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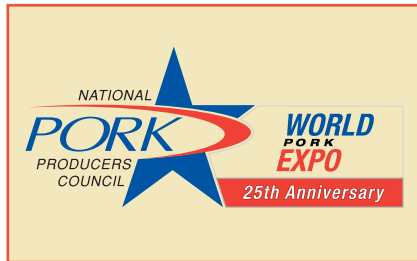
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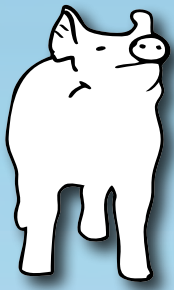


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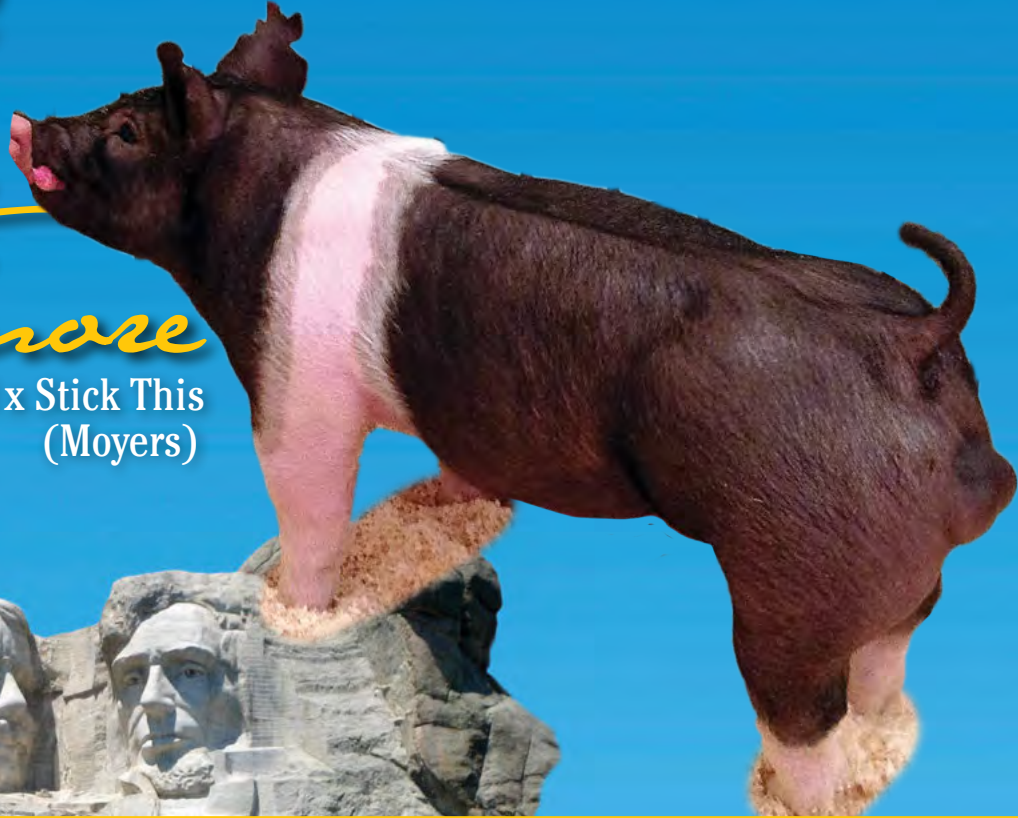
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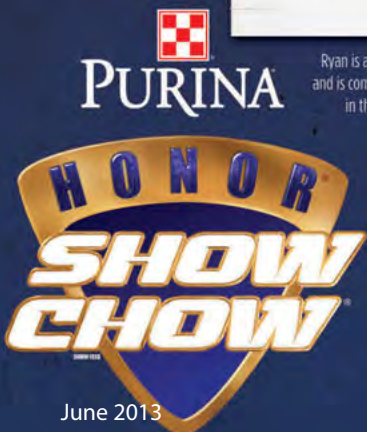


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Open Mike

Mike Paul
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Blueprint for the future

Everyone that has been involved in the process of building something understands the importance of a blueprint. If you look up “blueprint” in the dictionary, you will find: **blueprint** [bloo-print], noun, 1. a photographic reproduction, as of architectural plans or technical drawings, rendered as white lines on a blue background. 2. a carefully designed plan.

I was fortunate to attend the National Pedigreed Livestock Council (NPLC) meeting in Lexington, Ky., in May. The NPLC represents an organization of executive officers of various non-profit breed associations of beef, dairy, goat, horse, pony, sheep and swine species. NPLC provides an opportunity for those officers of different species and breed groups to exchange ideas and learn new techniques to fulfill their association objectives. Over the years that I participated in the NPLC meetings, I’ve seen the dedication of association members and staff to develop the blueprint for pedigreed livestock associations.

For the past several years, NPLC has recognized the change in our associations, and realized these changes in industry structure and economic conditions have created the need for many of our members to blaze a different path to remain relevant in their chosen career. The driving force in all livestock associations is attracting new, young members to take ownership of their respective associations and encouraging them to be involved in the

events, activities and services provided.

The NSR Vice President of Membership Services and Youth Development Brian Arnold, served on a ‘Young Breeders’ panel during the meeting. Brian’s presentation, *Everyone Starts Somewhere*, was a great one. As I reflect on his presentation, the changes that

“It is time to embrace the new and young people that come into our industry, so we can work on the blueprint for the future.”

have taken place in the swine industry over the past decades and the ability of NSR to provide new opportunities for its membership, the common thread seems to be NSR’s ability to attract and retain new, young members. This is directly tied to the formation on the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA), in the late-’90s, and the opportunities it created for members. Many of the young people that participated in NJSA’s inaugural years finished their time as a junior exhibitor and now serve as ambassadors for the purebred swine industry.

The NSR must appreciate the input from these young people and embrace some of their thoughts and ideas for the future. I think many of us forget how many young people became involved in the purebred swine industry in the late-’60s and ’70s. Most of these people worked an off-the-farm job and ran 10-15 sows at home because they wanted to be involved in the purebred Duroc,

Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire business. These young people were welcomed into the industry, and a common factor mentioned by most of these breeders today, was the fact an established breeder took them under their wing and invited them to travel to different type conferences and breed events. The most

important part of this process, I feel, was the time the established breeder and the new breeder spent in the vehicle together talking about the importance of building relationships. Several of these young people had the fortune of making the purebred swine industry their career, but many remained in their off-the-farm jobs and stayed active in our industry.

The industry continually evolves, but I see the same opportunity today. I know these young members are interested in the history of the purebred swine industry and want to hear it from the people that were directly involved. Established breeders, it is your responsibility to make the next generation better. Please take the time to mentor one of these young people, especially during this upcoming show and sale season.

It is time to embrace the new and young people that come into our industry, so we can work on the blueprint for the future.



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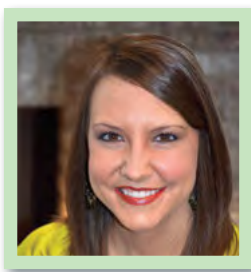
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Youth View

Cally Hass
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Little teachers

All our lives we're told to listen to our elders and learn from them because they've gained years of wisdom and knowledge to share. We are ingrained to serve as teachers to those younger than us and to constantly take advantage of opportunities for lessons learned. As important as it is to pass our knowledge and experiences down to the next generation, we must not forget to open our minds to the lessons they teach us daily.

There are so many lessons to be learned from kids, when we shift our focus from what we can teach to what we can learn. When you take a step back and look at the behavior of a child, there are many things that we, as adults, can learn and put to use in our daily lives.

Believe in yourself and dream big:

I remember watching the Miss America pageant when I was a little girl and thinking to myself, *That will be me one day – I'm going to be Miss America.* There wasn't a doubt in my mind that I was going to achieve that accomplishment. Not once, did I think it was unattainable or too far out of my reach. I didn't immediately think of all the obstacles or opportunities for failure and get discouraged, as adults often do. Instead, I saw an achievement I wanted to reach and told myself I would get there someday – and believed it wholeheartedly. All too often we, adults, over analyze a situation, thinking of everything that could go wrong and talk ourselves out of pursuing our dreams. We underestimate ourselves when we

should learn from kids to believe when it comes to our dreams anything is possible.

Live in the moment: Too often, adults are busy scurrying around to complete to-do lists and conquer the world. On the contrary, kids are masters at living in the moment. They don't waste a lot of energy worrying about what has already happened or what might happen tomorrow – they are

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fully engaged in small pursuits like discovering where the ants are going, chasing the dog or seeing how deep they can dig with a plastic shovel. Why worry about tomorrow, when tomorrow isn't here yet? It's easy to get caught up in day-to-day life, but it's important to take the lead from kids and stop and smell the roses every once in a while.

Be fearless: We develop many fears throughout our lives – fears that are just illusions, like the fear of the unknown, the fear of being judged, the fear of rejection and the fear of what the future may bring. These fears keep us from pursuing our dreams, stepping out of our comfort zones and reaching our full potential. Kids, on the other hand, are fearless. They don't turn down an invitation to a sleep over for fear they'll feel left out, or quit the softball team because they are scared they'll strike out. Kids don't let fear control what opportunities they take and what actions they make.

Forgive and forget: Kids don't hold grudges, nor do they let something bring them down or ruin their

day. Instead, they move on with being happy and enjoying the world.

Be carefree and express yourself freely: Imagine allowing ourselves to let go of all our fears, doubts and regrets. If you need to cry, just cry. Need to scream? Let one rip – who cares what others might think. If that will help you feel better and if that's what you feel like doing, just

let it out. You will feel so much better afterward. Don't suppress your feelings.

Be happy and don't take life too seriously: We spend most of our lives chasing happiness, searching for meaning and balance, affirming that we want to live our lives fully, not knowing where exactly to look and what exactly to do in order to achieve just that. Kids? They just wake up happy. They don't think of everything they have to get done that day, all of the bad things that happened the day before or all of the negative things in their life when they open their eyes in the morning. Instead, kids are just happy to be alive and experience the day! Kids are the epitome of idealism, optimism and positivity, and I think all adults could use a little more of those in their lives!

Although, we, adults, are considered wise and experienced, I encourage you to take a step back and just observe kids interact – you may be surprised what you learn!



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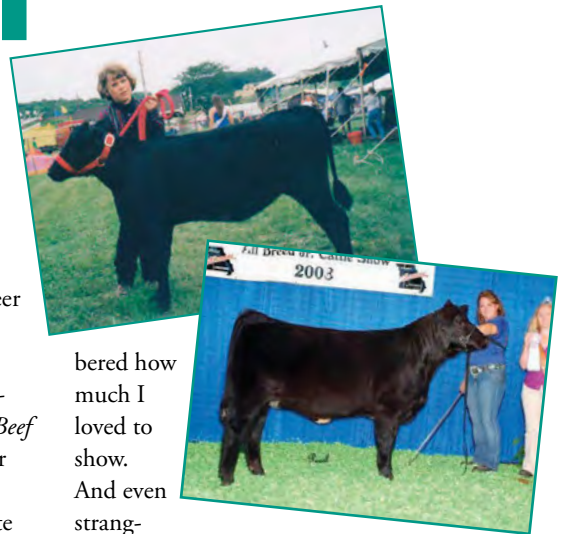




Write On

Katie Maupin
Director of Marketing & Communications

Betsy the bucket calf



I have a lot of people to thank for where I am today – my parents, 4-H leaders, ag advisors, judging coaches and editors. But I'd be amiss if I didn't mention a little, black bucket calf.

"Betsy the bucket calf" was an Angus heifer with an old school, Pine Drive Big Sky pedigree. She became my first 4-H project when her dam couldn't raise her. The day my parents gave her to me, I was so excited that I spent hours poring over *Angus Journals* combining pieces of popular cow family names to officially register her as "HHF Miss Lady Betsy 801."

Although my family had always raised cattle, we hadn't shown them. We had no clue what to do, and no one in our 4-H club was enrolled in the beef project. We were on our own.

With my mom's knowledge of Western halter horse classes, we were able to get her broke to lead. Before our first show at the county fair, we made a trip to the local feed store to buy the necessities. An adjustable show stick? Check. A scotch comb? Check. A beef show halter? A red, nylon foal halter will work, right?

Fortunately for us, a family friend dropped by the night before the show and gave me a sentence long, crash course in showmanship.

"Smile and always look at the judge, and you'll do great, kid."

It must have been good advice, because I was named the Champion Junior Showman.

My family and I had so much fun travelling to our county fairs with Betsy that when a flyer came in the mail for the Uni-

versity of Missouri Block & Bridle Steer and Heifer Show, we decided to go.

We read all about preparing a show heifer. Armed with our *"Exhibiting Your Angus Heifer"* handout and *"Beef Project 101"* 4-H booklet, we tried our very best to get her to 12 o'clock. We purchased a used, steel grooming chute that weighed as much as the heifer, a dog blower from Nasco and some White Rain hairspray to use as adhesive.

Two weeks before the show, we even attended a county-wide showing and grooming clinic. The presenter advised everyone to "slick" their calves in March to encourage new hair growth. Well, it was March, so we also bought a pair of flatheads and sheared Betsy's hair – all of it.

We were confident we'd done our research when we pulled into the Trowbridge Livestock Center parking lot with our yearling bucket calf and Rubber-Maid® tote full of new supplies in tow.

Quickly, we realized we were in over our heads, when we entered the barn with a slick, skinny, scrawny bucket calf, only to see the best show calves in Missouri with about three inches of hair and at least 300 more pounds of condition.

It was a humbling moment. Even at 9-years-old, I felt like we didn't belong. To make matters worse, Betsy acted terrible. Dad just had surgery, which meant my mom and I were drug around by this sorry excuse for a show heifer. I was so scared and embarrassed that I cried in the make-up ring.

But something strange happened when I entered the class. I had fun. I remem-

bered how much I loved to show. And even strange-

er was the fact that Betsy didn't place last – just second to it.

Climbing into the truck to head home, my parents must have thought I was crazy when I asked to come back next year. But we did. We even won one of our classes.

As for Betsy, she redeemed herself as a 2-year-old when she was named the Supreme Champion Female at the Washington Town and Country Fair. She became a sort of local celebrity, and her progeny helped me start my operation and helped start other youths' projects, as well.

Without that bucket calf, I doubt I would be writing to you today. My involvement in showing cattle, 4-H, FFA and judging livestock grew into a deep passion for the livestock industry and its people.

Now, I know this story could be easy to laugh at or even ground for you to mock me the next time you see me, but I'm writing it to tell you this: everyone starts somewhere. Those youth you see at shows that look just as lost as I was 15 years ago could prove to be invaluable to this industry. Next time you think about smirking at some clueless "freddy" tries to check in, try helping them instead. Remember, at one time you – yes, you – were a beginner too.



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Raised in a BARN



Andrew Chlupacek, IN



Expo exhibitors from Chelsea, OK

Perhaps, there is no better place for kids to grow up than in a barn. Here are some snap shots of youth who love this industry. If you have a fun photo to share, email it to katie@nationalswine.com for a chance to be featured in 'Raised in a Barn.'



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Join us for the NJSA Southwest Regional show Aug. 30-Sept.1, at the Grady County Fairgrounds in Chickasha, Okla. All entries must be postmarked by July 3. The ownership deadline for NJSA Southwest Regional hogs is July 1. For more information visit nationalswine.com.

NJSA Raffle

Have you requested your NJSA raffle tickets yet? Each year, the NJSA concludes its raffle at the National Junior Summer Spectacular. This year, we will continue the tradition. The raffle drawing will be held at the end of the Awards Ceremony on Friday, July 5. Raffle items include a one-year lease of an Exiss trailer, a one-year lease on a John Deere Gator, a set of hog scales from WW Livestock Systems, an aluminum popper from Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc., a 16GB iPad 2, a four-person pheasant hunt excursion, hotel packages from the Hilton Garden Inn and the Crowne Plaza for the 2014 National Junior Summer Spectacular and 13 more items to win! There are prizes for the NJSA members who sell the most raffle tickets. Do your part to help the NJSA; all funds raised are used for shows, leadership conferences and other NJSA programs. To purchase tickets or request tickets to sell, contact Torie Schwartz, NSR junior activities coordinator at torie@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594, ext. 108.



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announcements

Newcom steps into V.P. role within NSR

Dr. Doug Newcom joined the NSR as the Vice President of Global Technical Service. In his new position, Newcom will oversee research associated with STAGES™, the genetic analysis software utilized by NSR members, genetic consultation to commercial-oriented members and their clientele and participate in scientific swine conferences and trade shows both domestically and internationally. He will also coordinate America's Best Genetics, an NSR program intended to develop the international purebred swine market. Oversight of this program includes direction of the marketing plan, facilitation of international partnerships and consultation of NSR members' international clientele.

Newcom received his bachelor's in agriculture from Western Kentucky University, and then his master's and doctorate from Iowa State University specializing in animal breeding and genetics. During his time at Iowa State, he worked on many projects related to the NSR, including the National Barrow Show® Progeny Test and carcass measurement of truckload entries.

Previously, Newcom was the Director of Research and Development at Genetic Improvement Services of North Carolina where he ran the genetic program that supplied breeding stock to 15,000 company-owned commercial sows and numerous commercial customer operations. He most recently served as a Breeding and Genetics Specialist at Newsham Choice Genetics. His duties include all genetic nucleus and customer boar selections and genetic nucleus gilt selections, management of customer genetic research trials and the research and development representative on customer account teams providing genetic services.



Doug Newcom
Vice President of
Global Technical Service

new arrivals



Caysen Reece Kahle

Brandon and Melissa Kahle of Sapulpa, Okla., welcomed their third child, Caysen Reece Kahle, on May 1. Delivered at 33 weeks, he weighed 4 pounds, 4 ounces and was 17 inches long. Caysen was welcomed by big sister, Avery Kahle, and big brother, Braylin Kahle. Grandparents are Ron and Sara Guinn, Marlin Kahle and the late Kellie Kahle.

Caysen Reece Kahle
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To submit announcements for FYI, contact Katie Maupin at katie@nationalswine.com

obituaries



Larry Leffel

Larry L. Leffel, 70, died April 25, at his residence in New Knoxville, Ohio. He was born Oct. 25, 1942. The son of Walter and Violet (Truesdale) Leffel, he married Sharon Henkener on Aug. 26, 1960. She survives.

He is also survived by his three children: Craig (Esther) Leffel, of New Knoxville, Keith (Susan) Leffel, of New Knoxville, and Amy (Gregg) Weadock,

of New Knoxville; his grandchildren: Zachary Leffel, Lucas Leffel, Rachel Leffel, Logan Leffel, Morgan Leffel, Alicia Weadock and Erica Weadock; three brothers; and six sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Christine Leffel; a sister; and five brother-in-laws.

Larry was a 1960 graduate of New Knoxville High School. He was a farmer and had served as a Washington Township trustee for 25 years.

Larry raised Hampshire hogs for many years. He and his wife, Sharon, were active in the Ohio Hampshire Association. Over the years, their family made many friends through showing hogs at county, state and national shows. In 1999, Larry and Sharon were inducted in the Ohio State Fair "Swine Hall of Fame."

He was a lifelong New Knoxville Ranger fan and also a fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes.

He was a member of the First United Church of Christ in New Knoxville, where he had served as a deacon and trustee.

Funeral services were held April 29, at the First United Church of Christ in New Knoxville. The Rev. David Williams officiated. Burial followed at Pilger Ruhe Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the youth fund of the church, the Auglaize County Fair Swine Department or the New Knoxville Athletic Boosters.

Condolences may be sent to Larry's family at Millerfuneralhomes.net.



Dean Thoreson

Dean W. Thoreson, 76, of rural South Wayne, Wis., passed away April 29. He was born Nov. 3, 1936, in Monroe and is the son of Orville A. and Odelia P. (Larson) Thoreson.

Dean graduated from Blackhawk High School, in 1954. He entered the United States Army on Dec. 2, 1959, and was honorably discharged on March 1, 1962.

He was united in marriage to RosaLee Fischer on Nov. 13, 1982, at Zion Lutheran Church in Madison. Dean lived and farmed in rural South Wayne. Dean and Rose farmed in partnership with his brothers, Everett and Gary. The Thoreson Brothers began dairy farming and later raised purebred hogs and sold them nationwide. They raised crops for many years.

Dean is survived by his wife: Rose; one brother: Everett (Gail) Thoreson of rural South Wayne; a special nephew: Antonio Fischer; and friend: Michael LaForest of Madison. Dean was more than just an uncle; he was like a second father to many of his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother and sister-in-law: Gary and Chloe Thoreson.

Dean was a lifelong member of Wiota Lutheran Church and church council and chairperson of the New Church Building Committee. He was also a member of Lafayette County Board for two terms, Board of Scenic Rivers Energy Co-op for 16 years, Lafayette County Pork Producers, and served as Wiota town clerk. Dean had a passion for farming and loved working outdoors. He was also a member of Skilaufers Ski Club in Madison for many years.

Services were held for family and friends May 4, at Wiota Lutheran Church, in rural South Wayne where Rev. Luke S. Smetters officiated. Burial was held in East Wiota Cemetery in rural South Wayne with military graveside rites accorded by Argyle American Legion Post No. 251. A private visitation was held for family and friends on May 3, at Wiota Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at ericksonfuneralhome.com.

A memorial fund has been established for the Lafayette County K-9 Unit.



**Gary & Chloe
Thoreson**

Gary & Chloe Thoreson

Gary L. Thoreson, 70, and Chloe A. Thoreson, 66, both of rural South Wayne, Wis., passed away on April 28.

Gary grew up in rural South Wayne on the family farm, the son of Orville A. and Odelia P. (Larson) Thoreson. He graduated from Blackhawk High School, in 1960. Gary served in the Army National Guard.

Chloe grew up in Monona, the daughter of Martin and Theresa (Brey)

Shimniok. She graduated from Monona High School, in 1965.

Gary and Chloe were married Oct. 14, 1972, at East Wiota Lutheran Church. They farmed in partnership with his brothers, Everett and Dean, on the family farm in rural South Wayne. They began dairy farming and later raised purebred hogs which they sold nationwide. Gary was most likely the first computer programmer in Lafayette County and wrote the first record management computer program for swine production, which he sold. Gary also worked as a computer programmer for Pinsoft, LLC., for more than 10 years. Chloe worked as a medical transcriptionist at Monroe Clinic Hospital in Monroe for more than 20 years, retiring in January 2012.

Gary and Chloe enjoyed spending winters in San Diego Calif., with their daughter and her family and vacationing in Colorado where they enjoyed hiking in the mountains, biking and canoeing. They looked forward to spoiling all of their grandchildren whenever visiting.

They are survived by one daughter: Krista (Scott) Kreil of San Diego, Calif.; one son: Bryan (Katie) Thoreson of Hudson; five grandchildren: Kendra, Liam and Connor Kreil, Evelyn and Keira Thoreson; and one brother: Everett (Gail) Thoreson of rural South Wayne.

Chloe enjoyed sewing, painting for her grandchildren and dancing. Gary was an avid woodworker and enjoyed making furniture for his family. He recently took up an interest in photography.

Funeral services were held for family and friends on May 4, at Wiota Lutheran Church, in rural South Wayne where the Rev. Luke S. Smetters officiated. Burial was held in East Wiota Cemetery in rural South Wayne. A private visitation was held for family and friends on May 3, at Wiota Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at ericksonfuneralhome.com.

For those who prefer, a memorial fund has been established in Gary and Chloe's names.



**Larry Tackitt
1929-2013**

Larry Tackitt

Larry Neil Tackitt services were held Jan. 29, at the First Baptist Church in Happy, Texas, where Rev. Paul McQuerry, and Rev. Tom Stribling, of United Methodist Church of Happy, officiated. The family received friends on Jan. 28, in Happy's Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Happy Cemetery.

Larry was born on Oct. 31, 1929, in Roger Mills County, Okla. to George and Winnie (Bailey) Tackitt. He graduated from Panhandle High School and received his bachelor's degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech University. After graduating from Tech in 1953, he served in the Navy during the Korean War. Upon returning, he received his master's in agriculture education from Tech. He married Camma Lou Walker on March 19, 1949. He taught vocational ag in Happy for two years. His first year there was the first time Happy won state livestock judging in Houston. He encouraged his students to do their best and will be remembered for his leadership and the impact he had on students. He was also manager of Taylor-Evans in Happy. Larry established and managed Bilt Rite Farms for

40 years, where he was a successful Hampshire, Duroc and Yorkshire producer. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Pork Producers Association, in 2006. His legacy will live on through the many young people he mentored throughout his life.

Larry and Camma Lou were foster care providers for 13 years through Texas Panhandle Centers in Amarillo. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Happy.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lawrence Tackitt. Survivors include his wife: Camma Lou Tackitt; three sons: Stuart Tackitt and wife, Lela, of Lubbock, Lonnie Tackitt and wife, Tracy, of Marble Falls, and Mark Tackitt and wife, Donna, of Lubbock; seven grandchildren: Samuel and Abigail Tackitt, Taylor and Kelsie Tackitt, and Matthew, Stephen, and Sarah Tackitt; a sister: Betty Jo Graber, of Weatherford, Texas; sister-in-law: Lillie Belle Howe, of San Antonio; a nephew: Terry Tackitt, of San Antonio; and he was a foster care provider for three special people: Larry Bragg, Gary Carr, and Robert Lovato. The family suggests memorials to the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd. Amarillo, TX 79106. Online condolences can be made at brooksfuneral.com.

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By Katie Maupin

For the last quarter of a century, the World Pork Expo has offered pork producers from around the world a place to meet and exchange ideas and genetics. Throughout these 25 years, there have been many memorable moments, from high-sellers to industry innovations. The next few pages give a glimpse of times past with some highlights from the World Pork Expo. There's no doubt that WPX helped write history in the purebred swine circles, and we're looking forward to more years of memories.

Late
1930s
WPX

The Hampshire Swine Registry (HSR) held the first purebred swine type conference to encourage registry staff, breeders and swine enthusiasts to share ideas, gather information and build relationships in all aspects of the industry to help promote purebred Hampshire pigs.

1980
WPX

The Hampshire Swine Registry held the first type conference in June. Dubbed the Midwest Type Conference, the event was sponsored by HSR and the Iowa Hampshire Breeders and held June 1-2 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The first conference to be held in June, rather than the traditional January and July, the Midwest Type Conference had plenty of naysayers. But they were proven wrong and the event was a great success. More than 380 breeders marketed their “off-season” purebred Hampshire litters, which garnered top-dollar despite the \$30 hog market, at the time. That first sale sold more than 100 head for a total of \$58,595. Bob Naylor, past HSR executive secretary, credits good timing, great members and the need for a new market with the success.

“The main thing was creating more services and a new market and image – letting people know that Hampshire folks are a progressive group. We are here working together and trying to make positive things for the breed.” — Bob Naylor

The Hampshire Swine Registry partnered with the United Duroc Swine Registry to add Durocs to the 3rd Annual Midwest Type Conference.

1982
WPX



The Hampshire Swine Registry once again became innovators when they introduced the “People’s Choice Judging” method.

The first champion to be named with the People’s Choice Judging Method belonged to Andrews & Baughn, Ohio. Their Champion Hampshire Boar was also the top-seller. He brought \$4,000 and sold to the Barretts of Iowa.

1984
WPX

Spotted swine joined the Hampshire and Duroc breeds at the 5th Annual Midwest Type Conference.

“Breeders, commercial producers, junior exhibitors and anyone ringside with an interest in purebred swine could vote on their pick for the champion title. People’s Choice Judging was a great success, and people of all ages enjoyed contributing to a sale order.” — Bob Naylor

Feature Article

Knowing the Midwest Type Conference would no longer be merely a pig show with the birth of the World Pork Expo, the American Yorkshire Club (AYC) looked for ways to make their show equally impressive. Fieldmen Garry Childs brought an idea from breeder “Pig” Paul to Executive Secretary Darrell Anderson and the “Tested Best Boar Sale” was born. To enter a boar for the Expo, he had to be tested at one of the 27 performance testing stations throughout the country. Video was captured of the top-indexing boars, and industry representatives and staff selected the top 30 boars to bring to Des Moines, Iowa. Only breeders who had a boar that qualified could bring a gilt to show and sell. Anderson had only been part of the AYC for a year, and the “Tested Best” proved to be quite controversial, so much so that Col. Dan Baker jokingly gifted Anderson a hard hat that said “Breed Secretary.” But the staff stuck to their guns and proved to the 60,000 people in attendance that purebred swine weren’t just for hog shows – they could perform.



Shady Side Farms, Ohio, consigned the first Tested Best Champion to World Pork Expo. Their entry sold for \$10,000 to Gary Huisman and International Boar Semen, both of Iowa.

The Tested Best Boar Sale was introduced.

Ernie Barnes, National Pork Board director of industry services and past swine association staff member, says the World Pork Expo was planned to be “Disneyland” for pork producers. After much debate on a date, the event piggybacked the past success of the American Pork Congress and increased its dwindling attendance with the crowd of breeders that the Midwest Type Conference drew. Barnes who was charged with fundraising helped raise \$500,000 to fund the event in a week’s time – this was an unheard of sponsorship success within the industry. This money sealed the dream of creating a one-of-a-kind experience for pork producers around the globe. The Expo busted records its inaugural year with more than 60,000 people in attendance. The Pork Board crew set a world record when they served 35,000 people 20,000 pounds of pork. Barnes remembers people saying it couldn’t be done, and some moments when it almost wasn’t. One such moment involved a missing load of charcoal needed to run the giant grill that cooked the 10 tons of pork to serve to attendees. Barnes and a couple of FFA students “borrowed” a truck and drove all night to pick up the delivery at a warehouse only to return in time to start up the grill. Eight volunteers then stayed up all night cutting pork. With a great staff, excellent members and generous sponsors, the World Pork Expo happened, proving that if you have a passion for something, you can pull it together.

1988
WPX

The first World Pork Expo was held in Des Moines, Iowa. It was meant to replace the American Pork Congress as a meeting place for people affiliated with all aspects of the industry. It busted records when 60,000 people attended.

1987
WPX

The last American Pork Congress was held in Indianapolis, Ind. There were about 7,500 industry people in attendance.

“To make a long story short, after that first Expo, we all agreed that it was the best thing we had ever done.” — Ernie Barnes

**1991
WPX**

79 Hampshire boars sold in the sale.

“The whole goal was to show that purebred people could do more than just have a hog show. We can develop a genetic program based around animals that are phenotypically sound with the ability to perform genetically.” — Darrell Anderson



Longtime purebred swine auctioneer, Col. Dan Baker, fondly remembers the 1991 WPX sale as being one of the most lively crowds he has seen during his 50 years on the block. That year, he sold 139 head of Hampshires that averaged \$1,268 for a total of \$176,300. The top-selling boar garnered \$11,000. Quite a sale for the time, as evidenced by the standing-room-only crowd.

**1993
WPX**

The “Tested Best” received a feather in its cap in 1993, when Bona Vista Farms’ boar stepped into the ring. Everyone who was ringside can likely recall the excitement when all judges held up a ‘10’ during the Olympic-style judging. Past AYC Executive Secretary Darrell Anderson still remembers owner, Don Michels, using the pay phone outside of the Yorkshire office in the Sheep Barn to tell his wife about their record-breaking boar. “No, no, no – 33-thousand dollars, not 33-hundred,” he kept repeating.

The Yorkshire boar “Perfect 10” scored all 10s during the Tested Best Boar Show’s Olympic-style judging and sold to Lean Value Sires for \$33,500 - a record at the time.



“At the time, (Perfect 10) was the epitome of being able to combine showing phenotype with genetic potential for performance.”

— Darrell Anderson

Feature Article

World Pork Expo was cancelled due to foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in Europe. NSR and Certified Pedigreed Swine (CPS) held the Midwest Type Conference in Springfield, Ill., to ensure that producers would have a market for their Expo pigs.



“I will never forget the phone call I got that morning saying they were not having a hog show.” — Darrell Anderson

Jackson Johnson, Inc., shows in the champion Duroc gilt drive at the Midwest Type Conference in Springfield, Ill., after the WPX swine show was cancelled due to FMD concerns abroad.



Gunlunds sold another popular Yorkshire boar, “Hitman” for \$21,000.



Rick Whitman sold the record-selling Champion Duroc Gilt for \$14,200.



Gunlunds sold their Yorkshire boar, “UR Jordan” for \$53,000 to become the record-seller. He was purchased by Keith Lambright & Jerald Mishler and Hi Point Genetics. This was after Derek, Jim and Steve Earnhart had already busted the previous record with their \$48,000 Hampshire entry that sold to Lean Value.

Keith Lambright asked Col. Dan Baker to start Jerry and Dave Walter’s Champion Yorkshire Boar at \$10,000.

It shocked the audience, but set the precedence that high-quality seedstock will always demand top dollar. That boar sold for \$18,500 to Lambright, Jerald Mishler and Farrer Stock Farms.

“At that time to sell a boar for \$10,000 was exciting, but to start one there was unheard of. Most of the people in the crowd didn’t know what was going on, and no one was bidding. So, I finally said, ‘Hey, if you think that I’m just up here by myself, this boar will have a new owner when I say sold.’” — Dan Baker

2003 WPX

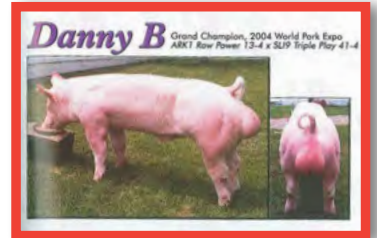
The first World Pork Expo Junior National Show was held in conjunction with the open swine shows. 125 entries showed at the first show.

“History has written the book about the significance of starting the junior show, but needless to say it sparked participation on the open side too.”

— **Darrell Anderson**

2004 WPX

Dan Burzlaff had the Champion Yorkshire Boar. He sold for \$58,000 to Top Cut Genetics, and his other entry brought more than \$20,000.



Col. Dan Baker sold 111 head for \$230,675 averaging \$2,078. Every animal in the auction sold, but one, making it one of the highest-grossing Yorkshire sales of all times.

2005 WPX

In 2001 and 2002, the World Pork Expo open swine show was struggling. The sale totals had begun to trail off and the crowds were dwindling ringside. NSR CEO at the time, Darrell Anderson, was beginning to question the future of the show. But when the fledgling National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) held the first WPX Junior National Show in conjunction with the open show, they attracted 125 junior exhibitors and their families to Iowa. The participation grew and the sales picked up. This year more than 2,500 junior entries will descend upon Des Moines, Iowa – a record number.

2009 WPX

Past NSR CEO Darrell Anderson heard echoes of the 2001 FMD episode, when he once again got a phone call regarding the World Pork Expo’s swine shows. This time it was the poorly-dubbed “swine flu,” that caused the scare. Anderson and NSR members Harold Hodson and Everett Forkner made the trip to Des Moines, Iowa, to lobby for the event. They succeeded.

The H1N1 scare sweeps the country, and NSR representatives once again lobby to keep the show.

2012 WPX

“Monumental” the \$180,000 record-selling crossbred boar sold to Tom Moyer & Family, Rohrs Showpigs and Reynolds Farms. Midwest Genetics consigned the winning entry.



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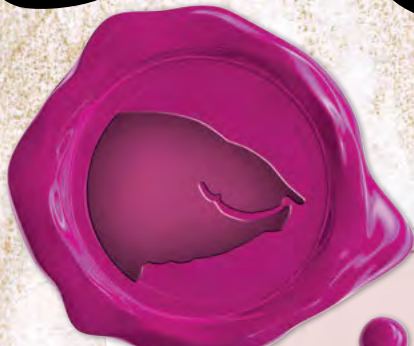
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Justin, Jonas and Jordan McGrew of Good Hope, Ill., were never strangers to the swine industry. Their family operated a commercial swine operation, so their first few years in 4-H, the brothers pulled projects straight off of the finishing floor.

But when Jordan McGrew joined 4-H, his father, David, decided to buy his son two purebred females of any breed – Jordan's choice – 8-year-old Jordan chose Landrace, and the JMG herdmark began its journey to improve "America's sow herd."

The brothers say David inspired them to pursue their dreams and pushed them to build an operation from those original two females, which are still found in the extended pedigrees of the majority of McGrew's genetics.

"Dad created our passion for showpigs, especially the Landrace," Jonas says.

McGrews took a hybrid approach when developing purebred Landrace genetics. Their commercial swine background led them to value females with the ability to mother and raise good, consistent litters. But their drive to be competitive in the show ring caused them to look for unique Landrace with a more contemporary showpig look.

"That was always something that we were striving for," Jonas says. "We realized that Landrace were a commercial mother breed, but we also wanted to get more of a show ring appearing Landrace."

Little did they know, in a few short generations, they would breed arguably one of the most influential Landrace females in terms of producing competitive progeny with the ability to perform – JMG7 Sally 2-1.

2-1 was the product of CR5 Supreme 8-2 being bred to a CR9 PSSS Snake 152-1 daughter they had raised and shown. Supreme was a little something different, in terms of Landrace pedigrees. McGrews found him when they called Cedar Ridge and asked for an outcross boar that was stouter featured than your typical "cruiser." Supreme was the answer the Grohmanns gave. The mating worked.

David credits the BUC7 Deuce 19-2 in the maternal side of her pedigree with some of the success. Deuce was a stout-featured Landrace that made his June 2013

own impact on the JMG herdmark.

The 2-litter proved to be as stout-featured Landrace as the McGrews had raised. They kept two gilts, and Jordan took the sisters on the road. They stood first and second in their class at the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Ky. The judge thought they were nearly identical. It was the farrowing crate that later separated them, as 2-1's progeny not only won their breed but became among some of the first Landrace to win majors.

"She was the perfect combination," Jonas says. "A lot of times, (Landrace) just weren't stout enough. They weren't able to compete against some of the other breeds. I see her as one of the Landrace sows that started a line of Landrace that could compete against other breeds."

Her first litter, sired by WLH9 PSSS

I see her as one of the Landrace sows that started a line of Landrace that could compete against other breeds. – Jordan McGrew

General Lee 3-1, was farrowed in the winter of 2008 and included numerous jackpot and Illinois Club Pig Association winners as well as the Reserve Champion and the 3rd Overall Landrace Gilt at the NJSS and the Hog College® Gilt at the National Barrow Show®.

The brothers bred 2-1 back the same way for her second parity, which proved to be her most note-worthy. The 40-litter included both the Champion Landrace Gilt and Barrow at the NJSA Southeast Regional show. The barrow shown by Miles Toenyas of Highland, Ill., went on to be named Grand Champion Barrow Overall and was said to be the first Landrace ever to do so. Also from that litter was a gilt that saw much success at the Texas majors garnering champion honors at Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth. But the real changer was the 40-8 boar that most know as "Zeus." Zeus dominated the Landrace boar show at the Southwest Type Conference in Belton, Texas, before becoming the second highest-selling Landrace boar on record when Prairie State Semen, Inc., Kyle Stephens and WinTex Farms purchased him for \$18,000.

If this series focused on influential boars, Zeus' name would certainly be

toward the top of the list in the Landrace breed. Described as the heaviest-structured Landrace boar since Desperado, who was popular in the late-'80s, he's sired several champions at national shows and Southwest majors. In 2010, four of the top five Landrace gilts at the NJSS were sired by Zeus, and 58 percent of the entries had his name on the top side of their pedigree.

It was Zeus and the wildly successful 40-litter that put McGrew Showpigs on the map. Today, the brothers say they owe 75 percent of their customers to the reputation they built around that litter.

"Honestly, we wouldn't be as well-known for the Landrace as what we are without her," Jordan says. "The first pigs we sold down South were out of her litter. They'd call about the Landrace, but then they'd buy some of all of our breeds – she helped the whole operation."

With such success, it came as no surprise that the Sally sow was, once again, bred to General Lee for her third litter. From this litter sprung many state fair champions and two females they would show before putting them back into the sow herd – NJSS Champion Bred-and-Owned and 4th Overall Landrace Gilt, 12-4, and the Champion Landrace Gilt at the Illinois State Fair, 12-1.

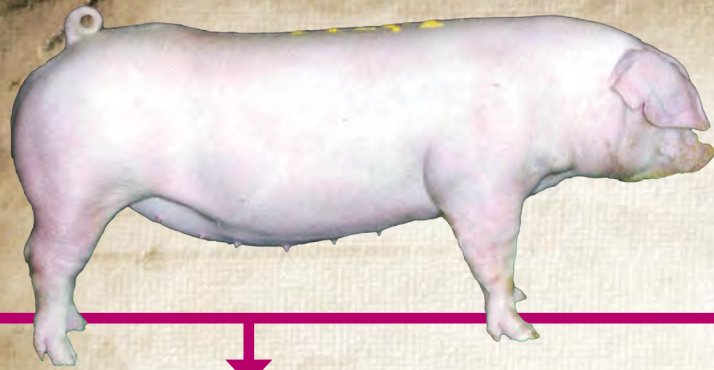
These two daughters and 40-6, a gilt kept from 2-1's second parity, are serving as foundation females today, producing major and national champions just like their mother.

The man who helped the brothers start it all is proud of all they've accomplished and learned through the success of Sally 2-1.

"There's a lot to be said about how we've grown as a family," David says.

Unfortunately, Sally 2-1's legacy came to an untimely end just two weeks before her fourth litter was due. It was a sad day when McGrews buried her under the apple tree in their backyard.

"This sow started it all, and we wish we could have continued to watch her produce," Jordan says. "She did a lot with her three litters."



JMG Sally 2-1

Winter 2008 (parity 1)



Champion Landrace Gilt,
Illinois State Fair



Champion Landrace Barrow,
Ill. Club Pig Assoc. Point Circuit



Res. Champion Landrace Gilt,
NJSS



3rd Overall Landrace Gilt,
NJSS



Hog College[®] Landrace Gilt,
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- Champion Landrace Barrow,
Illinois State Fair
- Res. Champion Landrace Barrow,
Illinois State Fair Open Show
- Res. Champion Landrace Gilt,
ICPA Point Circuit
- Three county fair
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Summer 2008 (parity 2)



Champion Landrace Gilt,
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Champion Landrace Gilt,
SWTC



ZEUS

Champion Landrace Boar, SWTC

Zeus was sold to Prairie State Semen Inc., Kyle Stephens and WinTex Farms for \$18,000 – the second highest selling Landrace boar on record. He sired the 2011 San Antonio Res. Barrow Overall and countless other major and national champions.

(Supreme 8-2 x [Snake x Deuce])

Winter 2009 (parity 3)



12-4 (*see sidebar*)
Champion Bred & Owned and 4th
Overall Landrace Gilt, NJSS



12-1 (*see sidebar*)
Champion Landrace Gilt,
Illinois State Fair Open Show



Res. Champion Landrace Gilt,
Illinois State Fair



Champion Landrace Barrow,
Indiana State Fair



Res. Champion Landrace Barrow,
Indiana State Fair

- Res. Champion Landrace Barrow,
Illinois State Fair
- Champion Landrace Boar,
Ohio State Fair

2-1 Daughters Kept:

40-6 Landrace Sow (General Lee x JMG 2-1)

- *Champion Landrace Boar, 2011 SWTC*
- *Res. Champion Landrace Gilt,
2012 San Antonio Livestock Show*
- *\$5,500 High-Selling Landrace Gilt,
2012 SWTC*

12-1 Landrace Sow (General Lee x JMG 2-1)

- *Champion Landrace Boar,
2010 Illinois State Fair*
- *4th-Overall Landrace Gilt, 2011 WPX*
- *Champion Landrace Gilt
2012 Mich. Livestock Expo*
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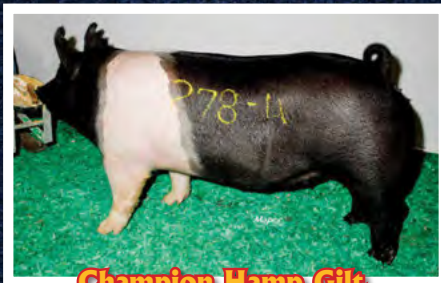
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All for One!

By Taylor Fritsch



This Duroc gilt that the brothers purchased from Brett Beyers has proven herself in the show ring and the farrowing crate. This female now serves as one of the foundations to their small purebred program. The brothers are winning with her progeny – proof that junior exhibitors can successfully show bred-and-owned entries.

Three young men built a small sow herd with genetics they acquired through their National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) projects. Now, they're grabbing banners with bred-and-owned showpigs. But to hear them tell it, it's all about working together as a family to reach new heights.

Passion, pigs and people matter to David Ammann. One doesn't have to spend much time with him to know the hog industry and its people are driving forces in David's life. A junior at the University of Illinois and member of the National Junior Swine Association (NSJA) Junior Board of Directors, the Highland, Ill., native is paving a path toward a future in the swine industry by giving, in his own words, 110 percent.

Together with his two brothers, Daniel, a freshman at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill., and Devin, a high school senior, the three have worked together to build the genetics in their small sow herd. And over the past year and a half, they've enjoyed a new level of success both in and out of the show ring.

Sparking Success

Even in the David family's early 4-H days, David recalls breeding and showing their own hogs. But a trip to the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) in Louisville, Ky., sparked his interest in building the genetic potential of his family's sow herd through retaining females purchased as show gilts.

"I went to Louisville for the first time in '07, and ever since then, we've started to incorporate some of those gilts as sows for showpigs," he explains.

One example of a show gilt turned foundation female is a Duroc purchased from Brett Beyers, in 2011. That female went on to earn Champion Duroc Gilt honors at the Illinois State Fair. After a successful run in the ring, she came back home to the Ammanns' sow herd.

"She is one of the foundation sows at home," David says.

In August 2012, this sow was bred to Hacksaw, a boar owned by Adam Beck's Crossroads Genetics. By all accounts, the litter has met and exceeded the family's expectations.

One barrow took champion honors in the Duroc division at National Western Stock Show in Denver in January. An accomplishment David

says was the most exciting moment of his family's show ring career.

"Winning Denver with one that we raised has really been a high spot for us, especially in the first year and a half or two years that we've been trying to put some good hogs together," he says.

Going in, David says he didn't know what to expect. Unable to make the trip, he watched online from school, as younger brother, Devin, drove their red hog to a win.

"I won the class, and then I was pretty nervous," recalls Devin. "It meant a lot more showing one that we raised. He looked his best at the right time."

But that fall litter's success hasn't stopped there. Another Duroc barrow was driven to Grand Champion Barrow Overall at the NJSA Southeast Regional this winter. A class-winning littermate gilt also made the trip to Perry, Ga.

Dan got the chance to drive their winning-barrow entry in Perry, an experience that he says was special

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— David Ammann

because he had cared for the litter from the time they were on the sow and throughout their development.

"It's probably been one of my most memorable experiences showing," he adds.

Another Hampshire sow, purchased from Brandon Yantis, also contributed to the Ammanns' recent string of success. A daughter farrowed in February of last year was named Reserve Champion Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt at the NJSA Southwest Regional, and won both Reserve Champion and Reserve Bred-and-Owned Hampshire Gilt at the NJSA Eastern Regional.

David says that winning with pigs the family has produced themselves has been a special experience.

"We always went out and purchased showpigs from breeders all over the

country, and when you win with those, it's awesome to win," he says. "But, when you win with one you raised, it makes it that much better. It makes you try that much harder to make sure you get those sows bred right the next time."

The Ammann family proves a junior show gilt can be behind show ring success for more than one summer — they can serve as the foundation of a successful swine operation.

Giving back

NJSA has had a large impact on his life, says David. Soon after joining in 2006, he attended the NJSS where he was greeted by enthusiastic, college-age youth seeking to become members of NJSA's Junior Board of Directors.

Two former NJSA junior board members, Miles Toenyes and Brandon Yantis, have served as mentors for David. He says, they helped him become a better hog breeder and evaluator and student of the industry.

"Whenever I had a question about anything, I would always feel free to go talk to them," he says. "They were always just great, young leaders and mentors for youth in the industry. That's what really pushed me to want to run for the junior board; I wanted to give something back to an organization that gave so much to me in terms of opportunities."

As a member of the NJSA junior board since 2011, David has had a chance to work with youth interested in purebred swine for the past two years. Over that span, he's developed a reputation among his fellow board members and NSR staff as a hard worker and leader.

"I don't know if I've met another young person with that much passion for the swine industry. He wants his future and his livelihood to depend on it," says

Cally Hass, NSR's director of junior activities. "That's really exciting to see."

David notes that he is supportive of a new NJSA effort to reward youth who are involved in breeding their own show stock, the Premier Breeder Program (*see sidebar*). He says that youth like him, who are out in the barn with parents or mentors making breeding and selection decisions and gaining management skills, have greater learning opportunities.

People first

David says above all, the most exciting and rewarding part of being involved in the swine industry is its people.

"My favorite part of the whole thing has been meeting people and gaining a network that will last a lifetime," says David.

He is quick to note that there have been many people who have helped him and his family on their way to success in the show ring.

When asked about the family's biggest mentors, he mentions Scott and Miles Toenyes and Yantis as clear influences.

He also gives credit to the family's long-time feed representative, Dennis Wilber.

Wilber, he says, has always been available for counsel on nutrition, but also helped to feed the Ammann family's drive for excellence as they began to enhance their sow herd.

"He told us if you're not going to do it 110 percent, you might as well not do it at all," recalls David. "That's a quote that has stuck with me the whole time we've shown pigs and started breeding our own hogs."

Family remains the driving force behind the success in the show ring.

"This has always been a family-run deal from the start, and it's best that way," says David. "All of us have always been in this together."

Daniel credits older brother David with piquing his interest in the show ring.

"David got me started with it, and without my family and how much we've helped each other, we wouldn't have gotten where we are today," he says.

These days, with David and Dan off

at college, much of the day-to-day has fallen to Devin, who says David and Dan provide guidance and are home whenever they are able to stay active.

"This year, they were both at school, so I've taken on most of the feeding," Devin says.

His parents have also been essential to the brothers' success.

"Mom and Dad have always been extremely supportive," David says.

After all of the banners, it's evident that the family effort and show ring success have helped David, Dan and Devin grow their confidence and motivate them to continue striving for excellence.

"As young breeders, when we can breed hogs that win shows, it proves to us that we are as good as anyone else; that we can go out and compete with the hogs that we raise."

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To learn more about the NJSA Premier Breeder Program visit the website.

Daily News

New NJSA Program To Recognize Youth Who Raise Their Own!

At the beginning of the 2012-13 NJSA year, NJSA launched a new program to recognize its members who breed and raise their own show animals. Called the Premier Breeder Program, this award will recognize youth who exhibit in bred-and-owned divisions at NJSA's four regional and two national shows and can demonstrate their knowledge of their operation and swine production.

NJSA has long awarded prizes to top bred-and-owned animals, but this program provides greater incentive and recognition for those youth actively involved in raising their own animals, explains Cally Hass, NSR's director of junior activities.

"We encourage youth to show at our events, but if they have started their own herd, they're more likely to stay involved in the swine industry or maybe show in the NSR show once they've turned 22," says Hass. "The goal is really to help them in the long run and reward youth who go the extra mile, breeding and raising the projects they exhibit."

Exhibitors will earn points based on their placings in the bred-and-owned division at any NJSA gilt show. Once these points are tabulated for each NSR breed, the top five youth will interview with a panel of judges at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, giving them a chance to demonstrate their knowledge of their operation, genetics and the swine industry.

Winners will be announced during the junior awards ceremony during the National Junior Summer Spectacular, with top youth receiving a belt buckle and \$1,000 buyer's credit for use at any NSR sale.

David Ammann, a member of the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, is especially excited to see the impact of increased interaction between members of NSR's breed boards and youth.

"It's going to broaden youth horizons," says Ammann. "They're going to learn a lot."

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SHOW MOM

Monthly

By Katie Maupin

JoAnna Fontenot

Iowa, Ia.

Husband: John Fontenot

Children: Yimmi-15 (Yimmi means "little darling" in American Choctaw Indian.)

Proudest "Show Mom" Moment: My proudest moment was when Yimmi won Grand Champion Barrow Overall at the 2011 World Pork Expo. After watching her and her daddy work so hard together, it was really rewarding to watch it pay off at such a special show. We drive 21 hours each year to attend. It's hard on the hogs and the families. We are barely alive and speaking when we arrive. Every time I see my baby girl walking her pigs in our big pasture - in rain, cold and sweltering heat - it makes me proud, because I know, even though that pasture will be empty one day, the work ethic she gained will stick with her forever.

Favorite NJSA Event: It absolutely has to be World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa. A lot of families from Louisiana travel together in a caravan, and we stop in Osceola, Iowa, for a couple of days to rest. The kids have a blast. We play kickball, cookout and tell tales about how we will win champion at the next show. The kids also love to ride the golf carts through Expo in search of free food and pencils - you would think they never get anything.

Items you'd never leave for a show without: Without a doubt, it would be my camera and video recorder. I try to capture not only my daughter's special moments, but also other kids'. I have spent many hours at photo kiosks making CDs and DVDs for my family and other people. It really doesn't matter if I know them or not. If a child wins or has a special moment, I try to capture it. I know sometimes we're too busy hugging, crying and being happy for our child that we can't capture the moment, so I try to get it for them. I'm not your typical show mom. I like to call myself, "a little over the top," or "out of the box." I always get a little over excited and enthusiastic ring-side. Some people have trouble figuring out which child is mine, since I tend to yell pretty loudly for all of them.

"Show Mom" Tip of the Month: You get out of showing what you put into it. You need to reflect on what you want out of it. Is it all about, "win, win, win?" I know, without a doubt, that it's about much more. It's enjoying the journey and helping others. It teaches your child that in life we can work hard and sometimes it still won't turn out exactly like you planned, but you have to be happy for your competitors because you'll have many in life. I lost my parents unexpectedly 5 years ago, and showing livestock has given me a "show family." That's what I call winning "Overall Grand Champion."

Recipe for Life on the Show Road: 1. Put God first. 2. Drive slowly and enjoy the ride. 3. Be patient. 4. Forgive quickly. 5. Remember you're making memories with your family that will last forever. 6. Love others. 7. Don't worry about what others think because your true friends will accept you the way you are. 8. Challenge yourself to meet new people. 9. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone or out of the box - sometimes that is when we enjoy life the most. 10. Winning is great, but remember the memories that we make along the way are what matters. 11. Most of all, just have fun. I thank God every, single day for blessing me with a wonderful husband and daughter and allowing us the privilege to "go show."



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Sold to Joe Coyne, Ill., for \$1,900



Res. Grand Champion Male & Res. Champion Dark Crossbred Boar
Shown by Jayme Sieren, Iowa
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Champion Berkshire Barrow
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Sold to Jeff Norman, Ind., for \$525



Champion Chester White Barrow
Shown by S&G Showpigs, Ill.
Sold to James & Ben Amera, Wis., for \$400



Reserve Champion Chester White Barrow
Shown by Kyle Knauth, Ill.
Sold to Rodger Bankert, Pa., for \$150

From the Field

by Ralph Doak, NSR Field Representative

The weather could have been a little more pleasant and no one would have complained. But once inside the Raper Building in Richmond, Ind., the outside temperature and moisture was soon forgotten as the building buzzed with the expectations of a nice sift and sale.

This year Adam Crouch of Tipton, Ind., was the official sifter of the 2013 NSR Weanling Pig Extravaganza. Adam did a really nice job showcasing his ability to sort young pig prospects in a timely manner as he moved through the 416 pigs he had to work with.

The Grand Champion Weanling Overall, this year, was the Champion Dark Crossbred Boar exhibited by Carly Martin of Marion, Iowa. He sold for \$6,000 to Dylan Evans of Manhattan, Kan.

The Reserve Grand Champion Weanling Overall went to the Champion Yorkshire Gilt exhibited by Titus Durocs and Showpigs of Wapakoneta,

Ohio. This great female brought \$1,900 and sold to Joe Coyne of Pontiac, Ill.

The top-selling gilt at this year's event was shown by Mappes Durocs of Moore, Okla. She sold for \$4,500. Congratulations to all of the firms that participated and made the 2013 Extravaganza such a strong event.

Lots of thanks go out to all who made this event so good. A big thanks to Don Wampler and his entire crew for having the facility so event-friendly. And a huge thanks to ATI Wooster for helping with the sift and sale. What great help they all were!

A special thanks to Col. Kevin Wendt, who sold the 235 head for a \$575 average in near record time and made the sale pleasant for all who participated in it, whether they were a buyer or seller.

I hear so many folks talking about the timing of this event. The time is always right to sell good ones. If you

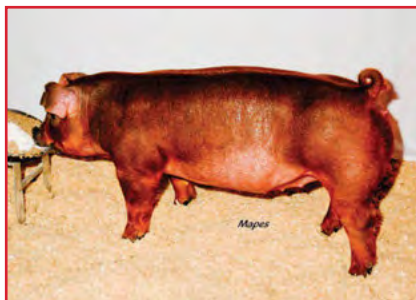
didn't think they sold well, take a good, hard look at your quality. The answer might be very simple. Breed them good, take extra care of them, and they will always sell well. See you at the pig shows this summer.



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Shown by David Martin, Iowa
Sold to Dan's Durocs, Ill., for \$1,800



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Sold to Dalton Daily, Ind., for \$325



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Reserve Hampshire Barrow
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Sold to Dan Gettinger, Ind., for \$400



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Sold to Cassandra Wright, Ohio, for \$250



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Sold to Nicole Williamson, Ala., for \$475



Champion Spot Barrow
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Sold to Mike & Heather Jackson, Ind., for \$2,600



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Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow
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Champion Yorkshire Barrow
Shown by Chad Funkhouser, Ind.
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Sold to Craig Pierson, Ind., for \$300



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Champion Light Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Triple L Showpigs, Wis.
Sold to Chandler Moore, Ill., for \$2,100



Reserve Champion Light Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Derrick Mikesell, Ohio
Sold to Nate Jawarski, Mich., for \$250



Champion Light Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Steven King, Ind.
Sold to Daniel Ahrens, Ohio, for \$450



Reserve Champion Light Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Trent Fielding, Ohio
Sold to Clint Sorrell, Ohio, for \$500



Champion Dark Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Wyatt & Levi Owens, Ohio
Sold to J&J Showpigs and Bred Gilts, Pa., for \$750



Reserve Champion Dark Crossbred Gilt
Shown by Cox & Craft, Okla.
Sold to Barry Williams, Okla., for \$1,100



Champion Dark Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Trenton & Aubrey Doherty, Wis.
Sold to Doug Goodman, Ohio, for \$650



Reserve Champion Dark Crossbred Barrow
Shown by Kyle Knauth, Ill.
Sold to Clint Sorrell, Ohio, for \$725

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Champion Berkshire Gilt
Shown by Brice Conover, Iowa
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Reserve Champion Berkshire Gilt
Shown by Kendra & Katelynn Arnold, Ind.
Sold to Abby Halley, Colo., for \$500

Reserve Champion Berkshire Barrow
Shown by Matt Weemhoff, Ohio
Sold to the Rick Harlow Family, Ind., for \$300

Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow
Shown by Titus Showpigs, Ohio
Sold to Dan Gettinger, Ind., for \$750

Reserve Champion Hampshire Boar
Shown by Brady Wood, Ind.

Reserve Champion Landrace Gilt
Shown by Behrmann Hog Farm, Ill.
Sold to Noah Berry & Logan Apsley, Ind., for \$300

Champion Poland Gilt
Shown by Schipper Purebreds, Ind.
Sold to Josh Beck, Ohio, for \$350

Champion Spot Gilt
Shown by Vogel Showpigs, Ill.
Sold to Jeremy Lipps, Ohio, for \$1,400

Reserve Champion Yorkshire Gilt
Shown by WinTex Farms, Texas
Sold to Sloan Lovetle, Texas, for \$3,000

Reserve Champion Light Crossbred Boar
Shown by Flash Farms, Ind.
Sold to Paul Walther, Ind., for \$150

Growing the future of the swine industry:

Fields of **2013** **OPPORTUNITY**

NJSA NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Tonya Fender



Nearly 80 NJSA members traveled from 17 states to meet in Ames, Iowa, for the National Youth Leadership Conference. The group learned about the industry while building valuable leadership skills with the help of industry professionals and NJSA staff and junior board members. The youth toured the Iowa State University's Al Christian Swine Teaching Farm during their stay.

NJSA members were met with “Field of Opportunities” in Ames, Iowa, for the National Youth Leadership Conference. The “Fields of Opportunity” brought 77 members between the ages of 14 and 21 from 17 states for a fun-filled weekend in late April. Youth participants were challenged to become leaders of the swine industry through numerous engaging activities, workshops and speakers.

The weekend kicked-off Friday evening with a tour of Swine Genetics International (SGI) in Cambridge, Iowa. SGI has a dedicated staff working towards success. They strive to supply superior genetics at an economical price and provide an efficient method of genetic transfer with a reduced risk of disease transmission. They also preserve the genetics of proven superior sires with frozen semen so that their genetics will be available to a wider segment of the swine industry, for a longer period of time. By developing improved methods of liquid and frozen semen preservation, they further increase the efficiency of artificial insemination of swine. After enjoying the tour of their facilities and viewing boars, semen processing and frozen semen storage, the participants headed for a tour of the National Pork Board (NPB) in Des Moines, Iowa. Bryn Jensson, NPB producer outreach marketing manager, spoke on the importance of “We Care” principles, which stress the industry’s values in food safety, animal well-being, worker safety, community outreach and protection of both the environment and public health. After visiting with NPB staff about their careers and unique experiences they’ve had as part of Pork Board, the group was treated to a meal provided by NPB followed by a competitive game of kick ball.

Day two began with a *Doing What You Love, Loving What You Do – Careers in Agriculture Panel*, featuring Matt Wolfe of Cargill Animal Nutrition, Bryan Humphreys of National Pork Producers Council, Jensson, Dr. Jodi Sterle of Iowa State University (ISU) and Ben Drescher of with Murphy-Brown, LLC. Panel members answered questions from the participants and encouraged everyone to find the college where they could get

involved, pursue what they love to do and take a career path that is suited for their talents and interests. Following the career panel, Humphreys gave the *Low Down on the National Pork Producers Council* and then Drescher spoke on *Animal Care – Industry Perspective*.

In the afternoon, guests were treated to lunch prepared by the ISU Block & Bridle Club on campus. Then, Dr. Ken Prusa, ISU professor of food science and human nutrition, spoke about the importance of *Factors Affecting Pork Quality*. Next, the NJSA Junior Board of Directors led breakout sessions designed to hone the skills of young swine industry leaders, including: *Taking On Teamwork* with Amy Newnum, Konni Kelso and Matthew Morrison; *Protecting Public Perception* with Greg Krahn, Dusty Compant, Kyle Mendes and Corey Carpenter and *Fields of NJSA* with Tonya Fender, David Ammann and Tyler Copeland. Ending the day at ISU, the group toured the campus and the swine-teaching farm. The Al Christian Swine Teaching Farm is a unique part of the Cyclone agriculture department and a tribute to Christian’s passion for young people and the industry. Finally, participants were treated to pizza, bowling, arcade games and laser tag at Perfect Games Family Fun Center.

On Sunday morning, the group listened to *From the Judges Eye, Swine Judges Panel* made up of Brian Arnold, NSR vice president of member outreach and youth development, Jon DeClerck, ISU livestock judging coach and Eric Polich and Brice Conover, swine breeders from Iowa. Next, Crystal Blin, product and marketing manager of Sure Champ and VitaFerm® spoke on *Sizing Up Social Media – Utilizing Social Media for Advocacy and Marketing in the Swine Industry*. She shared several ways agriculture enthusiasts can promote the industry through social media. Blin also shared about her blog, *Crystal Cattle*, and encouraged everyone to start a blog to share their



NJSA members toured Swine Genetics International, Ltd., in Cambridge, Iowa, as part of the NYLC program. There they learned how SGI uses artificial insemination to provide superior genetics at economical prices.

story about agriculture. Wrapping up the final session was Torie Schwartz, NSR junior activities coordinator, on *Making Marvelous Mentors – Mentoring Values People (MVP) Program Mentor Training*.

Sunday afternoon marked the finale to a weekend jam-packed with activities and was filled with sad good-byes to friends, both old and new.

Walter Colvin, Central Region Junior Board of Directors candidate from Russellville, Ind., says, “While there are so many great things to take away from NYLC, one has to put the most emphasis on what we learned to prepare youth and the next generation of the swine industry to be able to handle the pressure of the animal rights activists and those forces against what most of us know as animal agriculture. It really opened my eyes, as well as others at the conference, that we have to take ownership of our role to help ‘advocate’ for the industry we are passionate about through social media outlets.”

Taking a cue from Blin, Dan Harmsen, an ISU student from Rock Valley, Iowa, used Facebook to share his NYLC experience.

“I had a great weekend at NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference making friends, opening new doors, and being made an example by Jodi Sterle and Greg Krahn,” he says. “Wish I would’ve got involved years ago.”

The National Youth Leadership Conference was a blast in Iowa, and the plans are underway for 2014!

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NJSA *Youth View*



Cally Hass
NSR Director of
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Attitude is Everything

This past March at the NJSA Western Regional, I met a young man that exemplified what NJSA stands for and taught me a few lessons about life. A smiley, bubbly 10-year-old, Ross Illingworth, is legally blind. However, his inability to see didn't stop Ross from showing pigs, participating in the Skillathon or having a blast during the Barnyard Olympics competition, and it didn't stop him from making countless new friends throughout the weekend.

I was amazed at Ross's determination and creativity, but what moved me most was his attitude. With the given circumstances, it would be very easy for a 10 year-old to be upset and frustrated, when he was placed at the bottom. Instead, Ross didn't just shake the judge's hand when he exited the ring, but gave him a huge hug. Ross didn't care what color ribbon he was holding because he had the opportunity to show his pig and do what he loved, and that was enough to make him smile from ear-to-ear. After the show, his dad said, "It is not every day that kid can go anywhere and get last place in all four events that they participate in and still come home and say it was the most fun thing ever."

Ross taught me several lessons throughout the Western Regional.

- 1. If there's a will, there's a way.** Nothing is impossible if you have passion, desire and heart.
- 2. Winning isn't the most important thing.** It shouldn't be the banners, trophies or prize money that make us happy, but the opportunity to show pigs and do what we love.
- 3. You choose your own attitude.** Whether you win the show or don't even place, the attitude and experience you have is your choice.

Thank you, Ross, for teaching me some important lessons and for being an inspiration to everyone you meet!

Cally Hass



Torie Schwartz
NSR Junior Activities
Coordinator

Success Doesn't Happen Overnight!

We all start at the beginning. Success isn't a race. Some may learn faster than others, but that's not something that should be discouraging. I tend to think of success as a personal journey. I truly believe, you get where you're supposed to be at precisely the right time.

The first step to be successful is defining what the word "success" means to you. Personally, I feel success is helping someone reach their true potential or supporting their goals through encouragement and assisting them in any way I can. This is why I love being a part of the NJSA team. This organization is such a great avenue for members to become great leaders and be successful in whatever path they choose. But it's up to you as an NJSA member to keep moving.

Do not get discouraged when you look at someone's success and think it is out of reach. If they figured out how to do it, then you certainly can too. Maybe it takes more practice or better preparation, but that does not mean you cannot accomplish the same thing. You just have to believe in yourself and make that initial move. That simple shift in attitude and faith can make a world of difference in working toward your goal.

Just remember one thing: every expert was once a beginner. Success does not just happen overnight! You have to set goals and work hard to obtain your definition of success. One step, one movement, one decision, one action – these are the things that feed success. These are things that you can do now that will pay off later!

Torie Schwartz

Livestock Judging

A Valuable Experience By Everett Forkner

Many young people are reluctant and fearful of becoming involved in the “livestock judging experience.” Although the fear is real the rewards are GREAT and will last for a lifetime.

As a young person growing up in southwest Missouri, I was raised in an extremely rural area with a very small school system. I graduated from a class of 12. My family had a very small farming operation of 300 acres with a few cattle and no pigs. I showed a few cattle in 4-H and had only two livestock judging experiences during that time.

The decision I made to attend the University of Missouri was one of the best decisions I ever made!

It was at the University of Missouri, as a freshman, that I showed my first pig at the “Little International” Animal Husbandry Livestock Judging and Showmanship Contest. I had one semester in “Introduction to Animal Husbandry” that included a little livestock judging experience before this event. Even so, I had the good fortune of being the overall winner of this contest that was the combined score from both events.

This event, led to my participation as a member of the University of Missouri Livestock Judging Team, which provided me with opportunities far beyond the classroom. It gave me the self confidence to excel at a higher level and provided leadership responsibilities in various University and College of Agriculture organizations.

The most impacting experience I had was the opportunity to be a part of the University of Missouri Livestock Judging Team!

The livestock judging experience reaches far beyond the training to be a good livestock evaluator. It is not about placing a class of animals, but instead, it's about providing the opportunity to hone many life skills and provide excellent leadership training!

Leadership, pure and simple, is “influence”

It all starts with being forced to make timely, accurate and tough decisions. This exercise alone will set you apart from many of your peers who haven't had this training. This is an exercise that will be repeated daily for the rest of your life!

Second, you are trained to defend and sell your decisions. Strong communication skills and persuasive speaking will allow you to be a leader of influence. Those who can stand and deliver a strong message with personal eye contact and a relatable presentation will have followers! Just remember that 20 percent lead and 80 percent follow. There's plenty of room at the top!

This training was the platform from which I was able to launch the rest of my life.

Livestock judging allowed me to travel to some of the great livestock breeders' operations and national livestock events in the U.S. The operations I visited and the relationships I built were with some of the most influential people in the livestock industry. Many of these relationships still exist today.

From this training early in life, I have developed four core values that I strongly believe in and live by: character, relationship, leadership and teamwork.

The first core value is: character, character, character! Strong character is defined by your moral values and ethical principles. Character is who you are, not what you say! Your character is who you are when no one else is looking. You will never be wrong, doing the right thing!

The second core value is: relationship, relationship, relationship! The

ability to be a relatable person and build strong personal relationships, builds a strong foundation of trust and respect. Building real and strong relationships with people may be the single most important core value to the success of any organization or business. You must be a people person! No one cares what you have to say, until they know how much you care!

The third core value is: leadership, leadership, leadership!

- *Leadership is not position!*
- *Leadership is influence!*
- *Leadership is giving, serving and caring!*
- *Leadership is being proactive!*
- *Leadership is facilitating teamwork!*
- *Leadership is being visionary, optimistic while setting goals, and planning your future.*

Just remember, “Only those who can see the invisible, can do the impossible.” Also, “You will only get what you plan for.”

The fourth core value is: teamwork, teamwork, teamwork! Teamwork will bring forth the best solutions for today's problems and tomorrow's challenges. True teamwork brings about a synergy that allows the ideas of one individual to build on the ideas of another. This allows two plus two to equal more than the sum of four, but to be six, or ten or beyond. “None of us are as good as all of us, everyone is important!”

The livestock judging experience provided me with many of the skills that I have used my entire life and am still using today. The opportunities you are being given today are far beyond anything given in the past! “JUST DO IT!”



Mentoring Values People (MVP) Program – Join At The NJSS!

The Mentoring Values People Program, allows older or more experienced NJSA members to serve as mentors to younger or first-time NJSA members, or protégés. With our association's increased growth, this program provides youth with a great opportunity to get to know other NJSA members, while learning more about what NJSA has to offer! You can join this awesome program as a mentor or protégé this summer at the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Ky., during the MVP Celebration at 4 p.m., July 2. Not attending the NJSA National Junior Summer Spectacular and want to join the MVP program? No problem! Just contact Torie Schwartz, NSR Junior Activities Coordinator, at torie@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594, ext. 108, for more information!

NJSA Raffle

Have you requested your NJSA raffle tickets yet this year? Every year, the NJSA concludes its raffle at the NJSS. This year, the tradition continues. The raffle drawing will be held at the end of the Awards Ceremony on Friday, July 5, at the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Raffle items include a one-year lease of an Exiss trailer, a one-year lease on a John Deere Gator, a set of hog scales from WW Livestock Systems, an aluminum popper from Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc., a 16GB iPad 2, a four-person pheasant hunt excursion, hotel packages from the Hilton Garden Inn and the Crowne Plaza for the 2014 National Junior Summer Spectacular and 13 more items to win! The NJSA member who sells the most raffle tickets will receive \$100 cash and \$50 towards the NJSA Store, the second-high seller will receive \$50 cash and \$50 towards the NJSA Store and the third-high seller will receive \$50 toward the NJSA Store. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Do your part to help the NJSA. All funds raised are used to fund shows, leadership conferences and other NJSA programs. To purchase tickets or request tickets to sell, contact Torie Schwartz, NSR Junior Activities Coordinator at torie@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594, ext. 108.

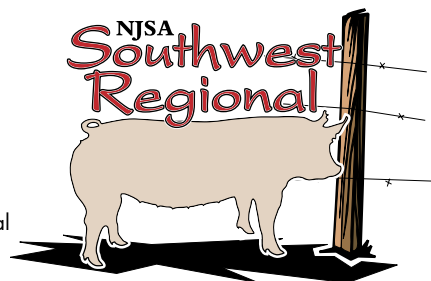
NJSA Spring/Summer Activities & Events

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE SHOW RING" National Junior Summer Spectacular Louisville, Ky. • July 1-5

The 2013 NJSA National Junior Summer Spectacular, "Take me out to the Showring," will be held July 1-5, in Louisville, Ky. Get excited for all of the educational contests, such as the Showmanship, Skillathon, Judging Contest, Speech Contest, Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Ag Sales Contest, Photography Contest, State Scrapbook Contest, Quizbowl and Poster Contest! There will be a Purebred Gilt and Barrow Show, along with several other events, such as the MVP Celebration, Barnyard Olympics, Round Table Discussions with the NJSA Junior Board Candidates, Corn Toss Tournament, Pizza Party, Awards Ceremony and an exhibitor Dance! Don't miss out on all of the fun! For more information, visit www.nationalswine.com/NJSA or contact Cally Hass, NSR Director of Junior Activities, at cally@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594, ext. 109.

NJSA Southwest Regional Chickasha, Okla. • Aug. 30-Sept. 1

Kick off the 2013-2014 NJSA show season at the NJSA Southwest Regional, held in Chickasha, Okla., Aug. 30-Sept. 1. There will be a Purebred Gilt Show, Purebred Barrow Show, Crossbred Barrow Show, and the ***NEW* addition of a Crossbred Gilt Show**. There will also be **NO DNA SAMPLE OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT** for the 2013 event. Other activities taking place will be the Judging Contest, MVP activity, Corn Toss Tournament, Pizza Party, Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman and an Exhibitor Breakfast. Come join the fun in Chickasha! For more information, visit www.nationalswine.com/NJSA or contact Torie Schwartz, NSR Junior Activities Coordinator, at torie@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594, ext. 108.



MASTERING *Oral Reasons*

By David Ammann, NJSA At-Large Director

Perfecting your oral reasons does more than ensure a good score. It also builds your communication skills, reasoning and self-confidence.

There are three parts to a swine judging competition: placing classes, answering questions and giving oral reasons. Giving oral reasons helps contestants with public speaking abilities, confidence and decision making skills. Although giving oral reasons can be scary or intimidating, at first it isn't as bad as you may think. The key is to understand the proper form, take good notes, focus while preparing and have confidence during your delivery.

In each class, there are four animals that contestants have 10-15 minutes to place. During this time, contestants should take notes on those animals to remember why they placed them in that order and to prepare themselves for questions and oral reasons. When judging a class, contestants should take thorough notes on all four individual animals. Notes should consist of animal identification points, structural differences, muscle differences, etc. (*Such as #1: Widest Belted, Largest Framed, Tipped Vulva*).

In addition, contestants should take notes on why they placed the class the way they did, and what advantages or disadvantages each animal had over the one ahead or behind them in the placing (*For example The placing is 3-4-1-2. #3 is bigger boned and deeper bodied than #4*). Good notes are key to answering questions and preparing a set of oral reasons. It is important to leave plenty of time to take notes on the class, after you place them.

Depending on the age of the contestant, they must either answer questions or give a set of oral reasons on specific classes, when the placing portion of the contest is over. In both questions and oral reasons, contestants describe the animals and justify why classes are placed the way they are. At the begin-

ning of the contest, contestants are instructed which of the classes are selected as questions and reasons classes.

A set of questions usually consists of ten questions about one particular class. The questions are formulated by contest officials and can be about identification points, muscle, structure, etc. Contestants have five minutes to study their notes before putting them away and answering the questions for each of the given classes. The key to answering questions is to use your notes to remember the class. While answering, take your time and visualize the animals in your mind.

Oral reasons are a big part of judging contests and an extremely effective way to enhance communication skills. When giving oral reasons, a contestant speaks one-on-one to a contest official and tells them why they placed the class the way they did. Contestants are then given a score out of a possible 50 points. Scores are determined by content, accuracy, confidence, voice flow and posture.

Take advantage of the time in the preparation room while waiting for your turn. Study your notes, and refresh your memory on the class. Run through your reasons in your head, and rehearse what you will say to the official.

When you walk into the reasons room, make sure you have confidence. Stand up straight with your feet planted firmly shoulder-width apart. Clasp your hands behind your back and look the official in the eye. Wait for the official to give you the OK before you begin. Your voice should be loud, firm and clear and all of your words should be announced. Your voice flow should be conversational with the official in terms of pauses, voice fluctuation and

voice tone. There should be minimal movement of your head and body.

Your reasons should be between one and a half and two minutes long. Start by stating the way you placed the class. From there, describe why you placed the class the way that you did, by breaking the class into three pairs: 1st and 2nd, 2nd and 3rd, 3rd and 4th.

First, contestants should describe the positives of the first place animal, then grant where the second place animal is better than the first place animal. After that, describe the faults of the second place animal and then transition into the middle pair and repeat the process of describing the middle pair just like the top pair was described. Once the middle pair is finished, the contestant should then transition into the bottom pair and repeat the process to describe why they placed the third place animal over the fourth place animal. When you're finished describing your last place animal, tell the official "thank you" before exiting the room.

Although you may stumble through your first few sets, don't get discouraged. Giving reasons doesn't always come naturally. It is something that you must work hard at and practice over and over again. When you're at home, open your notebook to a class from the last contest and work up a set of reasons to give to yourself in the mirror, a pet, a friend or a family member. Feedback from others and endless practice are the keys to becoming comfortable giving reasons and scoring high in the reasons room.

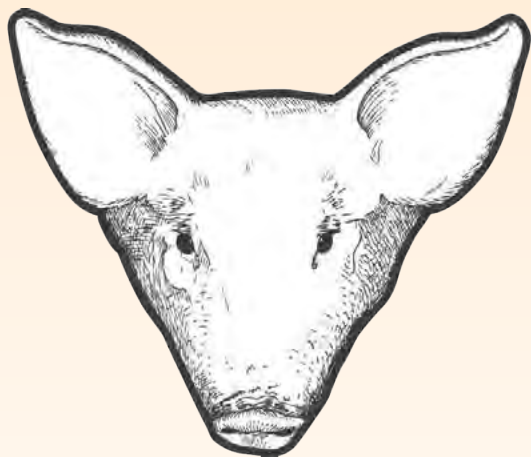
Skillathon 101

Get sharpened up on potential questions for the NJSA Skillathon!

1. Between boars A & B, which one is more level out through his hip?



2. Draw the following ear notch on the pig's head below: 29-5



3. TRUE OR FALSE

Pork is the most widely consumed meat in the world?

TRUE FALSE

4. What is the definition of "Number Born Alive"?

- a) The number of pigs the sow had that were dead and alive.
- b) The number of pigs the sow had that were actually born alive.
- c) The actual calendar day that you weighed the pigs, which is approximately 21 days after birth.
- d) The number of litters the sow has had.

5. Match the following types of Pork Production Operations with their corresponding description.

A. Farrow to Finish Farms

Involves breeding through marketing 10 to 15 pound weaned pigs.

B. Finishing Farms

Involves purchasing weaned pigs and finishing them to market weights.

C. Farrow to Nursery Farms

Involves all stages of production, from breeding through finishing to market weights of about 270 pounds.

D. Wean to Finish Farms

Involves buying pigs that are 40 to 60 pound feeder pigs and finishing them to market weights.

E. Farrow to Wean Farms

Involves breeding through marketing 40 to 60 pound feeder pigs to grow-finish farms.

Find the answers at nationalswine.com/NJSA/Pinnacle.html

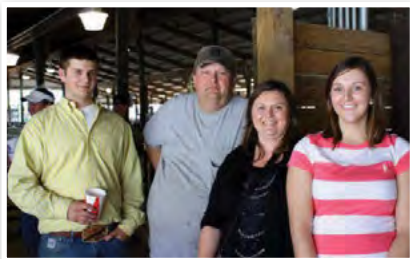


IN THEIR SHOES

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

Topic of the Month:

What is your favorite thing about summer and your favorite summer activity?



Amy Newnum

My favorite summer activity is to go with my brother, Daniel to jackpot shows every weekend with my family. Not only do I get to spend time with my family, but I love seeing all of my Indiana show friends every weekend. Traveling all across the state and having fun with the best people around is what makes every summer so great. This includes not only going to UJSC shows, but also to NJSA shows, as well. Every summer, I look forward to seeing the friends I have made around the country. When I am not at a pig show, I love going swimming in our pool, floating down the creek in a tube and going to lots of country concerts! I'm definitely looking forward to Blake Shelton and Luke Bryan this July! Summer is undeniably the best because it combines all my favorite activities and there are no classes!

Corey Carpenter

Summer means two things to me: no school and hog shows! Although this summer I will be fulfilling some school-related obligations, I still get to attend a few hog shows! There is no better feeling on a late summer evening than sitting ringside waiting for the grand drive or even walking out to the barn to feed! Along with those two items, I also enjoy spending some time on the coast when I get the opportunity. Spending time on the coast during the summer has been a long-standing tradition for my family. It is a great way to relax and get away from the busy Sacramento Valley!



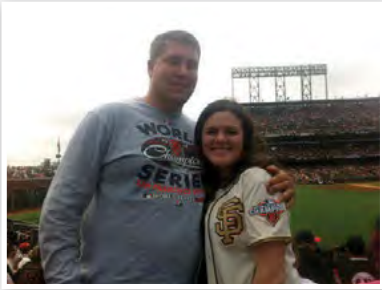
Tonya Fender

Summer is such a busy season around Fender Farms, and I enjoy being able to work outside! Each day, I make sure the pigs stay cool in the hot summer months. I usually have a handful of pigs in my show barn that I work with on a daily basis, making sure they have feed and water in front of them, their pens stay spotless, washing and putting conditioner on them regularly and walking them when it cools down. Probably, what I enjoy the most is helping our showpig customers. Almost every day, I am on the road looking at pigs we sold in the spring and giving our customers advice on what to do before they show. I also try to attend every show possible to support them. It is what makes my clock tick, because there is nothing I love more than helping others! The summer is the best because it is when I get to catch up with my "show family" from across the country at various shows!

David Ammann

My favorite part about summer is definitely attending shows all over the country. I love traveling to shows all over the Midwest to compete with hogs and try to win the show. However, my two favorite parts about attending shows are competing in showmanship and seeing some of my best friends from across the U.S. that I don't get to see very much throughout the year. Showmanship is a competition that has always been my favorite part about going to a show because it isn't about how good your pig is, it is all about your own ability to show that hog to the judge. Additionally, I love going to shows to meet new people. As showpig exhibitors, we are all blessed to have the opportunity to compete at shows, meet people all over the country and make friendships that will last a lifetime!!





Kyle Mendes

My favorite summer activity is baseball. It has brought me extremely close to my dad and brothers. I grew up loving to play and watch the game. Every summer, I would always be the catcher for my brothers, while our dad was our coach. Then after working on how to block a curveball, we would go inside and watch the Giants game and talk about the summer showpigs. My picture is of my beautiful girlfriend, and I, during our fifth anniversary at the San Francisco Giants World Series Championship ring ceremony.

Konni Kelso

My favorite thing about summer, besides being done with the school year, is the opportunities I have to travel and meet new people. Whether it was 4-H in high school or the NJSA, the summer has always been a time for me meet new people and expand my network. I am extremely excited about this summer because I will be able to attend both World Pork Expo and the National Junior Summer Spectacular! I love attending shows because I am not only surrounded by showpigs, which I have a tremendous passion for, but I also have the opportunity to meet people from all over the country that share the same passion that I have. I am excited to be able to see everyone at the shows coming up!



Greg Krahn

When summer rolls around and the weather gets warmer, I take any opportunity that I can to get outside and be active in the beautiful weather. I enjoy getting together with friends and going to the beach or the park and having some competitive fun. It can be anything from volleyball to horseshoes or any fun game that we make up along the way. Camping has always been a favorite of mine, and it is nice to get away from the daily life and enjoy the outdoors for a weekend with my family and friends.

Dusty Compart

It's hard to believe that summer is already here! We had a really long winter, and I can't wait for the weather to warm up and to get outside. This summer, I am looking forward to heading out to the lake to do some fishing after work, going to a few Minnesota Twins games and, of course, showing pigs. I am sure that everyone is ready to hit some jackpot shows and their local and state fairs. I know that I am looking forward to helping some of the kids in our county with their pigs and get my own pigs ready for our state fair this year! Have a great summer everyone, and I will see you all at the World Pork Expo and NJSS!



Matt Morrison

Summer is by far my favorite time of year because there is always something fun and exciting to do. Spending time outside and working with livestock is as good as it gets. Besides spending time in the barn, on the farm and at hog shows, my favorite summer activity is fishing. Fishing may be the most relaxing activity a person can do. As they say, a bad day of fishing is better than a good day at work or school! As this will be my last *Pinnacle*, I wanted to thank everyone for making my time on the junior board enjoyable. I wish everyone the best of luck with all their endeavors this summer. Don't forget to stop and enjoy the little things in life!

Tyler Copeland

My favorite summer activity is definitely being able to go to the World Pork Expo and National Junior Summer Spectacular! These two events are where I am able to see old friends and meet new ones, and I get to see my NJSA family. As you can see in my picture, I was elected to serve on the NJSA Junior Board at NJSS last year. I feel so comfortable around these guys, knowing they would be there for me if I needed them, and they know the same about me. Another great thing about summer is that I get to spend more time with my actual family and around the farm, since I'm not sitting in a classroom every single day! I hope you all are having an excellent summer, and I can't wait to see you come June!



FOCUS ON



Corey Carpenter

President • Red Bluff, Calif.

My name is Corey Carpenter, and I am a 22-year-old Senior at California State Univer-

sity, Chico, majoring in animal science. I am originally from Red Bluff, Calif., where I was born and raised on a dairy and hog farm. My parents are David and Mary Carpenter, and I have one brother, Josh, who is a 26-year-old Bible and history teacher at a local, private high school.

My favorite breed of hog is Hampshire, and I have been showing ever since I could hold a show stick. I have been an avid member of the National Junior Swine Association for 12 years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every memory it has given me. I have shown at the World Pork Expo and the NJSA Western Regional, where I have been in the top ten in Showmanship, Skillathon and Sweepstakes numerous times. I am also very proud to serve as the 2012-2013 junior board president and Western Region director.

My most memorable experience in the NJSA is being dismissed from Showmanship by Jim McCoy at the 2006 NJSA Western Regional. Now, you might find this a little bit

odd to be my most memorable experience, but the things that experience has taught me are priceless, even today. Without paying any attention, I walked into Showmanship chewing a piece of gum. Although I didn't notice or think much of it, the judged did. Needless to say, I never walked into Showmanship at any show while chewing gum. I now find myself paying much more attention to details than I ever did before that incident. I learned the hard way that a lot of little things can add up to be a really big thing.

My favorite NJSA event is definitely the NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference. Competition is healthy, but this event incorporates competition and self-development all into one life-changing experience. If you were to have asked me at age 15, if I would ever be a NJSA Junior Board Director, let alone president, I would have looked at you like you were from outer space. Not because I didn't want to, but simply because I didn't have the confidence that I could land that position. I have learned that you find incredible opportunities in unexpected places. I ran for the board because so many people helped me throughout my childhood and through my teen years that I thought it would be selfish if I didn't give back. What better way to do it than finding a way to incorporate my number one passion – hogs.

I am continually impressed by the amount of individuals that we have involved in the MVP program. It's a great feeling to know that you have people that are willing to help you and just be there to talk and hang out when the need arises. Involving our youngsters is essential.

The time that I do spend away from the NJSA is spent surrounding myself with any other facet of the agriculture industry. I am an avid Farm Bureau member on both the local and state level and serve on the California Farm Bureau Federation Animal Health and Welfare Committee as a swine representative. I am also involved with the California Cattlemen's Association and the Tehama County Cattlemen's Association. Additionally, I work as a student herdsman for the college's hog farm and competed this spring on the CSU, Chico livestock judging team. My most recent accomplishment was being selected as the top applicant for the 2013 National Pork Board's Pork Checkoff Pork Industry Scholarship. My hobbies include anything livestock related, playing intermural basketball and football with friends from school, traveling, working out and golf! Contrary to popular belief, I do not surf, nor do I live next door to a movie star!



Greg Krahn

Vice President • West Bend, Wis.

Hello everyone! I'm Greg Krahn from Cedarburg, Wis., and I serve as the NJSA Junior Board

vice president and Central Region director. I am currently working on my master's degree at Iowa State University where I manage the ISU Swine Teaching Farm and take several classes throughout the semester.

Prior to Iowa State, I finished my bachelor's degree in animal science at Western Illinois

University where I was a member of the livestock judging team and was actively involved in Hoof N' Horn and other various activities around campus.

My parents are Ron and Eileen, and I have an older sister, Jenni, and brother, Rick. Without question, growing up around livestock and showing pigs has had the biggest impact on my life. It has given me something to be so passionate about and helped create the person I am today. Through this, I have been able to get involved in the NJSA and fortunately serve on the junior board.

During my time on the board, I have traveled to several new places and met many new people that have become friend that will last a lifetime. It feels like just yesterday that I was at NJSS handing out Frisbees to campaign for everyone's vote to be elected onto the NJSA Junior Board. These past two years have been truly remarkable, and I would just like to thank everyone for making my time on the board such a blast. It has been something that I will never forget!



Tonya Fender

Secretary • Lynchburg, Ohio

I'm Tonya Fender, the 20-year-old daughter of Gary and Connie Fender of Lynchburg, Ohio. In May,

I graduated from Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill., with my associates' degree in agriculture. This fall I will attend The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, as a junior majoring in agriculture communications and a minor in animal science.

Since I began in 2011, college has provided so many opportunities and once-in-a-lifetime experiences that I would not have had anywhere else. While at Lake Land, I was on the 2012-2013 livestock judging team. I am very thankful for the number of connections and lifelong friendships made as I traveled across the country with my team. I am looking forward to continuing my judging career as a Buckeye over the next two years!

I have been a member of the National Junior Swine Association, since it was founded in 2000. I am blessed with a supportive family that has allowed me to travel to every NJSA show except the Western Regional. This fall, after my term on the Junior Board is over, I will attend the Southwest Regional and National Barrow Show® Junior Classic for the first time in my career. It is hard to believe I will end my NJSA career next summer, showing for the last time at the Word Pork Expo and the National Junior Summer Spectacular. I am extremely blessed that I have grown up in an organization like the NJSA, as it has served as a strong foundation for my passion for agriculture and love for the swine industry.

Since I was a little girl, I always knew I wanted to serve on the NJSA Junior Board. I felt honored to be able to give back and serve the industry I loved so much and the organization that has done so much for me. My favorite memories on the NJSA Junior Board are being able to spend time working with my fellow board members, getting to travel to shows and seeing things from a

different side of the fence than that of an exhibitor. This opportunity has allowed me to become closer to the NJSA members and serve others. I care tremendously about the future of the NJSA and the future of the swine industry, and serving on junior board is a way i can do my part to keep the traditions of agriculture alive for many years to come.

After college, I plan to return to my family farm in Lynchburg. Our family has run a small grain operation and showpig-oriented sow herd for seven generations. There is nothing that I want to do more than keep that tradition alive. I would also like to work off the farm part time where I can inform the general public about agriculture and "agvocate" for our way of life in rural America. I will always be a huge supporter of the organizations that have done so much for me: NJSA, 4-H, FFA and collegiate judging programs. Hopefully, one day I will be able to travel to all NJSA events with a family of my own and allow them to have all of the wonderful opportunities that I had growing up!

Hello one and all out there in Pinnacle land! I hope this article finds each of you doing well. In this issue, I want to take you to Nehemiah 8:10. This scripture clearly tells us that "The joy of The Lord is your strength." I think many times each of us find ourselves struggling with worry. Worry always steals our joy! Nehemiah tells us that the joy of The Lord is our strength. Without joy, we become weak and easy prey for our enemy, so I hope you can agree with me that joy is important. Joy is much different than being happy. Happiness can be bought and changes with our circumstances, but God's joy never waivers. Joy can't be taken from us, but we can choose to give it away. Don't let worry talk you in to giving away what God gave you. Your joy is yours and needs to stay that way. We need all our joy.

In Him,

Ray Perryman and family

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PICTURE THIS!

Do you enjoy taking pictures? If so, you need to enter the 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 **July 1, 2013** to be eligible for the photography contest.

The winner will be contacted by **Aug. 1, 2013**.

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 or
765.463.3594, ext. 109.

Start snapping those photos!

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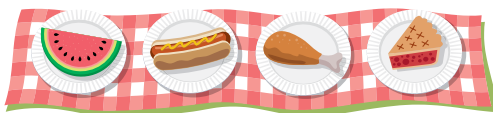
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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E-mail: _____ Age: _____

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

Parents Portal



Mama's Pork Chop Casserole

By Matt Morrison

Ingredients

- 2-4 Pork Chops
- 10 oz. can of Cream of Mushroom
- Velveeta Cheese (optional)
- Box of Stove Top Pork Flavored Stuffing
- Salt and Pepper
- Corn/Broccoli (optional)
- 2/3 cup Water
- 1/2 Stick Butter

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 380 degrees. Place pork chops in greased pan. Add cheese, corn and broccoli to pork chops (optional). Salt and pepper pork chops and vegetables to taste.

Cover the pork chops and vegetables with stuffing mix. Melt butter and combine with water. Pour butter/water mixture over stuffing. Cover pan with foil.

Bake for 30 min. at 380 degrees.

Enjoy with a cold glass of milk!

Parents Portal Volunteer Opportunities

We need YOU!

It takes countless volunteers in order for NJSA shows and events to be successful. Here's your chance to become more involved and give back to the NJSA!



NATIONAL JUNIOR SUMMER SPECTACULAR

July 1-5 • Louisville, Ky.

Help with show check-in

Man a check-in station for a three-hour shift between 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2.

Work a shift at the NJSA Booth

Sell NJSA merchandise for a two-hour shift whenever you are available Tuesday, July 2-Friday, July 5.

Be a Skillathon facilitator

Man a Skillathon station from 8-11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3. 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 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 5.

Donate an item to the silent auction

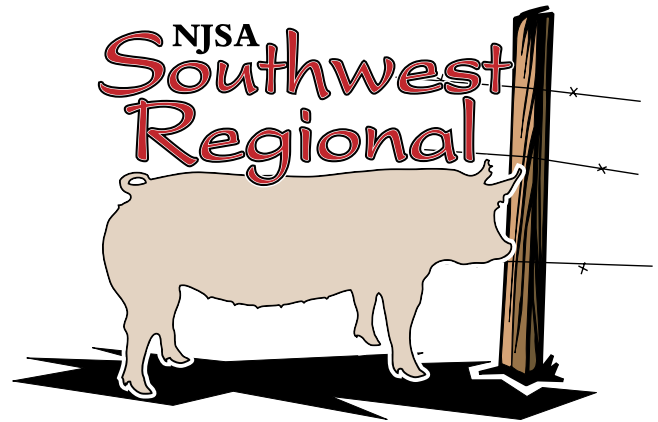
All items are welcome! Please bring your item with you to check-in between 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2.

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

Help exhibitors in the show or make-up ring with panels during showmanship, the gilt show or the barrow show.

Chaperone the exhibitor dance

Chat with other parents in the back or join in and dance the night away at the exhibitor dance from 9-11 p.m. on Friday, July 5.



NJSA SOUTHWEST REGIONAL

Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Chickasha, Okla.

Be a judging contest group leader!

Help collect placing cards, answer questions and monitor a group during the judging contest on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Help with show check-in!

Man a check-in station for a two-hour shift on Friday, Aug. 30.

Donate an item to the silent auction!

Any items are welcome! Please bring your item with you to check-in.

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

Help exhibitors in the make-up ring or show ring with panels during showmanship, the gilt show or the barrow show.

Please contact Cally Hass at cally@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594 ext., 109, or Torie Schwartz, at torie@nationalswine.com or 765.463.3594, ext. 108, if you are able to volunteer at any of these events.

Where are they now?

Wravenna (Phipps) Bloomberg

By Dusty Compart, NJSA At-Large Director



Wravenna (Phipps) Bloomberg was raised in Kearney, Neb., and grew up with her parents and three brothers, Wrex (a former NJSA Junior Board president), Waco and Warner.

Wravenna was extremely active in the NJSA where she was a three-time NJSA Sweepstakes winner and

served as the Central Region Director on the NJSA Junior Board of Directors from 2003-2005. She enjoyed the competition that NJSA provided her with – it gave her an outlet to compete in something she was good at.

"I have a passion for production agriculture and feel livestock shows keep this industry progressing in a positive direction," Wravenna says.

Making the network of friends she met by being in NJSA was one of her favorite parts of the organization.

"Those people have carried into my adult life as mentors, partners and some of my best friends." Wravenna said. "I truly value those relationships and consider that one of the hidden treasures of the NJSA."

She and her brothers were all members of the NJSA and, being the close-knit family they were, Wravenna says that "NJSA gave us the opportunities to further strengthen our bond while working together, learning to make smart decisions and creating memories to last a lifetime. My brothers and I will always remember the lessons, successes and adventures we shared together!"

Wravenna was also active in several junior cattle breed associations and served as Miss American Angus in 2004.

After high school, Wravenna attended Black Hawk East College where she was part of one of the most successful livestock judging teams in college history. She then transferred to Oklahoma State University and was part of a highly-competitive livestock judging team there, as well. Throughout her judging career, she achieved the high individual honor at several college judging competitions, including the North American International Livestock Exposition

in 2004. Wravenna received a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications from OSU and went on to earn a master's from the University of Central Oklahoma. While at OSU, she was given the honor of being a Top Ten Senior for the university.

Since her college years, Wravenna has worked for MCS Auctions as a purebred cattle marketing and sales management agent and for Oklahoma State University (since 2010) as the director of marketing for the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology. She also serves on the OSU Animal Science Alumni Board and has recently coached two state champion 4-H livestock judging teams (2011, 2012). In addition, Wravenna is a regional representative for LiveAuctions, an online livestock sales company, and works as a freelance designer, writer and photographer as a way to stay connected with her agricultural roots.

Wravenna and her husband, Blake, have a daughter, Breckyn, who will be 1-year-old in July. Blake is an instructor and assistant livestock judging team coach at OSU. They currently reside in Stillwater, Okla.

"Take full advantage of the leadership opportunities available through the NJSA. The basic skills will benefit you in any career path you choose to take. Also, align yourself with those who you aspire to be like. The breeders and industry leaders available to network with at an early age will give you many advantages in your future careers." She says, "I have always been an extremely competitive person. That being said, I encourage NJSA members to not only attempt to win or succeed, but to learn to be humble when they reach their goals. In a world of arrogance, it is humility that now speaks the loudest."





YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

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

Go to the NJSA section of 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.

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Christine Todd
Danvers, Ill. • Age: 18

"If you want to be involved in the swine industry, I would recommend joining the NJSA. It's amazing how many people you will meet and all the networking opportunities you will have. The NJSA provides excellent learning opportunities for the youth, plus it is fun!"



Emily Reeves
Washington Court House, Ohio • Age: 5

"My favorite NJSA event is the National Junior Summer Spectacular because I get to participate in many events, such as the Skillathon, Scrapbook, Judging Contest and showing!"



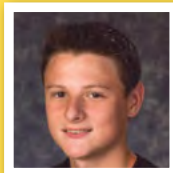
Micah Smock
Botkins, Ohio • Age: 13

"I enjoy showing pigs because I love being around animals and meeting new people. I also like going to new places and spending time with my family."



Spencer Malcom
Huntertown, Ind. • Age: 18

"The NJSA offers many opportunities and is a great way to meet other people."



Justin Terry
Azalea, Ore. • Age: 16

"The spirit of competition, meeting new friends and experts in the livestock field are the reasons I love showing pigs."



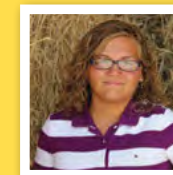
Kennedy Worley
New Holland, Ohio • Age: 8

"I love showing pigs because it is an interest my father and I share, and it allows me to spend more time with my animals perfecting my showmanship skills."



Matteo Abreu
St. Helena, Calif. • Age: 17

"The NJSA is an organization that is really fun to be involved in. It's a great way to meet new people, especially when you go to the shows around the country."



Sydney Stephenson
Fortville, Ind. • Age: 11

"There is nothing like being able to walk into the ring with your hog and know that you have worked diligently because it has proven that you have done your work at home to prepare for show day."



Blake Danner
Chalmers, Ind. • Age: 13

"You may hit a rough patch, but hang on and work through it."



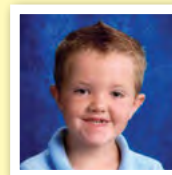
Bridget Halat
Genoa, Ill. • Age: 15

"I love the NJSA because ribbons fade and buckles tarnish, but the friendships last forever."



Gracee Beth Stewart
Sabina, Ohio • Age: 9

"The NJSA is a great opportunity to travel the country and be competitive."



Kyser Nemecek
Iola, Kan. • Age: 5

"Showing in the NJSA is a lot of fun, I get to hang out with my friends and travel with my family."

SCRAPBOOK



You elected these guys?

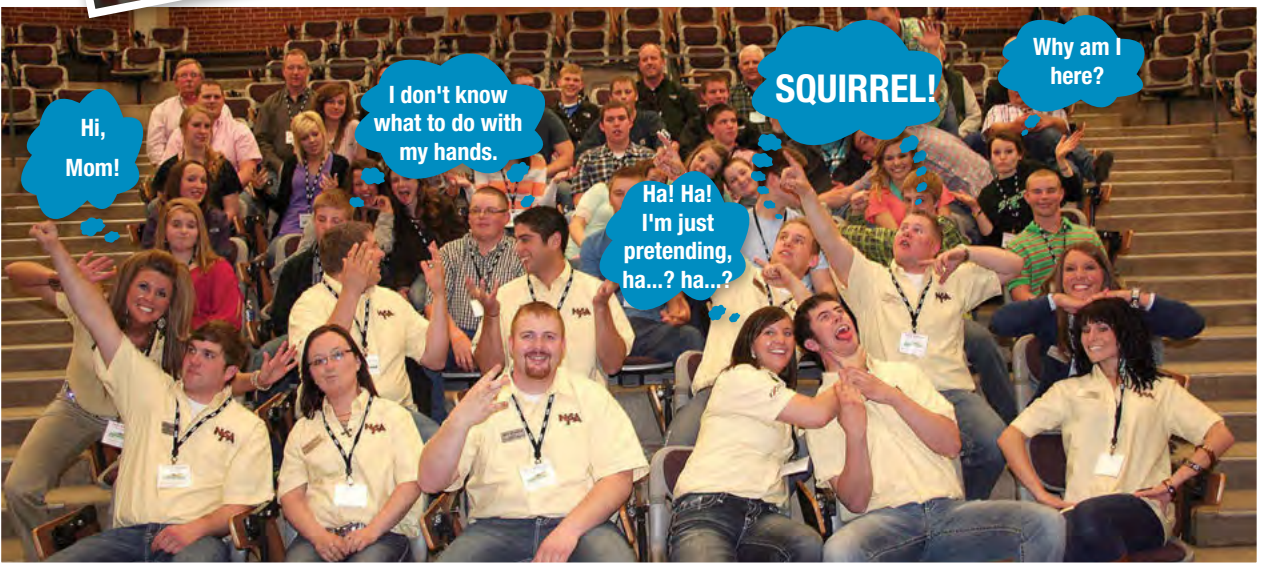
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At the Show



- ✓ Do not borrow or share equipment
- ✓ Monitor pigs daily
- ✓ Keep your pens clean
- ✓ Wash hands frequently

After the Show



- ✓ Clean, disinfect and dry all equipment
- ✓ Isolate returning pigs

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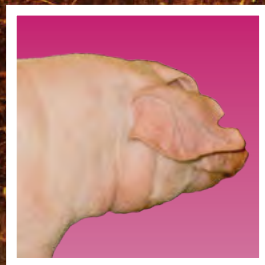
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2013 NJSA Board Candidates

NJSA Election at a Glance

WHEN: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 4

WHERE: National Junior Summer Spectacular, Louisville, Ky.

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



Brennan Diesen
Pocahontas, Ill.
Central Region

Brennan Diesen, 18, of Pocahontas, Ill., is the son of Brian Diesen and Heather Pearson and a freshman at Lake Land College. He plans to transfer to Western Illinois University to continue livestock judging and obtain an ag business degree. After college, he plans to return to his family farm to raise NSR breeds and crossbred showpigs, as well as work for Pfister Hybrids.

An NJSA member since 2004, Diesen has exhibited and participated at the World Pork Expo Junior National, National Junior Summer Spectacular, National Barrow Show® Junior Barrow Classic, NJSA Southeast Regional, NJSA Western Regional and three of the NJSA Affiliate shows: National Western Stock Show, American Royal and the North American International Livestock Expo. Not only does he exhibit hogs at these events, but Diesen takes part in educational activities such as the Judging Contest, Showmanship, Skillathon and Sweepstakes.

Diesen has held many leadership positions within 4-H and FFA, as well as on his high school football team and youth group. Currently, he is the vice president for PAS and the treasurer of the Ag Business Club at Lake Land College. Growing up, Diesen was very involved with 4-H, FFA, sports and extra-curricular activities in school.

Diesen would like to be an NJSA director so he can contribute to the growth of youth and encourage them to be involved with the NJSA as much as he has been. He says he looks forward to working with a group that shares the same passion and love for the industry as he does. If elected, Diesen would like to stimulate the Mentoring Values People (MVP) Program by encouraging older members to get involved to serve as mentors and role models for younger NJSA members. Diesen would also like to get more young people involved in the NJSA in order to gain more experience while they are young.



Christine Todd
Danvers, Ill.
Central Region

Christine Todd, 18, of Danvers, Ill. is the daughter of Bryson and Cindy Todd and a freshman at Black Hawk East Junior College, where she will compete on the livestock judging team this fall. Todd plans on transferring to Western Illinois University or Oklahoma State University where she would like to become an animal chiropractor or major in ag communications. After she completes her education, Todd would love the opportunity to work for the NSR or have the chance to educate swine enthusiasts on the benefits of animal chiropractic medicine.

Todd has been an NJSA member for more than six years and has competed at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, NJSA Southwest Regional, NJSA Southeast Regional, National Barrow Show® Junior Barrow Classic and her absolute favorite, World Pork Expo Junior National, where she has shown for the last four years. She loves to participate in the Judging Contest, Skillathon and

Showmanship, but she also likes to join in on the fun NJSA activities, such as the Barnyard Olympics. Todd was the treasurer and reporter of her FFA chapter where played an active role as not only a mentor, but also helped plan, organize and deliver many different fundraisers and attended numerous leadership conferences. In high school, she was a member of the dance team, played volleyball and was heavily involved in 4-H, FFA, Team Purebred, Illinois Club Pig Association, Illinois Beef Association and the National Junior Limousin Association.

Todd would like to be an NJSA director because she wants to continue learning and enhancing her leadership skills and working with youth while spreading the word about NJSA. If elected, she would like to organize mini-clinics to provide more educational opportunities at NJSA shows and events, as well as spread the word about NJSA using social media and working with other ag related groups.



Daniel Ammann
Highland, Ill.
Central Region

Daniel Ammann, 19, of Highland, Ill., is the son of Mike and Shari Ammann and a freshman at Lake Land College. Ammann plans on transferring to the University of Illinois and majoring in either pre-veterinary medicine or animal science. Depending on which route he takes at the University of Illinois, he would then like to either continue on to veterinary school or attend graduate school for swine nutrition or genetics. A longtime NJSA member, Ammann has been to every NJSA regional show except the NJSA Western Regional and has always shown at the National Junior Summer Spectacular and World Pork Expo Junior National. He participates in the Judging Contest, Showmanship, Skillathon and Sweepstakes. Ammann is a member of the judging team, a student ambassador and part of the Honors

Program at Lake Land College. Ammann was also active in his 4-H group where he served on many different committees and held leadership positions, such as treasurer and president. Ammann focused mainly on livestock judging and FFA in high school, but he also played golf all four years. Ammann would like to be an NJSA director because he not only wants to give back to an organization that has given him so much, but also wants to be a part of a highly prestigious board and keep the honor that the NJSA board has attained while continuing to improve it. If elected, Ammann hopes to increase NJSA membership by getting older NJSA members more involved by becoming mentors, as well as using social media channels and articles in the *Seedstock EDGE* to commend outstanding NJSA members.



Kane Austin
Mt. Vernon, Ill.
Central Region

Kane Austin, 19, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., is the son of Steve and Holly Austin and a freshman at Lincoln Land Community College. He plans to attend a four-year university where he will continue to judge livestock at a collegiate level. Austin sees himself pursuing a career as one of the following: swine nutritionist, professor and judging coach at a collegiate level or field representative for the NSR. A heavily involved NJSA member for eleven years, Austin is no stranger to NJSA shows and events. He has participated and shown at the NJSA Southwest Regional, NJSA Eastern Regional and the NJSA Southeast Regional, as well as the two national shows, World Pork Expo Junior National and National Junior Summer Spectacular. Austin also attended the 2009 National Youth Leadership Conference in St. Louis, Mo., along with the Regional Leadership Conferences in 2007, 2008, 2011 and 2012. Austin is also involved in the Mentoring Values People (MVP) Program and participates

in numerous NJSA educational contests. Austin has held numerous leadership positions, including vice president and president of his 4-H club, as well as treasurer for the Marion County 4-H Federation. FFA has been a huge part of Austin's life, as he committed his time to different officer positions within his chapter and section, along with winning numerous awards for his leadership. He is currently a member of the Illinois Club Pig Association, Panther Fork Baptist Church, Team Purebred and the livestock judging team and Ag Club at Lincoln Land Community College. Austin says he would like to be an NJSA director because he has seen firsthand what the NJSA has to offer and wants to be a positive role model, just like the board members he looked up to. If elected, Austin wants to continue increasing membership, developing leadership programs and improving events. He hopes to also create a mini-leadership program at each show for NJSA members.



Tana Simmons
Tipton, Ind.
Central Region

Tana Simmons, 20, of Tipton, Ind., is the daughter of Mark and Carla Simmons and a freshman at Purdue University. Upon graduation, Simmons would like to pursue a career in broadcasting within the livestock industry or work with a breed or junior organization, such as the NJSA. A 12-year NJSA member, Simmons was hooked on the NJSA when she first exhibited at the National Junior Summer Spectacular when she was 7-years-old. Now she has exhibited at the NJSA Southeast Regional, the World Pork Expo Junior National, National Barrow Show® Junior Barrow Classic, North American International Livestock Expo, National Western Stock Show and the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Simmons enjoys competing in the educational contests like the Judging Contest, Showmanship, Skillathon and Sweepstakes. She

has also served as a mentor in the Mentoring Values People (MVP) Program and attended Regional Leadership Conference in 2009 at Purdue University. While in high school, Simmons was her class president, Tipton FFA Chapter president and vice president for National Honor Society. Simmons was very active in 4-H, where she was also the president of the Tipton County 4-H Club. At Purdue, she is a member of the women's fraternity, Zeta Tau Alpha, and is also a member of Ag Council. Simmons would like to be an NJSA director so she can make a difference in the lives of young people just like the NJSA Junior Board members did for her in the past. If elected, Simmons would like to start an "Annual Pork Cook Off" to promote pork products, as well as begin a mini Internship program within the NJSA.



Walter Colvin
Russellville, Ind.
Central Region

Walter Colvin, 20, of Russellville, Ind., is the son of Chad and Kelly Colvin and a sophomore at Lake Land College. Colvin plans on transferring to Western Illinois University and studying ag education before continuing his studies with a master's degree. Colvin would like to put his education to use by becoming an ag teacher and also operating his own small swine operation that fulfills the needs of youth involved in 4-H.

Growing up as an NJSA member for 13 years, Colvin has shown and participated at the NJSA Southwest Regional, NJSA Eastern Regional, NJSA Southeast Regional, the World Pork Expo Junior National, National Junior Summer Spectacular and three NJSA Affiliate shows, the American Royal, North American International Livestock Expo and the National Western Stock Show. Not only does Colvin exhibit hogs at the functions, but he also participates in the Judging Contest, Showmanship, Skillathon and Sweepstakes. He has also been

a mentor in the Mentoring Values People (MVP) Program and attended Regional Leadership Conference and National Youth Leadership Conference. Besides being very involved with NJSA, Colvin has held many leadership positions. He served as the president for his 4-H club and county swine club and held different offices in the Indiana Junior Swine Circuit and his FFA chapter. While attending Lake Land College, Colvin was involved in the Student Government Association, was the vice president of the Ag Transfer Program and a contributing member of the judging team. Colvin feels he should be an advocate for the NJSA to encourage others to join. If elected, Colvin would make an effort to reach out to those who are interested in the swine industry and tell them about the opportunities the NJSA has to offer. He would also like to see more programs geared towards careers in the swine industry as well as more clinics that teach about the educational contests NJSA has to offer.



Joseph Parker
San Miguel, Calif.
Western Region

Joseph Parker, 21, of San Miguel, Calif., is the son of Bridget Parker and a sophomore at Cuesta College. As a seventh-generation farmer, Parker would like to continue moving his family's legacy forward by coming home and taking over the farm and ranches. He would also like to run his own showpig operation with 50-75 sows and expand his trucking company.

As a nine-year NJSA member, Parker has shown and participated at the NJSA Western Regional numerous times. He also attended the NJSA National Youth Leadership Conference in Modesto, Calif., where his interest in becoming a director on the NJSA Junior Board grew.

Parker has held several leadership positions within his 4-H groups, including treasurer, vice president and president. He was also extremely active in FFA,

where he was elected Greenhand president, was named the Arizona State Star Greenhand and held the South Coast Regional sentinel position when he moved to California. Currently, Parker is the 2012-2013 California Pork Producers Ambassador and is the co-swine leader for Chaparral 4-H group.

Parker says he is seeking a leadership position in the NJSA because it makes sense to give back to the organization that has given him so much. Plus, he wants to be like the leaders that he has always looked up to on the NJSA Junior Board. If elected, Parker would like to spread the word about NJSA to 4-H and FFA chapters about the great opportunities to increase membership.



Thomas Flournoy
Bronwood, Georgia
At-Large

Thomas Flournoy, 18, of Bronwood, Ga., is the son of John and Beth Flournoy and a freshman at Georgia Southwestern State University. Currently studying biology, Flournoy would like to put his education to use within agriculture, preferably the swine industry. Flournoy would even like to start his own showpig operation and perhaps have a boar stud.

As a four-year NJSA member, Flournoy has shown and participated at the NJSA Southeast Regional for four years.

Flournoy served as the president for both his high school's Student Council and National Honor Society. He was also chosen as the captain on both his golf and football teams. Flournoy was a 10-year 4-H member and now serves as a volunteer in his county's 4-H program,

mainly working with the showpig team.

Flournoy says first and foremost, he wants to provide positive leadership to youth, but he also wants to be able to help raise exposure for the NJSA and what this great association has to offer. If elected, Flournoy would like to get the state of Georgia more involved in the NJSA by hosting leadership conferences and workshops within the state.

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MONDAY, JULY 1

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

TUESDAY, JULY 2

10 a.m.-8 p.m.: **Registration** (Open & Junior Gilt & Barrow Shows, Showmanship, Skillathon, Photography, Poster, Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking, Quizbowl, State Scrapbook and Ag Sales Contests)

4-5 p.m.: **MVP Celebration**

5:30 p.m.: **Barnyard Olympics**

7 p.m.: **Premier Breeder Interviews**

8 p.m.: **All Jr. Hogs Must be in Place**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

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**

8 a.m.: **Ag Sales Contestant Meeting**

8:30 a.m.: **Ag Sales Contest**

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

► **Junior Barrow Show**

Immediately following Showmanship Prelims:

Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire

Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

THURSDAY, JULY 4

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).

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

Quizbowl: **Quizbowl Contestant Meeting**

30 min. after selection of Top 5 Purebred Gilts

Quizbowl

1 hr. after selection of Top 5 Purebred Gilts

FRIDAY, JULY 5

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

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

Extemporaneous Speaking

Contestant Meeting

2 p.m.: **Speech & Extemporaneous**

Speaking Contests

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

6:30 p.m.: **Awards Ceremony**

*Scholarships Awarded

*NJSS Contest Winners Announced (State Food Drive, State Scrapbook, 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

*Premier Breeders Awarded

*Raffle Winners Announced

*2013-2014 Junior Board Announced

9-11 p.m.: **Exhibitor Dance**

9 p.m.: **All Junior Hogs are Released**

SATURDAY, JULY 6

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

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



RULES & REMINDERS

Junior Show

SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-8 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. New this year, contestants will receive points for competing in the Poster Contest, Speech Contest, Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Ag Sales Contest and Quiz Bowl, however participation in these contests is not mandatory to qualify for the Sweepstakes Contest. See the NJSA Handbook for the full sweepstakes point breakdown.

MVP (MENTORING VALUES PEOPLE) CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 2, 4-5 p.m.

Meet your new mentor or catch up with your current mentor at the MVP celebration! 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 celebration, mentors and their protégés are invited to compete together in the Barnyard Olympics competition!

BARNYARD OLYMPICS

Tuesday, July 2, 5:30 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!

AG SALES CONTEST

Contestant Meeting: Wednesday, July 3, 8 a.m.

Contest: Wednesday, July 3, 8:30 a.m.

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 National Junior Summer Spectacular Contest Rules & Regulations on the NJSA web page.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Photo Judging: Wednesday, July 3, 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!

PQA PLUS TRAINING

Youth Training Session: Wednesday, July 3, 8-9:30 a.m.

Adult Training Session: Wednesday, July 3, 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.

SKILLATHON

Registration: Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Contest: Wednesday, July 3, 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.

POSTER CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Poster Judging: Wednesday, July 3, 9 a.m.

The purpose of the poster contest is to display the creative talent of NJSA members, share ideas to promote 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 Aug. 1, 2012); 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 14x22-inch. 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.

NJSA ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Round Table Discussions: Wednesday, July 3, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Voting: Thursday, July 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Meet the candidates running for junior board positions on Wednesday! Speeches will take place during the Opening Ceremony. 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.

STATE SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Judging: Wednesday, July 3, 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. 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.

OPENING CEREMONY

Wednesday, July 3, Noon

Celebrate the start of the 2013 National Junior 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 for the week to "Take me out to the Showing!"

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Preliminaries: Wednesday, July 3, 1 p.m.

Finals: Thursday, July 4, 8 a.m.

Join us for the best showmanship competition in the country. This contest is always a highlight at the National Junior 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.

BARROW SHOW

Wednesday, July 3, Immediately Following Showmanship Preliminaries

We are looking forward to the second annual NJSS Barrow Show 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 Jon Althaus, Ill., and Ring B judge is Grant Grebner, Ill.

QUIZ BOWL

Contestant Meeting: Thursday, July 4, 30 min. after the Selection of Top 5 Purebred Gilts

Contest: Thursday, July 4, 1 hour after the Selection of Top 5 Purebred Gilts

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 National Junior Summer Spectacular Contest Rules & Regulations on the NJSA web page.

GILT SHOW

Thursday, July 4, 10 a.m.

Be prepared to see one of the greatest purebred gilt shows in the country at the National Junior 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 Garry Childs, Ga., and Ring B judge is John Huinker, Iowa.

JUDGING CONTEST

Registration: Friday, July 5, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Senior/Intermediate/Junior Judging Contest: Friday, July 5, 9 a.m.

Novice Judging Contest: Friday, July 5, 11:30 a.m.

Judging Critique: Friday, July 5, 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.

SPEECH CONTEST

Registration: Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Contestant Meeting: Friday, July 5, 1:30 p.m.

Contest: Friday, July 5, 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

Registration: Tuesday, July 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Contestant Meeting: Friday, July 5, 1:30 p.m.

Contest: Friday, July 5, 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.

STATE FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

Counting: Friday, July 5, 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,

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 National Junior Summer Spectacular. Items should be placed in the designated state area for the Food Drive and must be in place by 1 p.m. on Friday, 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.

EXHIBITOR PIZZA PARTY

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

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

NATIONAL JUNIOR SUMMER SPECTACULAR AWARDS CEREMONY

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

The culmination of the National Junior 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 National Junior 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 NJSS week, announce the candidates who were successful in winning a spot on the 2013-2014 NJSA Junior Board of Directors and thank the retiring Junior Board members for their two years of service and contribution to the NJSA.

EXHIBITOR DANCE

Friday, July 5, 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.

NJSA FOUNDATION FEMALE AUCTION

Live Auction: Saturday, July 6, during the NSR Summer Type Conference Hampshire Sale

The 2013 NJSA Foundation Female is the buyer's choice of three superior Hampshire bred gilts from Heimer Hampshires. All proceeds will support the NJSA Scholarship Fund. Check out www.nationalswine.com for more information about the 2013 NJSA Foundation Female.

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 three salesmen. Don't miss out – call NJSA at 765.463.3594 to get tickets or email torie@nationalswine.com. The drawing will take place and prizes will be awarded on Friday, July 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the National Junior 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 pre-sale. 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, 2013. Semen subject to availability – plan ahead!

NJSA SILENT AUCTION

Is your silent auction donation ready for the 11th Annual National Junior 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 National Junior 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 email Cally Hass at cally@nationalswine.com or call 75.463.3594.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. Each animal must be accompanied by TWO COPIES of an official interstate health certificate issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Certificate must show name and address of consignor; consigned to the NSR Summer Type Conference, Kentucky Expo Center, 937 Phillips Lane, Louisville, Ky., 40209-1398; individual identification of the 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 on or after June 6, 2013, 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 6, 2013, with 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 6, 2013, 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. All breeding hogs must be vaccinated against Leptospirosis (6-way) including bratislava and erysipelas. The date of vaccination MUST be listed on the health certificate.
 - D. It is recommended that all breeding swine be vaccinated for swine influenza. This is not a show or sale requirement.
 - E. 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.
 - F. Any health certificate with animals originating from outside 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.

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 STC must be listed on the health paper and meet the same requirements as the swine being shown.
5. 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, click the blue "Premises ID" icon. From there, open the PDF document and locate your state contact person that is listed.

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

1. All entries must be ear notched using the NSR system.
2. All entries must be recorded by June 19, 2013. After that date, exhibitors will be charged a rush fee. All exhibitors must be junior or senior NSR members.
3. 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 1, and 10 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, 2013. 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.
4. Exhibitors also need to bring a copy of their PQA Plus certificate and two copies of their health papers.
5. 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.

6. If you are exhibiting a bred-and-owned gilt, please tell the staff at check-in.
7. 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.
8. At check-in, double-check that you are entered in the appropriate age group – all ages are considered as of Jan. 1, 2013.
9. 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.

2013 NJSA RAFFLE

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18. Custom Hair-on-Hide Footstool – *Signature Signs*
19. \$50 Cajun Bling Gift Certificate – *Cajun Bling by Blaire Brown*

To purchase raffle tickets contact an NJSA Junior Board member or call the NJSA office at 765.463.3594.



SUMMER TYPE CONFERENCE

July 1-6, 2013
Louisville, Ky.

MONDAY, JULY 1

4 p.m. Earliest entries (junior and open)
can arrive

TUESDAY, JULY 2

10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Registration (junior and open)

8 p.m. All junior gilts & barrows must
be in place

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

1 p.m. Showmanship preliminaries
followed by Junior Barrow Show

THURSDAY, JULY 4

8 a.m. Showmanship finals

9 a.m. All Summer Type Conference entries
must be penned and checked-in
Scanning to follow (boars only)

10 a.m. Junior Gilt Show

FRIDAY, JULY 5

7:30 a.m. Crossbred Boar Show
followed by the Duroc Show
followed by the Hampshire Show
followed by the Yorkshire Show

SATURDAY, JULY 6

8 a.m. Ray Perryman inspirational service

9 a.m. Crossbred Boar Sale
followed by the Duroc Sale
followed by the Hampshire Sale
followed by the Landrace Gilt Sale
(Junior Show Only)
followed by Yorkshire sale

JUDGES:

Duroc: Jerry McLemore, Okla.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Noon: Earliest entries may arrive

1-8 p.m.: Registration

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

7:30-9 a.m.: Registration

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

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

9 a.m.: Barrow Weight Cards Due (Registration Area)

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

11:30 a.m.: Mandatory exhibitor meeting (Ring A)

Noon: Purebred Barrow Show

Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace & Yorkshire

Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland & Spot

**Immediately following the selection of the Champion Purebred Barrow in*

Ring A: Crossbred Barrow Show in Ring A

5 p.m.: Crossbred Gilt weight cards due (NJSA office)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

7-7:45 a.m.: Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman (Ring A)

8 a.m.: Showmanship

Ring A: Novice followed by Junior

Ring B: Intermediate followed by Senior

1 p.m.: Purebred Gilt Show

Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace & Yorkshire

Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland & Spot

**Immediately following the selection of the Team Purebred Champion Gilt in*

Ring B: Crossbred Breeding Gilt Show in Ring B

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

8-9:30 a.m.: Judging Contest registration (Cattle Barn)

10 a.m.: Judging Contest (Cattle Barn) **Junior, Intermediate, Senior*

12:30 p.m.: Novice Judging Contest (Cattle Barn)

4 p.m.: Judging Contest Critique

4:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony (Ring B)

**All WPX Junior National hogs are released after the Awards Ceremony, but are encouraged to stay through Saturday for the WPX Sale.*

- **Champion Purebred Barrow Overall:** One-Year Cimarron Trailer Lease & Banner
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 - **Res. Champion NJSA Purebred Gilt Overall:** Murphy Trailer Sales, Inc. Aluminum Popper & Banner
 - **Res. Champion Team Purebred Gilt Overall:** Banner
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 - **3rd Overall Team Purebred Gilt:** Banner
 - **4th Overall Purebred Barrow:** \$150 & Banner
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 - **4th Overall Team Purebred Gilt:** Banner
 - **5th Overall Purebred Barrow:** \$75 & Banner
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 - **Champion NJSA Breed Gilts & Barrows:** \$1,000, Clock & Banner
 - **Champion Team Purebred Breed Gilts & Barrows:** \$500, Clock & Banner
 - **Res. Champion NJSA Breed & Crossbred Gilts & Barrows:** \$500 & Banner
 - **Res. Champion Team Purebred Breed Gilts & Barrows:** \$250 & Banner
 - **3rd Overall NJSA Breed & Crossbred Gilts & Barrows:** \$100 & Banner
 - **3rd Overall Team Purebred Breed Gilts & Barrows:** Banner
 - **4th Overall NJSA Breed & Crossbred Gilts & Barrows:** \$75 & Banner
 - **4th Overall Team Purebred Breed Gilts & Barrows:** Banner
 - **5th Overall NJSA Breed & Crossbred Gilts & Barrows:** \$50 & Banner
 - **5th Overall Team Purebred Breed Gilts & Barrows:** Banner
 - **Champion Bred & Owned NJSA Breed Gilts:** \$500 & Painting
 - **Res. Champion Bred & Owned NJSA Breed Gilts:** \$250 & Painting
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Thursday, June 6

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

Friday, June 7

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

8 a.m. – Ring B { *Chester White Show followed by Spot, Poland and Berkshire*

Saturday, June 8

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

9:30 a.m. – Ring B { *Chester White Sale followed by Spot, Poland and Berkshire*

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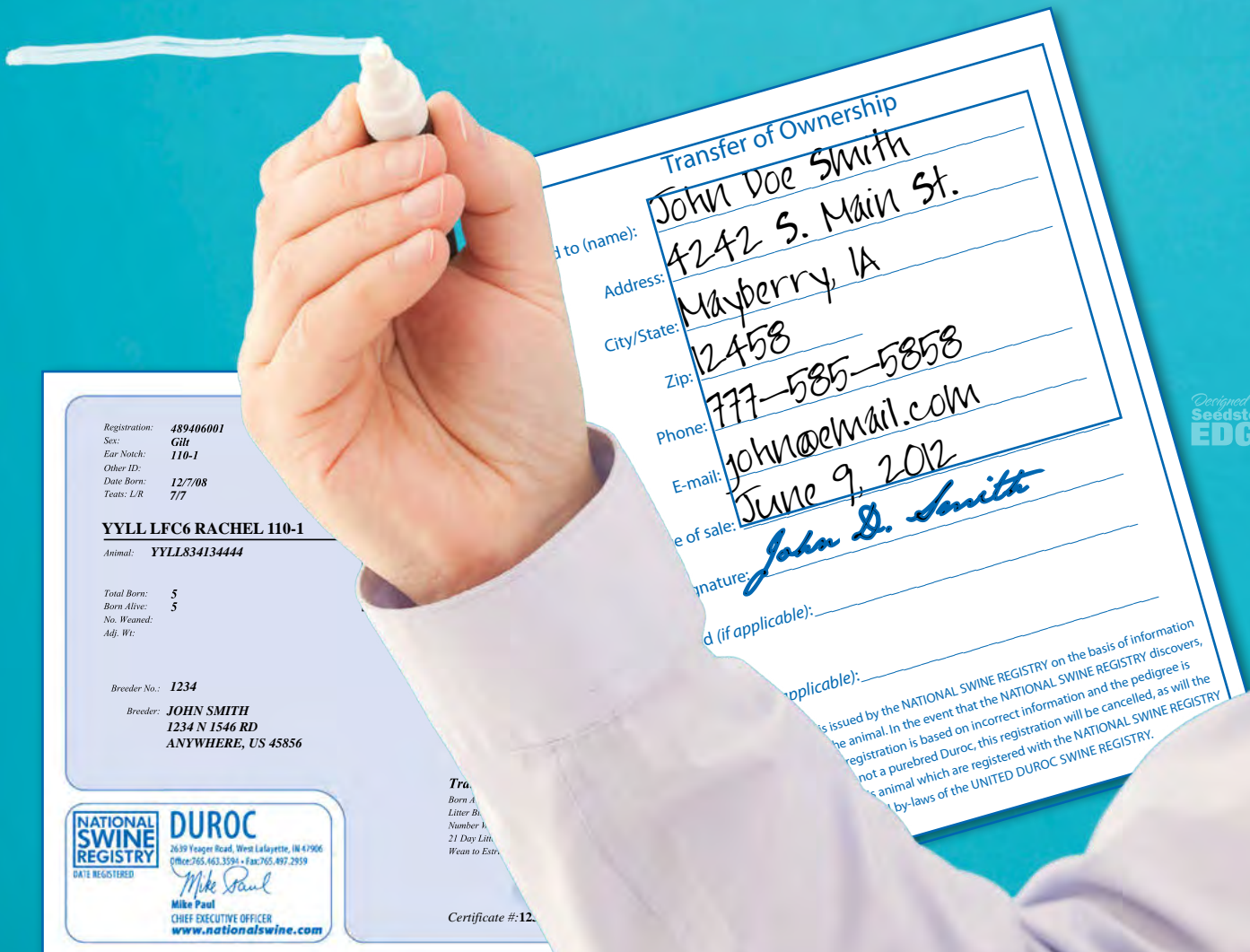


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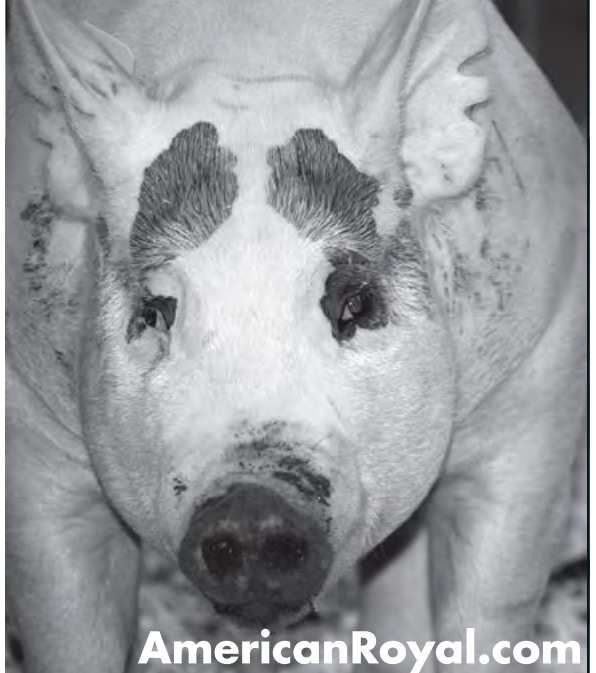
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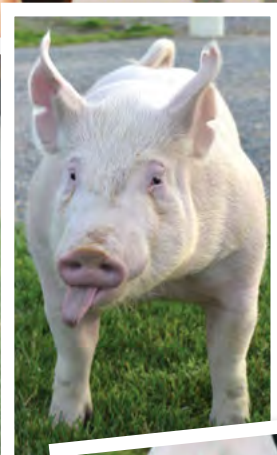
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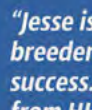
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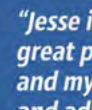
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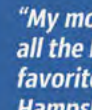
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- 3 **June SE Mails**
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- 11 Frontline Genetics Online Sale, showpig.com
- 13 **July SE Ad Copy Deadline**
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- 22 Cain's Online Bred Gilt Sale, cainfarms.com
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- 23 RW Genetics 'Girls of Summer' Bred Gilt Sale, showpig.com
- 24 Isla Grande Farms Online Sale, showpig.com
- 24 Peter Farms 'Early Summer' Online Auction, showpig.com
- 24 Steve Cobb & Family Online Pig Sale, showpig.com
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- 30 State Fair of Texas Validation & Ownership Deadline

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- 1 **July SE Mails**
- 1 **NJSA Southwest Regional Ownership Deadline**
- 1-6 **NSR Summer Type Conference and National Junior Summer Spectacular, Louisville, Ky.**
- 11 **August SE Ad Copy Deadline**
- 12 **NBS Jr. Barrow Classic Ownership Deadline**
- 15 Cain's Online Boar Sale, cainfarms.com
- 31 **NJSA Southwest Regional Entry Deadline**

AUGUST

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- 1 American Royal Pedigreed Gilt Ownership Deadline
- 1 American Royal DNA Validation Deadline (postmarked on or before)
- 8 Iowa State Fair Gilt Show, 8 a.m., Des Moines, Iowa
- 8 Blue and Gold Gilt Sale, 7 p.m., Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, Iowa
- 5 **August SE Mails**

- 10 **National Barrow Show Entry Deadline**
- 10 **National Barrow Show and NBS Jr. Barrow Classic Entry Deadline**
- 15 Indiana State Fair Duroc Show & Sale, 9 a.m., Indianapolis, Ind.
- 12 **NJSA Eastern Regional Ownership Deadline**
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- 22 **September Fall Showpig SE Ad Copy Deadline**
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- 30-1 **NJSA Southwest Regional, Chickasha, Okla.**

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The Prequel

By Katie Maupin

Real McCoy Genetics

Jim McCoy wasn't raised around purebred pigs. In fact, he had no interest in them. When he enrolled in 4-H, he took the wood working project. It wasn't until he spent a night at a fellow 4-H member's house that the pig project piqued his interest.

His friend had a market hog project. When the then 11-year-old McCoy accompanied him to the barn to feed, walk and care for his pig, McCoy enjoyed it so much he asked his dad if he could take the pig project next year. His father was a commercial pig producer and readily agreed.

The next year, they attended one of the first club pig auctions ever held at Lester Jordan's farm. The pair sat in the crowd and watched pig after pig bring too much money. A little disheartened after the sale, they asked Jim Bernard if he would give them a deal on his no sale pigs, and McCoy left the sale with two \$40 project pigs in tow. That summer he won his class at his county fair.

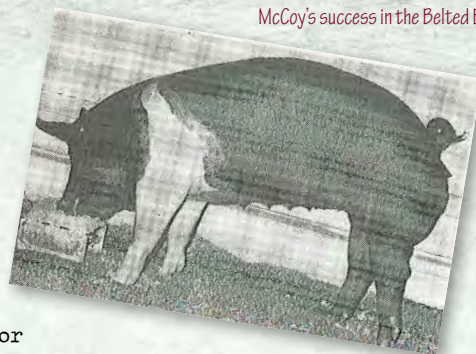
Although he continued to show barrows at the county fair, he knew little about it. No one in McCoy's family had ever been exposed to anything but commercial pigs. Real McCoy Genetics would likely not exist today without McCoy's FFA advisor, Hampshire breeder and friend - Charlie Andrews.

Andrews noticed that McCoy was not enrolled for his ag class, so he took him for a ride to convince him to join FFA.

Andrews seemed to have a knack to push McCoy - a shy, introverted teenager who loved to draw - out of his comfort zone. He signed McCoy up for ag contests, took him to his very first Type Conference and even encouraged him to raise Hampshires.

When McCoy decided he wanted to raise a few pigs, not only show barrows, Andrews and his father helped him purchase an affordable bred gilt from Ernie Roll at the Ohio State Hampshire sale. His father gave him permission to fix up an old chicken coop for his project, so McCoy welded a farrowing crate himself and poured a pad of concrete that is still a part of his operation today. In fact, that old concrete pad is where McCoy fed

his popular Hampshire boar entry for Indiana a couple years ago.



This All-American January Gilt launched Jim McCoy's success in the Belted Breed.

If McCoy would have decided his future based on his first few litters, he'd likely not be in the business.

"Perseverance is a word that you have to learn a lot about," he says.

McCoy stuck with it, and when he was a junior in high school, his dad let him travel all the way to Indiana to look at some bred sows at Denny Shoup's. McCoy left with a handful of decent females and one great one who was bred by Leon Werner & Family of Brookville, Ind.

"I paid \$1,200 for her, and I didn't tell Dad how much she was at the time," he says. "He would have just died."

His investment paid off though. That female ended up being featured in the Hampshire Herdsman as the "All-American" January-farrowed female. She was bred to an All-American, and her litter of seven pigs could be considered the start of Real McCoy Genetics.

One boar out of this mating would not only go on to pay for McCoy's initial investment, but also permanently mark the Hampshire breed in this nation and abroad. After being named the Reserve Champion Boar at the Ohio State Fair in 1975, Ralph Henderson of Canada purchased him for \$1,650 - a good chunk of change at the time. Henderson called the boar "Rahlen Boy." Some of Rahlen Boy's sons were sent to Sweden where they improved Swedish hogs until some were imported into the US in the '80s. Today, many Hampshire pedigrees can be traced back to McCoy's All-American investment.

Although it was easier to make a living off a few acres when McCoy graduated high school in '76, he still credits the Hampshire people for his interest in the industry.

"I really liked the people and their open-minded attitudes," McCoy says. "They would take you in because you were a kid, but they'd always treat you like an equal."

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