block & Bridle

Club, Swine Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau.

Compart would like to be an NJSA director to have an opportunity to work for an organization that he hopes to be a part of his entire life. If elected, he would like to organize showmanship, show preparation and nutrition clinics throughout the country.

## NJSA Election At a Glance

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 5 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** NSR Summer Spectacular, Louisville, Ky.

**WHO VOTES:** NJSA members ages 9 - 21 (All Junior, Intermediate and Senior NJSA members)



**Breanna Lawyer**  
Shirley, Ind.  
**At-Large**

Breanna Lawyer, 19, of Shirley, Ind., is the daughter of Gary and Lisa Lawyer and a freshman at Black Hawk East College, Kewanee, Ill. She plans to transfer to a four-year college to continue livestock judging and work toward a career in agricultural economics.

An NJSA member since 2007, Lawyer began her involvement when she attended the North American International Livestock Exposition with her FFA chapter in 2008. Since then, she has added the NSR Summer Spectacular and the Southeast Regional to her show list and has participated in showmanship and Skillathon, as well.

Lawyer served as a Junior Swine Board member in 4-H and is currently a Student Government Associa-

tion Representative at Black Hawk East College. She was active in 4-H and FFA growing up and participated in various community service activities. Lawyer would like to be an NJSA director so she can give back and serve as one of the members that encourages others to take an active role in the organization. She says she wants to continue to play an important role in the industry that has been a vital part of who she is. If elected, Lawyer would like to organize optional clinics for exhibitors to better prepare themselves for the Skillathon and judging contests.



**Kyle Mendes**  
Modesto, Calif.  
**At-Large**

Kyle Mendes, 20, of Modesto, Calif., is the son of John and Heidi Mendes and a sophomore at Modesto Junior College. He plans to attend a four-year college and become an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor in California, while continuing to stay involved in the swine industry.

Mendes has exhibited purebred gilts and barrows that his family has raised at the Western Regional since the show began. He has also attended the NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference and was selected to serve as one of the first NJSA Ambassadors in 2011. Since then, he has attended numerous NJSA shows and events representing the NJSA as an ambassador. Mendes has held several leadership positions, including a regional FFA office, where he repre-

sented 18,000 California FFA members, and a Young Farmer officer position. He was extremely active in FFA and sports and continues to volunteer as a tutor for young students and livestock judging coach.

Mendes says he is seeking a leadership position in the NJSA because it combines three things that he has a deep passion for: raising pigs, promoting the agriculture industry and helping the youth of the livestock industry. He would like the opportunity to promote the swine industry on a national level and to elevate younger members to new heights within their swine projects. If elected, Mendes would like to add speaking contests at regional shows and increase the number of leadership conferences held throughout the year.



**Tyler Copeland**  
Paragould, Ark.  
**At-Large**

Tyler Copeland, 19, of Paragould, Ark., is the son of Steve and Marsha Copeland and a freshman at the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, majoring in pre-veterinary medicine with a minor in agribusiness management. He hopes to become a large animal vet and eventually take over his father's business.

A six-year member of the NJSA, Copeland has participated in the World Pork Expo Junior National, NSR Summer Spectacular, American Royal and North American International Livestock Exposition. He has also attended the NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference for the past three years and serves as a mentor in the

MVP (Mentoring Values People) program.

Copeland served as his 4-H club president and is currently a member of the Block & Bridle Club, Collegiate FFA, Pre-Vet Club and Collegiate Farm Bureau.

Copeland says he would like to be an NJSA director so he can touch the lives of youth, just as the past board members have done to him, and give back to his "swine family." If elected, Copeland would like to coordinate a group of NJSA members that would go around in their specific regions and talk in schools about NJSA.



**Konni Kelso**  
Seguin, Texas  
**Southwest**

Konni Kelso, 20, of Seguin, Texas., is the daughter of Kurt and Stepheny Kelso and a junior at Texas A&M University. She plans to attend law school and become a lobbyist for a large agricultural business or firm.

An NJSA member since 2006, Kelso has participated in the NSR Summer Spectacular, World Pork Expo Junior National and the Southwest Regional. She has also attended an NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference and has been a mentor in the MVP (Mentoring Values People) program.

Kelso is a member of the TAMU Aggie Reps, Saddle & Sirloin Club, Wool Evaluation Team and is the Public Relations officer for the AgEcon Society.

Kelso would like to be an NJSA director because she has a passion for people, agriculture and the swine industry – three entities that NJSA is built upon. She would like to have the opportunity to work with people, become an advocate for agriculture and be an active supporter of the swine industry. If elected, Kelso hopes to increase NJSA membership by becoming more involved in state shows.

Hello one and all out there in Pinnacle land. What an honor it is to have the opportunity to write to you. In this issue, I want to take you to a scripture that most of you have read multiple times. John 3:16 **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** Wow, now that's a powerful verse and a powerful promise. As I travel across this country, I meet many people that don't feel worthy of this gift. So today, I want to talk to you for a minute about seeing what **God** sees. Often times, we get caught up in believing our past failures have defined us and our destiny. I say, **no way!** If you're reading this today, and your past seems to continue to haunt you, I have good news for you. When **God's** only son gave his life on the cross, He made a way for you and I to overcome our past. The blood of Christ was shed for all, not just for a few chosen people. I want you to notice the word **loved** in this scripture. The Greek word for love as it's used here is **agape**. Agape is the most difficult word to actually translate in the New Testament because of its passionate meaning. When God said he so loved the world, what he was saying is he was in awe of you and I. He saw something within us that maybe even we didn't see. You see, God sees your potential not your failure. He desires to have you see yourself as he sees you. You and I are not failures and mistakes! We are purposed and priceless. So today, begin to see what **God** sees. When you see what he sees, you can become what he intended you to be. Remember, we love each of you and count it an honor to share **God's** love with you in this publication and at the shows.

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Man a check-in station for a three-hour shift on Tuesday, July 3, between 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Work a shift at the NJSA Booth!**

Sell NJSA merchandise for a two-hour shift whenever you are available Tuesday, July 3-Friday, July 6.

### **Be a Skillathon facilitator!**

Man a Skillathon station on Wednesday, July 4, from 8-11 a.m. Make sure to be there at 7:30 a.m. to find your stations and take part in the facilitator instructional meeting!

### **Be a group leader for the judging contest!**

Help collect placing cards, answer questions and monitor a group during the judging contest on Friday, July 6, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### **Donate an item to the silent auction!**

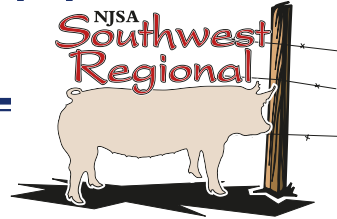
Any items are welcome! Please bring your item with you to check-in on Tuesday, July 3, between 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Work the ring or make-up ring for showmanship or the gilt or barrow show!**

Help exhibitors in the make-up ring or ring with panels during showmanship on Wednesday, July 4, at 1 p.m., and Thursday, July 5, at 8 a.m.; the gilt show on Thursday, July 5, at 10 a.m.; or the barrow show on Wednesday, July 4, after showmanship.

### **Chaperone the exhibitor dance!**

Chat with other parents in the back, or join in and dance the night away at the exhibitor dance on Friday, July 6, from 9-11 p.m.



## **WPX JR. NATIONAL** Aug. 31-Sept. 2 • Chickasha, Okla.

### **Work a shift at the NJSA Booth!**

Sell NJSA merchandise for a two-hour shift whenever you are available Friday, Aug. 31-Sunday, Sept. 2.

### **Be a group leader for the judging contest!**

Help collect placing cards, answer questions and monitor a group during the judging contest.

Please contact NSR Director of Junior Activities, Cally Hass, at [cally@nationalswine.com](mailto:cally@nationalswine.com) or 765.463.3594 if you are able to volunteer.

## **Bacon-Wrapped Pork Roast**

Courtesy of David Ammann

### **Ingredients**

- 1 Pork Loin (1½ pounds)
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 2 Tbsp. Finely Chopped Fresh Rosemary
- ¼ lb. Bacon, Thinly Sliced

### **Instructions**

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Pat pork roast dry with paper towels. Season pork roast with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Sear pork on all sides until browned, about 10 minutes total. Remove from heat.
2. Rub pork with chopped rosemary; wrap with bacon, overlapping strips slightly. Tie pork roast with kitchen string.
3. Roast in oven, basting occasionally with cooking juices, until internal temperature is 145 degrees Fahrenheit on a meat thermometer, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from oven. Transfer pork to a serving dish.
4. Make pan sauce. Place the roasting skillet on the stove top over low heat. Deglaze the pan, stirring with a wooden spoon to scrape up any browned bits from the pan bottom. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a small saucepan. Skim off the fat. Reheat to serving temperature if necessary.

# Important Reminders

## **NJSA Raffle**

Purchase raffle tickets or contact the NJSA office to receive raffle tickets for your kids to sell to others! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 or \$20. The top raffle salesman will receive \$100 and the second high seller will receive \$50!

## **Corn Toss Tournament**

New this year at the NSR Summer Spectacular is the NJSA Corn Toss Tournament on Wednesday, July 4, at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$2 per team, and the winning team gets the

whole pot! Everyone, including both adults and youth, are welcome to compete!

## **State Canned Food Drive Contest**

Don't forget to remind your kids to collect non-perishable food items for the 2nd Annual State Canned Food Drive Contest at the NSR Summer Spectacular! All food must be in place by 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. The winning state receives certificates and a traveling plaque. All food will be donated to the Louisville Food Bank.

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**June 5-9, 2012**  
**WORLD PORK EXPO JUNIOR NATIONAL**  
 Des Moines, Iowa



- Gilt show
- Barrow show
- Judging contest
- Showmanship

**July 3-7, 2012**  
**NSR SUMMER SPECTACULAR**  
 Louisville, Ky.




- Gilt show • Barrow show
- Showmanship • Skillathon
- Judging contest • Speech contest
- Extemporaneous speaking contest
- Photo contest • State scrapbook contest • Poster contest • Quiz bowl
- Ag sales contest

**Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2012**  
**NISA SOUTHWEST REGIONAL**  
 Chickasha, Okla.



- Gilt show
- Barrow show
- Judging contest
- Showmanship

**Sept. 8-12, 2012**  
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- Barrow show
- Showmanship

**Oct. 11-14, 2012**  
**NISA EASTERN REGIONAL**  
 Hamburg, N.Y.




- Gilt show
- Barrow show
- Skillathon
- Showmanship

**Oct. 20-22, 2012**  
**AMERICAN ROYAL**  
 Kansas City, Mo.



- Market hog show
- Gilt show
- Showmanship

**Nov. 3-5, 2012**  
**NORTH AMERICAN INT'L LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION**  
 Louisville, Ky.




- Market hog show
- Showmanship
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**TBA, 2013**  
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**Jan. 15-16, 2013**  
**NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW**  
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- Market hog show
- Showmanship

**Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2013**  
**NISA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL**  
 Perry, Ga.




- Gilt show
- Barrow show
- Skillathon
- Showmanship

**TBA, 2013**  
**NISA WESTERN REGIONAL**  
 Turlock, Calif.



- Gilt show
- Barrow show
- Skillathon
- Showmanship

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# NJSA

## *Building Professionals Beyond the Show Ring*

By Carah Hart

Young members of the National Junior Swine Association may become involved with NJSA by exhibiting pigs. But then, exhibiting animals evolves into competing in a skillathon, public speaking contest or judging livestock. As a result, character is built and lifelong lessons are taught. These skills can then be applied to their future careers.

National Junior Swine Association provides opportunities for many of its members to develop into professionals in the agriculture and swine industries. When showing is complete, members are prepared for life beyond the show ring.

### **Leadership and Skills in the NJSA**

Doug Albright of Coldwater, Mich., can attribute his success to skills and lessons learned during his time in NJSA. A previous NJSA Board Member, Albright currently works as a swine pharmaceutical sales representative for Pfizer Animal Health.

“Through NJSA, I gained a greater respect for other people’s opinions and other people’s views. That allowed me to more appropriately go

about selling products and interacting with producers in my job,” he says.

Albright is only one of several industry professionals who recognize the importance of youth agriculture organizations such as NJSA. He and others say the purpose of the organization is not only to compete with an animal in the show ring, but also to gain life skills.

“Whether we know it or not at the time, the things we learn through the NJSA and what it provides are skills we use in the workplace,” says Kelton Mason, owner of Mason Livestock in Montgomery, Texas.

Like Albright, Mason served on the NJSA Board and also participated in livestock judging contests throughout his showing years. Mason emphasized that the other educational opportunities presented to youth through the NJSA, such as livestock judging, help build professional skills.

An additional asset he gained from NJSA was self-confidence in communicating with people.

“NJSA provides an avenue to connect young people, like myself at

that time, with elite figures and those who we wouldn’t have had contact with otherwise,” Mason says.

Because of that opportunity, Mason has been able to communicate with people from many different facets of the industry. His first job out of school was with High Point Genetics of Chrisman, Ill., and that gave him the skills he needed to start Mason Livestock.

Other professionals point out that NJSA members have strong leadership qualities such as good character, work ethic, good attitude, exceptional knowledge and responsibility.

Ben Bobell of Lincoln, Ill., is a consultant for the pork and poultry enterprise group with Cargill. He judges at livestock shows across the country. Bobell feels NJSA members stand out among others in the show ring.

“The kids in NJSA are more well-rounded. They know more about the pork industry in general,” Bobell says.

Dr. Jodi Sterle is an associate professor of animal sciences at Iowa State University. She says the competitions teach science, commitment to the quality care of

animals and great communication skills.

"If we have encouraged all of these things using the pig as a vehicle, we have done our communities a great service, we have done our kids a great service, and we have also done food production in our industry a great service," Sterle says.

### Building Relationships

Perhaps the most important measure of NJSA is the number of relationships formed. Relationships are built inside the barn, during or after shows and at contests and leadership events. These professional contacts or competitive friends can help make participating fun – creating memories that last a lifetime.

For novice and junior NJSA members, just knowing others who share the same interests can be fun, and these relationships can develop into professional contacts in the future.

Sterle has two sons involved in NJSA. She says her boys have made friends across the nation showing hogs, and they look forward to seeing them during shows.

"Who knows where they will be able to take those relationships in the years to come," she says.

For more skilled and older showmen, networking at shows and events has

turned into a professional opportunity.

Mason says meeting people through NJSA and National Swine Registry will pay off in the end, and he offers advice to those youth:

"Make yourself accessible to other people. Go out and introduce yourself to breeders, leaders and directors and be cordial to them. You never know who you are going to meet at one of those events – who will shape the rest of your life," Mason says.

He also says NJSA has given members a platform to express their individuality and interests beyond the show ring. It allows members a chance to network with people they may not have otherwise.

Being on the NJSA Board, Mason had plenty of opportunities to meet new people. One of the breeder contacts he made through the organization lead to a job offer out of college.

"Just that contact alone allowed me to take the next step out into the swine industry," he says.

Mason keeps in contact with the breeder, and the two are still good friends today.

Albright agrees, those friendships and contacts in NJSA have a long-term effect.

"Some high school activities and relationships will only last four years.

Relationships and life-lessons in NJSA will last a lifetime," Albright says.

Taking advantage of those networking opportunities in the barn or other events can be useful when you are looking for a scholarship reference, and maybe even an internship.

### Applying Leadership Beyond the Barn

Sometimes NJSA members are selected for scholarships, careers and internships in agriculture because of their involvement in the organization.

Cally Hass, NSR Director of Junior Activities, began in NJSA as a young showman at the North American International Livestock Expo. Even then, she saw the networking and professional value of being involved in NJSA.

As a result, Hass interned with the organization in college. She says her involvement with NJSA and livestock experience allowed her to be a NJSA Junior Activities intern.

"The internship was a summer-long job interview. I had an opportunity to showcase my dedication, drive and skillsets to the NJSA, and I took that seriously," Hass says.

After a summer with NJSA, Hass applied for the Director of Junior Activities position and was offered the job.

**"NJSA is doing the industry a huge favor supplying human capital who are leaders and have great people skills and all of the other skills we want employees and other industry leaders to have."**

**– Jodi Sterle**



Placing youth in leadership roles, such as the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, is just one way that the organization fosters building relationships and professionalism. Back (l-r): David Ammann, Ill.; Greg Krahn, Wis.; Corey Carpenter, Calif.; and Matthew Morrison, N.Y. Front (l-r): Kaylee Miller, Ind.; Kayla Meyer, Ill.; Amy Newnum, Ind.; Mackenzie Langemeier, Texas; and Tonya Fender, Ohio.

## Tips for Your Interview

If you've ever fretted about interviews – no worries.

Russ Weathers, Agriculture Future of America President, and Stephanie Chipman, University of Missouri's Career Services Director, offer a few words of advice about interviewing for a scholarship, internship or career.

### Preparing for the Interview

The first of three important steps of any interview process is preparing for the interview. This can determine an employer's or selection committee's first opinion.

Weathers says to ensure this impression is the best possible, you should have someone else proofread your application or résumé before submitting it. Make sure it is grammatically correct and the words are spelled correctly.

"We actually see AFA applications with misspelled words, and it doesn't look professional," Weathers says.

After your paper work is submitted, both Chipman and Weathers agree the candidate should do homework on the company or organization they're interviewing with. They might find something interesting about a company or organization they did not know. Research the position, too – it tells you about the job and what it entails.

"It is reflected in an interview if someone doesn't know anything about a job or the company," Weathers says.

After completing your research, find time to reflect over questions that you may be asked during the interview.

"One way to prepare is to find three unique reasons why you would make a good scholarship recipient, intern or employee," Chipman says.

Lastly, select appropriate dress for the interview. When doing this, Chipman says to always dress one step above the interviewer. For many industry professional careers, this can be considered a nice-fitting business suit. In other situations, khakis and a collared shirt will suffice.

"Skirts past the knees, pantyhose and low heels for women. For men, a pressed shirt, solid black socks and clean finger-nails are important," Chipman says.

### During an Interview

Going into an interview can be nerve-racking, because it is an important part of the selection process.

Chipman says during the interview, it is important to maintain good eye contact. It shows respect and interest to those interviewing you. She also says to sit up straight and smile. This shows you are enjoying the conversation and provides professional look.

Also, be prepared for behavioral-based interview questions. This means sharing positive results and examples – not just what you did, but how you did it. Be thorough, concise and to the point.

Weathers suggests bringing a list of references to the interview.

"It looks like you are prepared with contacts that can give you a great recommendation and sends a strong message to your future employer," he says.

Weathers and Chipman agree – if you want the job, internship or scholarship, be sure to express it in the interview.

"Instead of just saying, 'Thank you for your time,' it's appropriate to say 'Thank you so much for speaking with me. After our conversation, I am even more confident this position is a really good fit for me. I would really like to work on your team,'" Chipman says.

### After the Interview

For most interviews, a thank you note is appropriate. Chipman says send notes to all who interviewed you.

"Reference something in the conversation that shows you remember the interview conversation," Chipman says.

The note can be a hand-written thank you or sent via e-mail.

Chipman advises using common sense in each interview situation, because some recruiters may not see a written thank you note until two weeks after you meet with them. Weathers added, however, taking time to write a thank you note and putting a stamp on it sends a strong message.

"In the competitive world we live in today, you have to separate yourself from others. A hand-written thank you note is one of the ways you can do that," Weathers says.

To learn more interviewing tips, or if you have any questions, contact Russ Weathers at [russell.weathers@agfuture.org](mailto:russell.weathers@agfuture.org) or Stephanie Chipman at [chipmans@missouri.edu](mailto:chipmans@missouri.edu).



"I don't think I would have been considered for a director position if I wouldn't have spent a summer interning with the NJSA," Hass says.

Hass had a lot of experience planning events for youth in her state. She encourages all who are interested to get involved with their school's Block & Bridle Club or a livestock association.

"Planning and providing educational opportunities, such as national shows, is a huge chunk of what NJSA does, and having that behind-the-scenes work experience is a great way to start preparing for a job in the industry," says Hass.

Her position allowed Hass to be a part of an industry she loves. She says it is her dream job.

"This is something I have wanted to do since I became a member of NJSA. It's funny how things work out," she says.

### Ready for the Industry

Sharp leadership skills and other qualities allow NJSA members to stand out among other candidates when seeking placement in the swine and agriculture industries.

Everett Forkner, Pork Board President and Missouri hog producer, says the swine industry is getting the "cream of the crop," through agriculture organizations such as NJSA.

"NJSA is aiding the opportunity to bring the brightest and the best of our young people back into the swine industry," Forkner says.

According to the National Job Board, a large number of youth once involved in agriculture and swine production are returning to the industry. Pork Checkoff scholarship research gathered from 2006 and 2008 notes 66 percent of its recipients are still involved in swine production. Forty-two percent are currently pursuing or have received a master's degree in animal or meat science and veterinary studies. Twenty-four percent are swine producers or work for a swine production company.

NJSA alumni work in many segments of the swine industry and related agricultural fields. Some, like Mason and Sterle, return to swine production and education. Others, like Hass and Albright, work for animal agriculture corporations and organizations.

"NJSA is doing the industry a huge favor supplying human capital who are leaders and have great people skills and all of the other skills we want employees and other industry leaders to have," Sterle says.

NJSA also provides an opportunity for members who did not grow up on a farm to become members of the industry.

"Giving these exhibitors, who grew up on farms or who did not, experience and internship trainings can inspire them to do well within NJSA and return to the swine industry," Forkner says.

Whatever their involvement may be, NJSA alumni are proud to have been involved in the organization. They feel the organization made them successful in agriculture.

"Beyond the show ring and NJSA, members enter the agriculture industry not only as passionate pig producers, but passionate, driven individuals dedicated to bettering agriculture," Mason says.

In agriculture, Sterle says it is important to look at the bigger picture in terms of the future NJSA provides its members.

"That's a huge asset to the industry – just allowing those kids to see something they are passionate about, and have fun doing that can be transformed into a career in agriculture and to help feed the world," Sterle says.

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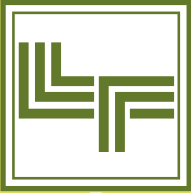
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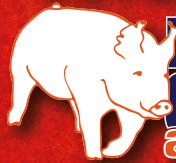
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# Ringside

By Katie Maupin

Seedstock EDGE asks the industry's most elite to share their secrets for success in the show ring with you. E-mail comments to [seedstockedge@nationalswine.com](mailto:seedstockedge@nationalswine.com).

## Ask Me Anything

**SETH SWENSON HELPS SEEDSTOCK EDGE GET READY FOR SHOWMANSHIP.**

Seth Swenson owns Showtime Sires in Newark, Ill. He has judged numerous shows throughout the country and evaluated showmanship during the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Ky.

Questions, asked by the judge, often separate the best showmen and make the difference between first place and second. From the judge's point of view, lots of people can train their hog to drive in the show ring, but only the best will take the time to study and learn about their animal and the swine industry. Below, Swenson gives us 10 possible showmanship questions. But remember, there are still many more – so don't forget to study and keep up-to-date on the latest industry news!

**1. WHAT ARE YOUR PIG'S EAR NOTCHES, AND WHAT IS THE PURPOSE FOR EAR NOTCHING?**

**2. WHAT DOES YOUR PIG WEIGH, AND WHEN WAS IT BORN?**

**3. WHAT BREED IS YOUR PIG?**

**4. WHAT KIND OF FEED DOES YOUR PIG EAT?**

**5. HOW MUCH FEED PER DAY DOES YOUR PIG EAT?**

**6. WHAT DOES "NSR" STAND FOR?**

**7. WHAT DOES "NJSA" STAND FOR?**

**8. WHERE DOES HAM COME FROM?**

**9. WHAT IS THE GESTATION LENGTH FOR A GILT/SOW?**

**10. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT SHOWING PIGS?**



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**Champion Duroc Boar**  
Shown by Don R. Smith, Ohio  
Sold to A Cut Above, Neb., for \$10,000



**Champion Hampshire Boar**  
Shown by Peter Farms, Ill.  
Sold to Premium Blend Sires, Ind., for \$9,500



**Reserve Champion Hampshire Boar**  
Shown by Doug & Donna Lowery, Ark.  
Sold to Greg Peppers, Ind., for \$350



**Champion Poland Boar**  
Shown by Foote Farms, Texas  
Sold to Cade & Carson Burris, Ind., for \$225



**Champion Yorkshire Boar**  
Shown by Lucas Helser, Ohio  
Sold to John Vaubel, Ohio, for \$750



**Reserve Champion Yorkshire Boar**  
Shown by Tony Holliday, Ind.  
Sold to Purple Haze Livestock, Colo., for \$600



**Reserve Champion Dark Crossbred Boar**  
Shown by Sieren Swine Farm, Iowa  
Sold to Upperhand Genetics, Ind., for \$5,000

# From the Field

by Ralph Doak, NSR Field Representative

The last Wednesday of April is the date for showpig people to converge on the Wayne County Fairground in Richmond, Ind., for what is known as the "Extravaganza."

Nearly 600 pigs were pre-entered this year, and the usual 60 percent showed up. They were a nice set of showpigs, and this year Kade Hummel, Lindner United Feed and Milling representative for the Midwest and former NSR fieldman, did a masterful job of combining soundness with balance, width and muscle. A huge thanks to our good friend Kade for an outstanding job of sifting this year's great set of hogs.

The Grand Champion Male was the dark crossbred from Hope and Gracie Flaspohler of Indiana that sold to Shaffer's Goldrush of Albany, Ind., for \$4,500.

The Reserve Champion Male was the Duroc entry from Don R. Smith of Mt. Gilead, Ohio. He sold to A Cut Above of Benedict, Neb., for \$10,000.

The Champion Chester White Male was another popular boar. Consigned by Jason Lackey of Texas, he sold to Real McCoy Genetics of Ohio, for \$5,250.

Another popular entry was the Hampshire

boar from Peter Farms of Illinois. He was a square-made rascal with great design. This young Hampshire male sold to Premium Blend Sires of Arlington, Ind., for \$9,500.

Scott and Jayme Sieren brought a really heavy-boned guy with good balance and muscle. This guy made the trip from Iowa to his new home with Upperhand Genetics of Huntington, Ind., for \$5,000.

WinTex Farms of Lubbock, Texas, had a really good day at the Extravaganza with a barrow that sold for \$3,250 to Dylan Evans of Manhattan, Kan.

The Grand Champion Gilt this year was a Yorkshire consigned by W.A.T.T. Livestock of Lubbock, Texas. This was a correct, big-ribbed, big-centered gilt that looked like a show hog that could make a brood sow. She sold to Case Pallotto of Colorado for \$4,500.

A total of 233 head totaled \$140,410 to average \$603.

Thanks to the Ohio State ATI crew for the great help – they are always making this event run smoothly.

Make the Extravaganza one of your things to do in 2013 and mark your calendars for the last Wednesday in April.



**Grand Champion Barrow Overall & Champion Dark Crossbred Barrow**  
Shown by Cox & Craft, Okla.  
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**Reserve Champion Barrow Overall & Champion Duroc Barrow**  
Shown by WinTex Farms, Texas  
Sold to Dylan Evans, Kan., for \$3,250



**Champion Light Cross Boar**  
Shown by Midwest Genetics, Iowa  
Sold to Will Hilty, Pa., for \$1,100



**Champion Berkshire Barrow**  
Shown by the Doherty Family, Wis.  
Sold to Greg Faver, Ind., for \$125



**Champion Chester White Barrow**  
Shown by Steven King, Ind.  
Sold to Alan Leonhardt, Ohio, for \$850

**NOT PICTURED**  
**Reserve Champion Duroc Boar**  
Shown by Mappes Durocs, Okla.  
Sold to Southern Gold Sires, Ind., for \$1,250

**Reserve Champion Light Crossbred Boar**  
Shown by Down Family Showpigs, Ill.  
Sold to Rex Smith & Family, Ind., for \$550



**Champion Hampshire Barrow**  
Shown by WinTex Farms, Texas  
Sold to Lane & Mason Johnson, Ind., for \$900



**Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow**  
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**Champion Light Crossbred Barrow**  
Shown by WinTex, Texas  
Sold to Jeff Taylor, Ind., for \$750



**Reserve Champion Light Crossbred Barrow**  
Shown by Cox & Craft, Okla.  
Sold to Steven King, Ind., for \$150



**Grand Champion Gilt Overall & Champion Yorkshire Gilt**  
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**Reserve Grand Champion Gilt Overall & Champion Duroc Gilt**  
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Sold to Cade & Carson Burris, Ind., for \$900



**Champion Chester White Gilt**  
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**Reserve Champion Duroc Gilt**  
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**Champion Hampshire Gilt**  
Shown by Ashleigh and Braxton Funkhouser, Ind.  
Sold to Maggie & Dalton Daily, Ind., for \$1,800

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**Reserve Champion Berkshire Barrow**  
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**Reserve Champion Chester White Barrow**  
Shown by Tracy Yantis, Ill.  
Sold to Mike O'Connor, N.M., for \$250

**Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow**  
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Shown by Mike J Smith & Family, Ind.  
Sold to Mike J Smith & Family, Ind., for \$900

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**Champion Berkshire Gilt**  
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**Reserve Champion Berkshire Gilt**  
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**Reserve Champion Chester Gilt**  
Shown by Heartland Swine, Kan.  
Sold to Galen McCune, Okla., for \$700

**Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt**  
Shown by Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio  
Sold to Lahrs Purebreds, Ind., for \$175



**Champion Light Crossbred Gilt**  
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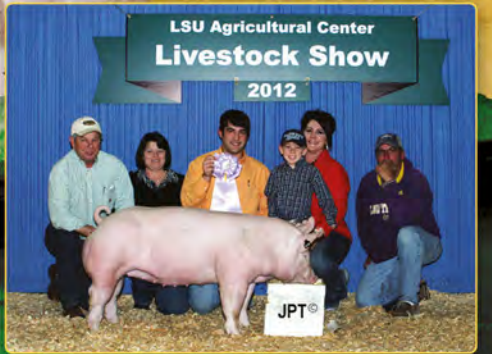
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**Thursday, June 7**

**8 a.m. – Open Show** { All animals must be on the grounds

**Friday, June 8**

**7:30 a.m. – Ring A** { Yorkshire Boar and Gilt Show followed by Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire and Crossbred boars and gilts

**8 a.m. – Ring B**

{ Berkshire Show followed by Poland, Spot and Chester White

**Saturday, June 9**

**9 a.m. – Ring A** { Yorkshire Boar and Gilt Sale followed by Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire and Crossbred boars and gilts

**9:30 a.m. – Ring B**

{ Berkshire Sale followed by Poland, Spot and Chester White

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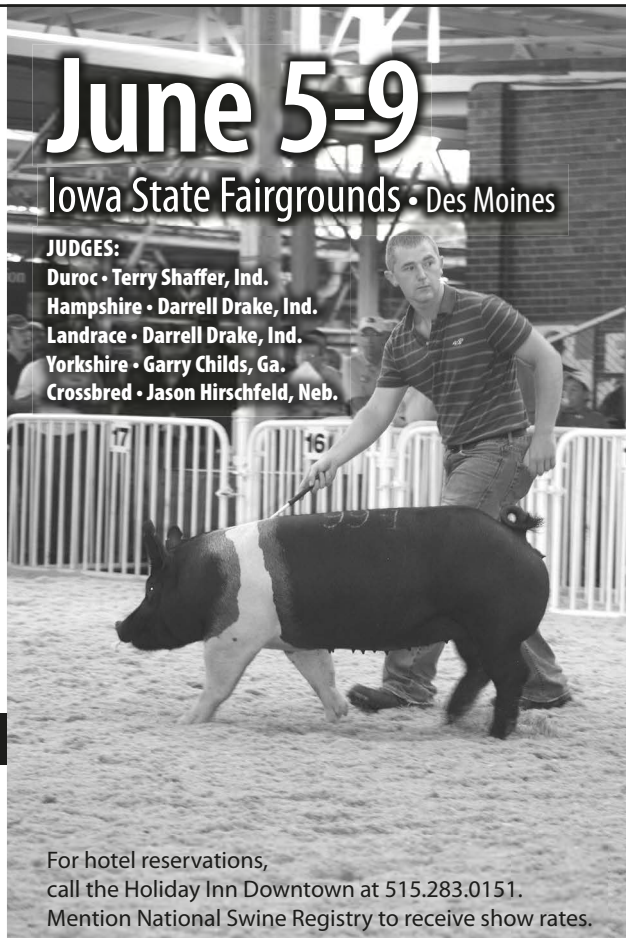
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**June 6-8, 2012**

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## **Purebred and crossbred gilt and barrow shows sponsored by NJSA and Team Purebred.**

### **Tuesday, June 5**

Noon: Earliest entries may arrive

1-8 p.m.: Registration & declaration of market-entry weights

### **Wednesday, June 6**

7:30-9:00 a.m.: Registration and declaration of market-entry weights

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.: Youth PQA Plus certification by Ring B

8 a.m.: All WPX Junior National entries must be on grounds

9:00 a.m.: Barrow weight cards due to NJSA show office

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.: Adult PQA Plus certification by Ring B

11:30 a.m.: Mandatory exhibitor meeting by Ring A

Noon: Purebred Barrow Show

Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire

Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland China & Spotted

*\*Immediately following the selection of the  
Champion Purebred Barrow in Ring A: Crossbred  
Barrow Show in Ring A*

5:00 p.m.: Crossbred Gilt weight cards due to NJSA office

### **Thursday, June 7**

8 a.m.: Showmanship

Ring A: Intermediate followed by Senior

Ring B: Novice followed by Junior

1 p.m.: Purebred Gilt Show

Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire

Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland China and Spotted

*\*Immediately following the selection of the Team Purebred  
Champion Gilt in Ring B: Crossbred Breeding Gilt Show in Ring B*

### **Friday, June 8**

8-9:30 a.m.: Judging Contest registration by judging rings (outside cattle barn)

10 a.m.: Judging Contest (Junior, Intermediate, Senior exhibitors  
in cattle barn)

12:30 p.m.: Novice Judging Contest (in cattle barn)

4 p.m.: Awards Ceremony by Ring B

*\*All WPX Junior National hogs are released after the Awards  
Ceremony, but are encouraged to stay through Saturday for the  
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### **Entry and Ownership Deadline: April 27, 2012**

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# SCHEDULE

## Monday, July 2

4 p.m.: Earliest Hogs May Arrive (Junior & Open)

## Tuesday, July 3

10 a.m.-10 p.m.: Registration (Open & Junior Gilt & Barrow Shows, Showmanship, Skillathon, Photography, Poster, Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking, Quiz Bowl, State Scrapbook and Ag Sales Contests)

5-6 p.m.: MVP Celebration

6:30 p.m.: Barnyard Olympics

10 p.m.: All Hogs Must be in Place

## Wednesday, July 4

8 a.m.: Barrow Weight Cards Due

8-11 a.m.: Eligibility Checks (washracks & scales closed)

8-11 a.m.: Skillathon

8-9:30 a.m.: PQA Plus Training (Youth)

8 a.m.: Photography Contest Judging

9 a.m.: Poster Contest Judging

9:30-11:30 a.m.: PQA Plus Training (Adult)

9:30-10:15 a.m.: Round Table Discussions with NJSA Junior Board Candidates

10 a.m.: State Scrapbook Judging

10:30 a.m.: Corn Toss Tournament (Adults & Youth Welcome)

11-11:45 a.m.: Skillathon Review

Noon: Washracks Opened

Noon: Opening Ceremony

1 p.m.: Showmanship Preliminaries

Ring A: Junior followed by Senior

Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

*\*Top Ten Finals Held Thursday Morning*

**Immediately following Showmanship**

**Preliminaries:** Junior Barrow Show

Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire

Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

## Thursday, July 5

8 a.m.: Showmanship Finals

Ring A: Junior followed by Senior

Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

9 a.m.: All Open Entries Must be Penned & Checked-In. Scanning to Follow (Boars Only).

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Cut-off date: June 11 • Rate \$109/night

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10 a.m.: Junior Gilt Show

Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire

Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Voting for NJSA Junior Board of Directors

*\*Open to all Junior, Intermediate & Senior Members*

6 p.m.: Quiz Bowl

## Friday, July 6

7:30-8:30 a.m.: Judging Contest Registration

7:30 a.m.: Open Show: Hampshire Show followed by the Yorkshire, Duroc and Crossbred Boar Shows

9 a.m.: Judging Contest

*\*Junior, Intermediate & Senior*

11:30 a.m.: Novice Judging Contest

1 p.m.: State Food Drive Counting

1:30 p.m.: Speech Contestant Meeting

1:30 p.m.: Extemporaneous Speaking Contestant Meeting

2 p.m.: Speech & Extemporaneous Speaking Contests

4 p.m.: Ag Sales Contest

5:30 p.m.: Pizza Party & Judging Critique

5:45 p.m.: Ray Perryman Inspirational Service

6:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony

*\*Scholarships Awarded*

*\*NSS Contest Winners Announced (State Food Drive, State Scrapbook, Barnyard Olympics, Quiz Bowl, Photography Contest, Poster Contest, Skillathon, Speech Contest, Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Judging Contest, Ag Sales Contest, Sweepstakes Contest)*

*\*Herdsman of the Year Award Presented*

*\*Distinguished Service Award Presented*

*\*All-Around Sweepstakes Winners Announced*

*\*Raffle Winners Announced*

*\*2012-2013 Junior Board Announced*

9-11 p.m.: Exhibitor Dance

9 p.m.: All Junior Hogs are Released

## Saturday, July 7

8:30 a.m.: Ray Perryman Inspirational Service

9 a.m.: Hampshire Sale followed by the Yorkshire, Landrace (Junior Show Only), Duroc and Crossbred Boar Sales

Don't forget to start collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for the state food drive contest!

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**NSR SUMMER SPECTACULAR**

*Louisville, Ky.*

# **RULES & REMINDEERS**

## Junior Show

### **SKILLATHON**

**Contest: Wednesday, July 4, 8-11 a.m.**

**Review Session: 11-11:45 a.m.**

The Skillathon is a fun, educational contest where participants rotate through four stations within each age division and are asked to perform specific tasks that cover various components of the swine industry. Topics include (but are not limited to) ear notching, swine breeds, swine health, Pork Quality Assurance, meat cut identification, swine anatomy (external, internal and skeletal), reproductive anatomy, pedigrees and feedstuff identification. This event is for youth exhibitors only – no parents or spectators are allowed in the Skillathon rooms. However, from 11-11:45 a.m., all parents and youth are invited to go back through the Skillathon to review the questions and see the correct answers. Skillathon study manuals are available through the NSR office, or at the NJSA booth at NJSA shows and events. Call 765.463.3594 to order a copy of the Swine Resource Manual or Skillathon Practice CD.

### **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

**Preliminaries: Wednesday, July 4, 1 p.m.**

**Finals: Thursday, July 5, 8 a.m.**

Join us for the best showmanship competition in the country. This contest is always a highlight at the NSR Summer Spectacular and shows off our talented members. The finals in each division will take place on Thursday morning, prior to the gilt show. Showmanship orders will be posted Wednesday morning. Juniors will begin in Ring A, followed by seniors. Novice will start off the day in Ring B, followed by intermediates.

### **JUDGING CONTEST**

**Registration: Friday, July 6, 7:30-8:30 a.m.**

**Senior/Intermediate/Junior Judging Contest: Friday, July 6, 9 a.m.**

**Novice Judging Contest: Friday, July 6, 11:30 a.m.**

**Judging Critique: Friday, July 6, 5:30 p.m.**

Test your ability to evaluate market hogs and breeding gilts in the judging contest. Teams must consist of three to four contestants from the same age division. The top three scores will count toward the team score. Parents are NOT allowed near the judging rings. Assistants will be available to novice or first-time judges who may not understand how to mark their cards. Seniors, intermediates and juniors will evaluate four classes of breeding stock and two classes of market hogs. Seniors will give three sets of oral reasons, intermediates will give one set of reasons and answer two sets of questions, and juniors will answer two sets of questions. Novice contestants will have their own contest at 11:30 a.m. They will judge two classes and answer questions on one class. Official reasons and cuts will be announced at 5:30 p.m. in West Hall A&B.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

**Registration: Tuesday, July 3, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.**

**Photo Judging: Wednesday, July 4, 8 a.m.**

Do you enjoy taking photographs around the farm? Have a great idea for the cover of *Seedstock EDGE*? If so, you need to enter the

photography contest. NJSA members are encouraged to enter photos taken within the past year. Photos cannot be altered or image-enhanced in any way. Photos are to be 5x7-inch color, sepia or black-and-white prints mounted on a 6x8-inch plain, black poster board. Contest categories are: Swine (highlight swine on the farm); General Agriculture (show scenery around the farm); People (focus on people with a general swine theme); and Humor (tell a funny story with a general swine theme). All photos will become property of NJSA and may be used in *Seedstock EDGE* or the *Pinnacle*. Start snapping those photos! Remember, photos must be the work of the entrant; do not add text or graphics to the photo!

### **POSTER CONTEST**

**Registration: Tuesday, July 3, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.**

**Poster Judging: Wednesday, July 4, 9 a.m.**

The purpose of the poster contest is to display the creative talent of NJSA members, share ideas useful in promotion of our breeds and organizations, and provide a fun, educational activity for members. All work must be that of the entrant. Contestants must write the following in the upper left-hand corner on the back of the poster: contestant's name; complete address; age (as of Jan. 1 of current year); subject category in which the poster is to be entered. Poster theme and design must fit into one of the following categories: Breed Promotion (highlight the value of Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire swine in a successful swine operation) or Membership Recruitment (develop and illustrate ideas to recruit new NJSA or NSR members, or show the value of membership). Poster dimensions must be 14" x 22." Any posters not meeting size requirements will be displayed, but not considered for placing. Posters may be cut into a shape, but must fit within the specified size. Photographs, magazine clippings, stencils, stickers, computer cut-out letters and adhesive letters may be used. Three-dimensional posters are not allowed. It is suggested, but not required, that posters be laminated or covered with clear contact paper.

### **AG SALES CONTEST**

**Contest: Friday, July 6, 4 p.m.**

NEW this year, is the NSR Summer Spectacular Ag Sales Contest! Youth are broken into two divisions (12 and under and 13-21 years old) and have the option to compete either as an individual, or as a team of two or three. Youth will create a swine related product to present to a panel of judges, and are given 5-10 minutes to present it using props and educational materials. Participants are scored on their creativity, content, communication and responses to questions. For the full Ag Sales Contest rules, please see the NSR Summer Spectacular Contest Rules & Regulations on the NJSA web page.

### **SPEECH CONTEST**

**Contestant Meeting: Friday, July 6, 1:30 p.m.**

**Contest: Friday, July 6, 2 p.m.**

Attention all seniors, intermediates and juniors! Show off your speaking talents and knowledge of the swine industry in the speech

contest. Remember, manuscripts are not due until the speech meeting. Contestants must bring four typewritten, double-spaced copies of their speech manuscript to the meeting. See the NJSA Handbook for more detailed rules about the manuscript. These speeches can pertain to any subject within the swine industry and must be the result of the contestant's own efforts. Each speech must be 3-6 minutes in length. Judges will ask a few questions following each speech. The speaking order will be determined by drawing lots and will be posted prior to the contest. The contestant will be scored 40 percent on speech content and organization, and 60 percent on presentation. Sample score sheets are available upon request from the NSR office.

### **EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST**

**Contestant Meeting: Friday, July 6, 1:30 p.m.**

**Contest: Friday, July 6, 2 p.m.**

All seniors and intermediates are encouraged to compete in this unique contest that challenges your ability to think on your feet. The selection of the topics will be held 30 minutes before the event. The participant will draw two specific topics, selected at random from one pool of six, relating to the industry of agriculture and/or purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire swine. After selecting a topic from the choices, all topics will be returned for the next drawing. Participants will enter the preparation room at 10-minute intervals with 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation. Reference materials may be used, but restrictions apply. See the NJSA Handbook for more details. Each speech must be between 2-6 minutes in length with three minutes additional time allowed for related questions from the judges.

### **QUIZ BOWL**

**Contest: Thursday, July 5, 6 p.m.**

NEW this year, is the NSR Summer Spectacular Quiz Bowl! Youth are broken into two divisions (12 and under and 13-21 years old) and will go through two rounds of the Quiz Bowl – an individual round and a team-round, answering eight questions in each round. Youth can sign up for the single-elimination tournament at the show check-in. For the full Quiz Bowl rules, please see the NSR Summer Spectacular Contest Rules & Regulations on the NJSA web page.

### **STATE SCRAPBOOK CONTEST**

**Registration: Tuesday, July 3, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.**

**Judging: Wednesday, July 4, 10 a.m.**

Show off your state pride in the state scrapbook contest. This contest is judged on your state scrapbook's creativity, eye appeal, theme, educational value and neatness. It provides NJSA members and families with the perfect opportunity to get to know others from their state even better. Contact Cally Hass, NSR Director of Junior Activities, with questions. Each state may enter one scrapbook in this contest. Scrapbooks must be designed and put together by NJSA members, although parents can help. Scrapbooks must include a label or title that easily I.D.'s the state and the participants. Enclose all memorabilia in a plastic sleeve or use archival spray. Computer generated fonts and designs are allowed, if desired. The state award winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony and receive a traveling plaque, along with certificates for participating members of the winning state.

### **STATE FOOD DRIVE CONTEST**

**Counting: Friday, July 6, 1 p.m.**

Compete to earn your state the supreme title over all others in attendance, while helping those in need at the same time! All non-perishable canned or boxed foods are welcome. Most needed items include peanut butter, saltine crackers, pork and beans, boxed cereals (cold and hot), canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, and carrots), hearty canned soup, canned fruit juice, canned spaghetti sauce, rice and spaghetti, canned fruit (oranges, applesauce, peaches and pineapple) and canned meats (tuna, chicken, chicken and dumplings, ham, beef stew, chili with meat, ravioli with meat, and spaghetti with meatballs). Please avoid glass containers. Members can purchase items in advance and bring them to the show, as well as collect food once in Louisville at the NSR Summer Spectacular. Items should be placed in the designated state area for the Food Drive and must be in place by 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, to be counted. The state with the

greatest number of items will be announced at the Awards Ceremony and receive a traveling plaque, along with certificates for participating members of the winning state. All collected food will be donated to the Dare to Care Food Bank of Louisville.

### **GILT SHOW**

**Thursday, July 5, 10 a.m.**

Be prepared to see one of the greatest purebred gilt shows in the country at the NSR Summer Spectacular. We are looking forward to a great event featuring Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire swine. Landrace and Yorkshire gilts will show in Ring A and Duroc and Hampshire gilts will show in Ring B. Ring A judge is Dan Burzlaff, Iowa, and Ring B Judge is Ben Moyer, Ohio.

### **BARROW SHOW**

**Wednesday, July 4, Immediately Following Showmanship Preliminaries**

For the first time ever, we are proud to welcome a purebred barrow show to the NSR Summer Spectacular. We are looking forward to a great event featuring Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire swine. Landrace and Yorkshire barrows will show in Ring A and Duroc and Hampshire barrows will show in Ring B. Ring A judge is John Staude, Okla., and Ring B Judge is Ben Bobell, Ill.

### **SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST**

**Registration: Tuesday, July 3, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.**

You must declare your intention to compete in the sweepstakes contest at registration. In order to qualify, you must compete in the gilt or barrow show, showmanship contest, skillathon and judging contest. Don't forget, contestants will receive five bonus points at the NSR Summer Spectacular for doing one or more of the following (five points is the maximum that can be obtained, regardless of the number of contests competed in): extemporaneous speaking contest, speech contest, photo contest, poster contest, ag sales contest or quiz bowl.

### **BARNYARD OLYMPICS**

**Tuesday, July 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Come compete in fun barnyard games to win prizes and make new friends! Come with a pre-made team from your state, or come by yourself and we'll place you on a team to meet new people! Dress with team pride and wear old, comfortable clothes!

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

**Wednesday, July 4, Noon**

Celebrate the start of the 2012 NSR Summer Spectacular and attend the Opening Ceremony! You will be introduced to NJSA and NSR staff and the NJSA Junior Board, meet the candidates running for the NJSA Junior Board, hear important announcements and reminders for the week and get pumped up to "Celebrate Freedom!"

### **MVP (MENTORING VALUES PEOPLE) PARTY**

**Tuesday, July 3, 5-6 p.m.**

Meet your new mentor or catch up with your current mentor at the MVP party! You'll play great games and have the opportunity to get your photo taken with your mentor. This will be a fun party and formal opportunity for new mentors to meet their protégés – don't miss it! Also, after the MVP party, mentors and their protégés are invited to compete together in the Barnyard Olympics competition!

### **PQA PLUS TRAINING**

**Youth Training Session: Wednesday, July 4, 8-9:30 a.m.**

**Adult Training Session: Wednesday, July 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Become PQA Plus certified at the training session sponsored by Pork Checkoff. PQA Plus certification is required to exhibit at any NJSA event, so don't miss out on an opportunity to get certified. The training is free and no pre-registration is required.

## **NJSA ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

**Round Table Discussions: Wednesday, July 4, 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**Voting: Thursday, July 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Meet the candidates running for junior board positions after the Skillathon on Wednesday! Speeches will take place during the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday. Then, learn more about the candidates and talk to each of them face-to-face at the Round Table Discussions on Wednesday from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at the food court behind the show ring. All members are invited to participate! Senior, intermediate and junior members will vote on the new directors. Voting for regional directors will be at the voting booth between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday.

## **NSR SUMMER SPECTACULAR AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Friday, July 6, 6:30 p.m.**

The culmination of the NSR Summer Spectacular week, this is your opportunity as an NJSA member to find out what's going on in the NJSA. We will announce the winners and present the awards for many NSR Summer Spectacular contests, recognize the NJSA Distinguished Service Award recipient, Herdsman of the Year, NJSA scholarship winners and NJSA sponsors, view a fun slideshow highlighting the NSR Summer Spectacular week, announce the candidates who were successful in winning a spot on the 2012-2013 NJSA Junior Board of Directors and thank the retiring Junior Board members for their two years of service and contribution to the NJSA.

## **NJSA FOUNDATION FEMALE AUCTION**

**Presale: July 2-6, [www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com](http://www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com)**

**Live Auction: Saturday, July 7, during the NSR Summer Spectacular Yorkshire Sale**

The 2012 NJSA Foundation Female is a superior Yorkshire female from Thompson Brothers Genetics. All proceeds will support the NJSA Scholarship Fund. If you can't make it to the sale, but are interested in making this female a part of your herd, you can bid online July 2-6 at [www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com](http://www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com). Check out this website for more information about the 2012 NJSA Foundation Female.

## **EXHIBITOR PIZZA PARTY**

**Friday, July 6, 5:30 p.m.**

Join in the NSR Summer Spectacular pizza party while listening to the judging contest critique.

## **EXHIBITOR DANCE**

**Friday, July 6, 9-11 p.m.**

After the Awards Ceremony, all NJSA members are invited to the NJSA exhibitor dance in Rooms 1 and 2 of the West Hall from 9-11 p.m. You must attend the Awards Ceremony to get into the dance.

## **ALL-AROUND SWEEPSTAKES CIRCUIT AWARDS**

Find out the Top 10 Winners of the NJSA All-Around Sweepstakes Circuit contest at the NSR Summer Spectacular Awards Ceremony. These youth have been trekking across the country for the past year, starting with the 2011 Southwest Regional and concluding with the 2012 NSR Summer Spectacular. Sweepstakes standings are compiled from the Southwest Regional, Eastern Regional, Southeast Regional, Western Regional, WPX Jr. National and the NSR Summer Spectacular.

## **NJSA RAFFLE**

Now is the time to buy and sell tickets for the NJSA raffle! This great fundraiser is a way for all members to get involved helping NJSA provide even more opportunities for youth everywhere! Raffle tickets are only \$5 each or five for \$20. Cash prizes go to the top two salesmen or women – \$100 for first and \$50 for second. Don't miss out – call NJSA at 765.463.3594 to get tickets or e-mail [cally@nationalswine.com](mailto:cally@nationalswine.com). The drawing will take place and prizes will be awarded on Friday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the NSR Summer Spectacular Awards Ceremony. Winners do not need to be present to win – so sell to your local community and friends, too!

## **SUPER SEMEN AUCTION**

Join us for an exciting auction to benefit NJSA programs and activities, featuring outstanding boar studs that have donated semen to be sold to the highest bidder. If you can't make it to the auction, you can bid online during the presale from July 2-5 at [www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com](http://www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com). Boar studs will offer one lot, which equals two doses of semen from any purebred (D, H, L, Y) or crossbred boar in their boar stud. Buyer pays shipping and semen must be shipped by Dec. 31, 2012. Semen subject to availability – plan ahead!

## **NJSA SILENT AUCTION**

Is your silent auction donation ready for the 10th Annual NSR Summer Spectacular silent auction? Join the fun and bring an item you think would be of interest to other NJSA members and their families. Money raised from the silent auction will support NJSA shows and activities. Please bring all silent auction donations to the show check-in.

## **KID'S KORNER**

Attention kids – need a break? Check out the Kid's Korner! This special area of the barn is designed just for YOU! You can watch movies, work on craft projects, color pictures to decorate the show barn and play with your friends! Parents are responsible for their children at all times at the Kid's Korner.

## **NJSA BOOTH**

Stop by the NJSA booth to purchase the latest in NJSA apparel – t-shirts, caps, judging DVDs, Skillathon resource manuals, windshirts and more! You can also purchase raffle tickets, fill-out a new membership form and check out information about upcoming shows, events and scholarship programs.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

It takes 231 volunteers to put on the NSR Summer Spectacular, so don't hesitate to become more involved and volunteer to help facilitate the Skillathon, supervise Kid's Korner or silent auction, work at the NJSA booth, be a group leader for the judging contest or help in the make-up or show ring! If you would like to volunteer in any of these ways, please e-mail Cally Hass at [cally@nationalswine.com](mailto:cally@nationalswine.com).

## **HEALTH REGULATIONS**

1. Each animal must be accompanied by TWO COPIES of an official interstate health certificate issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Certificates must show name and address of consignor; consigned to the NSR Summer Spectacular, Kentucky Expo Center, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209-1398; individual identification of animal; and health status of animal, including the dates of required tests and vaccinations. Crossbred animals must be identified by a federally recognized, numbered ear tag.
2. All certificates must be issued after June 1, 2012, with the following information:
  - a. Brucellosis: All animals must originate from a Brucellosis Class "Free" state or be from a validated brucellosis free herd with the validation herd number and test date on certificate or be negative tested for brucellosis after June 7, 2012, and test date written on the certificate. Texas exhibitors must be from a validated brucellosis free herd with the validation herd number and test date on certificate or be negative tested for brucellosis after June 7, 2012, and test date written on the certificate.
  - b. Since all states are Stage 5 of the Pseudorabies (PRV) eradication program, no testing is required for this show. If the animals come from a Pseudorabies qualified herd, it is required that this number and the last test date appear on the health certificate.
  - c. Vaccination against Leptospirosis (6-way) including bratislava and erysipelas. The date of vaccination MUST be listed on the health certificate. Market hogs should NOT be vaccinated.
  - d. All health certificates must list the following statements: no raw garbage fed, herd is not under quarantine for any disease and uses no PRV vaccine.



3. A health certificate must be inspected and approved by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, before unloading. If you unload before the approval, you will be asked to leave.
4. Evidence that a paper has been altered will result in dismissal of the shipment. All swine brought to the NSR Summer Spectacular must be listed on the health paper and meet the same requirements as the swine being shown.
5. Any health certificate with animals originating from Texas coming into Kentucky MUST get a permit number before coming to the show. To obtain a permit number, a licensed, accredited veterinarian must call the Kentucky State Veterinarian's Office at 502.564.3956. (If you are exhibiting in the NSR Summer Spectacular only, you do not need to call for a permit number unless you are from Texas and all Texas exhibitors must call and get a permit number.)
6. A Premises Identification Number is required to exhibit at all NSR/NJSA events. To obtain a premises ID number, visit the NSR website home page, [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com), click the blue "Premises ID" icon. From there, open the PDF document and locate your state contact person that is listed.
7. All entries must be ear notched using the NSR system.
8. All entries must be recorded by June 20, 2012. After that date, exhibitors will be charged a rush fee. All exhibitors must be junior or senior NSR members.
9. No entry or substitute entry will be allowed to show or sell without a registration certificate. Entries will be divided into classes by farrowing date. All hogs must enter the fairgrounds between 4 p.m. on Monday, July 2, and 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012.

### REGISTRATION REMINDERS

1. All junior gilts and barrows must have their registration papers present at check-in. Bring a photocopy along with your original to speed up the check-in process.
2. Exhibitors also need to bring a copy of their PQA Plus certificate and two copies of their health papers.
3. Gilts that are double-entered in both the open show and the junior gilt show need to be checked in separately to BOTH shows. These double-entered gilts should not be painted for the open show until after the completion of the junior gilt show on Thursday. Your NJSA exhibitor number will also be your number in the open show, so you must designate in advance which gilt is double-entered.
4. If you are exhibiting a bred-and-owned gilt, please tell the staff at check-in.
5. All gilts shown in the open show may be offered for sale. If you DON'T want your gilt to be sold, don't enter the open show.
6. At check-in, double-check that you are entered in the appropriate age group – all ages are considered as of Jan. 1, 2012.
7. All NJSA champion and reserve champion gilts in the Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire breeds will have the option to sell in their respective breed sales at all NSR/NJSA events.

### PENNING REMINDERS

1. If you are bringing more than one animal, please bring a pen divider. Space will be limited, so all juniors will be penned with two pigs per pen, and siblings will be penned together.
2. Tack pens will be designated. Participants must pen their gilt entries in the designated area for the NJSA event, even if the gilts are entered in the open show.
3. No moving or switching of pen cards. If special penning is required, these requests must be submitted in advance and approved by the Director of Junior Activities. This system will allow us to find participants more quickly if any problems or special needs arise.

## Get the most **bang** for your **advertising** **buck!**

**You're a busy person. You've got breeding decisions to make, sows to farrow, chores to finish and shows to prepare for.**

**On top of that, you want to run ads in Seedstock EDGE to get those hogs sold! Here's a checklist to make preparing your ads easier.**

- **Think about the concept of your ad.** What are you trying to accomplish? Thanking a buyer, promoting a new boar or simply getting your farm name out there.
- **Check the ad deadline.** Know when you need to have your materials to the Seedstock EDGE staff. Deadlines are listed in each issue of Seedstock EDGE and on [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com).
- **Decide what size and color of ad you want.** Ad prices are listed on [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com) or give the Seedstock EDGE staff a call.
- **Create a sketch of your design idea.** Stick figures and boxes are OK! Maybe you don't have a design idea, but just a favorite color. That's OK, too. Tell the Seedstock EDGE staff what color you like and leave the design work up to them.
- **Get organized.** Before you send anything to the Seedstock EDGE staff, gather your pictures and label them with numbers that correspond to boxes on your ad sketch. Then, write the captions you would like under each picture and label them with numbers that correspond to each picture.
- **Fax or e-mail your sketch.** Do this the same day you e-mail or overnight your photos.
- **E-mail your photos.** If e-mailing, make sure the photos were scanned at 300 dpi for the best picture quality.
- **Check your e-mail often.** The Seedstock EDGE staff will e-mail a proof of your ad to you before they send it to the printer.
- **Approve your ad.** When you receive your ad proof, check it for accuracy. Then, call the Seedstock EDGE staff or respond to the e-mail with your changes. If you don't find any corrections, simply call and say the ad is good to go to the printer.

# 2012 **NJSA** foundation female



# Auction Saturday, July 7

Designed by  
**Seedstock**  
**EDGE**

Pre-bid online at  
[NSR-BuyersChoiceAuction.com](http://NSR-BuyersChoiceAuction.com)



This January gilt is sired by the \$15,000 Reserve Champion Yorkshire Boar at the STC, Dog Knott. Her Iron Man dam is also the mother of Big Timber, housed at Cain's Super Sires. The top-end of her pedigree includes the \$44,000 top-selling boar at the SWTC, On The Verge. On The Verge sired the 2011 Grand Champion and top-selling Yorkshire boar at the SWTC and was named Premier Sire at the 2011 WPX. Her paternal grandam is a littermate to Moyer's Mammoth boar and the dam of

Starbuck, the Reserve Champion Boar at the 2011 WTC that is

now housed at Triple B Sires. The maternal side of 12-6's pedigree is just as impressive. Her grandam is a known generator in the Thompson program, and the mother of Turn On, Rondo, Big Splash, 33, Change It Up, Pud, Samurai and The Factor. Her maternal grandsire is the Grimm-bred Iron Man that was named Champion Boar at the 2008 NSR Fall Classic.

Thanks to Thompson Bros. Genetics for donating this outstanding Yorkshire gilt!



OF REGISTRY

**ASLS9 ON THE VERGE 4-14**  
Sire of Sire: 498618014 SPI: 82.7  
MLI: 78.0

**TBRO9 MISS EXECUTIVE 1-8**  
Dam of Sire: 494502008 SPI: 96.9  
MLI: 87.6

**JGR8 IRON MAN 89-4**  
Sire of Dam: 481596004 SPI: 82.0  
MLI: 75.6

**TBRO7 MISS DASHER 33-9**  
Dam of Dam: 471497009 SPI: 104.4  
MLI: 87.4

**TBRO0 DOG KNOTT 77-4**  
Sire: 511678004 SPI: 89.8  
MLI: 83.0

**TBRO9 MISS DASHER 33-7**  
Dam: 494114007 SPI: 93.2  
MLI: 87.4

Animal: 12-6

Total Born: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born Alive: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Weaned: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adj. Wt: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder No: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: **THOMPSON BROS GENETICS**  
BROC, LUKE, & ELI THOMPSON  
3000 VALLEY VIEW RD NE  
LANCASTER, OH 43130

Owned As Of: 1/15/12

Owner No: 56253

Owner: **THOMPSON BROS GENETICS**  
BROC, LUKE, & ELI THOMPSON  
3000 VALLEY VIEW RD NE  
LANCASTER, OH 43130

Traits	EPD	Traits	EPD	Traits	EPD
Born Alive	-0.17	Days to 250	1.50	24 hour pH	0.00
Litter Birth Wt	-0.03	Backfat	0.02	Marbling Score	0.00
Number Weaned	-0.08	Feed Efficiency	0.04	Loin Color	0.00
21 Day Litter Wt	-2.69	Lbs of Lean	-0.65		
Wean to Estrus	0.00	Loin Eye Area	-0.06		
SPI	91.5	MLI	85.2	TSI	8

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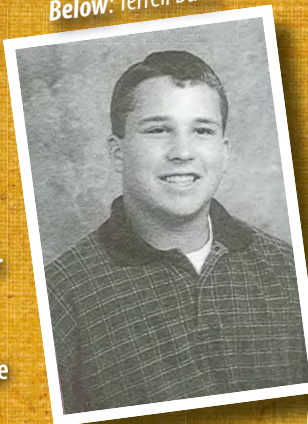
# Past

By Katie Maupin

This is part of a series offering brief glimpses into the history of NSR and the breed associations that comprise it. E-mail comments to [seedstockedge@nationalswine.com](mailto:seedstockedge@nationalswine.com).

Following the first Summer Spectacular Junior Show on July 8, 1998, 10 of the industry's most elite young people met at the National Swine Registry's office along with NSR Interns, Daryl Real and Jennifer Hotchkiss Shike; NSR Field Director, Mike Fisher; and Junior Coordinator, Kelly Provo, to discuss the first Summer Spectacular show and conceptualize a way to encourage young people to be involved in the swine industry. This 10-member Junior Steering Committee was probably unaware at the time that their contributions and ideas would help to create the largest youth livestock organization in the country – the National Junior Swine Association.

Below: Terrell Buck



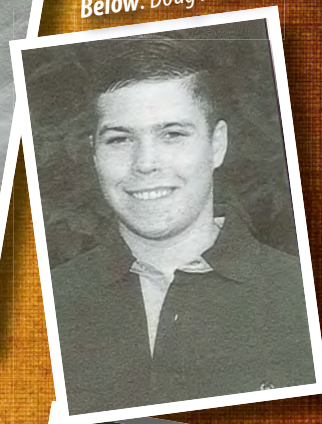
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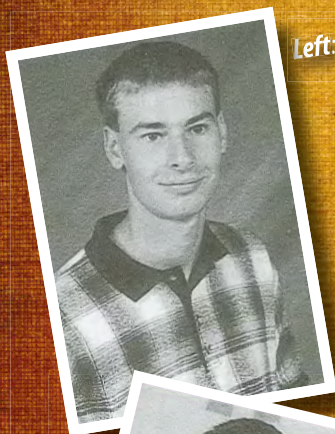
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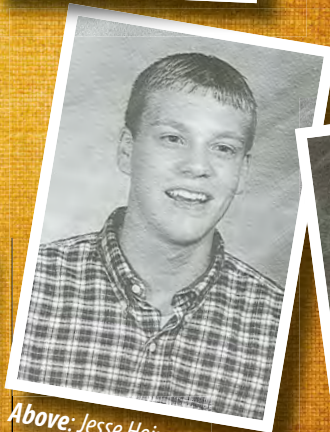
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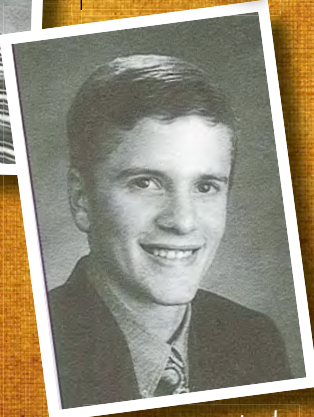
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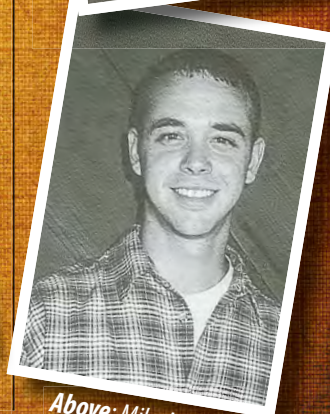
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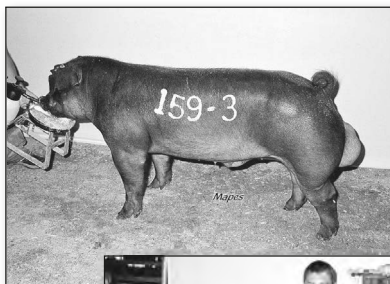
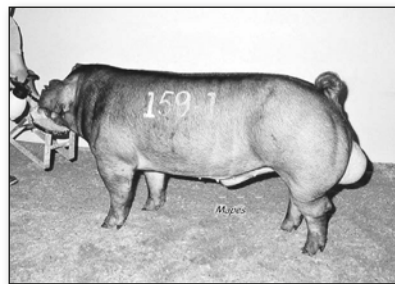
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## JUNE

- 1 June SE mails
- 2 Pick of the Litter Showpig Sale, 6 p.m., Hope, Ark.
- 2-3 Western New York Hog Preview Classic, Hamburg, N.Y.
- 5-9 World Pork Expo, Des Moines, Iowa
- 9 Lowery Showpigs Spring Showpig Prospect Sale, 1 p.m., Greenbrier, Ark.
- 12 July SE advertising deadline
- 13 Peter Farms Online Showpig Sale, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)
- 14 Heimer Hamps Online Sale, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)
- 18 Steve Cobb & Family Online Showpig Sale, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)
- 19 Brinning Genetics Online Pig Sale #3, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)
- 19 Brinning, Ogle & Platt Bred Gilt Sale, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)
- 19 All A-Marek-N Sires Online Showpig Sale #2, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)
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- 26 Shaffer's Online Sale #4, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)

- 26-27 Nelson Bros. & Spring Creek Genetics Online Bred Gilt Sale #1, [www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com](http://www.nsr-buyerschoiceauction.com)
- 27 Peter Farms Online Showpig Sale, [www.showpig.com](http://www.showpig.com)

## JULY

- 2 July SE mails
- 3-7 NSR Summer Spectacular, Louisville, Ky.
- 7 NJSA Southwest Regional Ownership Deadline (DNA sample submitted)
- 12 August SE advertising deadline
- 13 NBS Junior Barrow Classic Ownership Deadline
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- 30 NJSA Eastern Regional Ownership Deadline

## AUGUST

- 1 American Royal Ownership Deadline
- 3 NJSA Southwest Regional Entry Deadline
- 9 Aug. SE mails
- 10 NBS & NBS Junior Barrow Classic Entry Deadline
- 16 Indiana State Fair Duroc Show & Sale, Indianapolis, Ind.

- 21 Sept. Showpig SE advertising deadline
- 24 NJSA Eastern Regional Entry Deadline
- 31 NJSA Southwest Regional, Chickasha, Okla.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 NJSA Southwest Regional, Chickasha, Okla.
- 6 Sept. Showpig SE Issue mails
- 8-9 NBS Junior Barrow Classic, Austin, Minn.
- 10-12 National Barrow Show, Austin, Minn.
- 18 Oct/Nov SE advertising deadline
- 27-30 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show & Rodeo, Omaha, Neb.
- 28-30 State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Texas


## OCTOBER

- 1 NAILE Ownership Deadline and Market Hog Entry Deadline
- 11-14 NJSA Eastern Regional, Hamburg, N.Y.
- 16 Oct/Nov SE mails
- 23 December SE advertising deadline
- 26-28 American Royal Junior Swine Show, Kansas City

## NOVEMBER

- 3-5 North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Ky.
- 14-17 NSR Fall Classic, Duncan, Okla.
- 20 NJSA Southeast Regional Ownership Deadline
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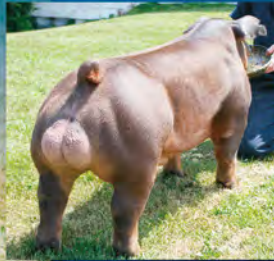
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