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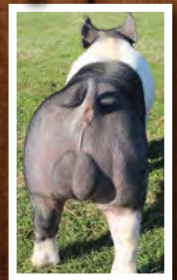
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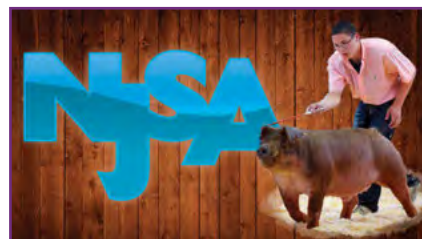
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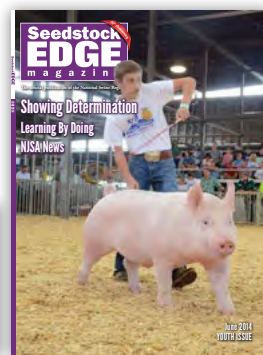
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On the Cover

You were able to choose the cover for June. After more than 1,000 people voted online, Katina Costerisan's shot won the coveted cover spot. Her photo captured Payton Dahmer driving his Champion FFA Yorkshire Barrow at the Missouri State Fair.

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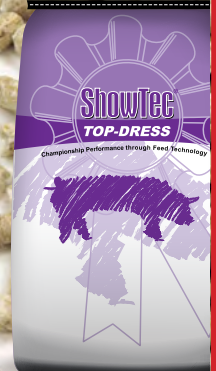
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Open Mike

Humble and hungry

As I start my 18th year at the National Swine Registry (NSR), I think about the changes and challenges that have affected our members and their operations over the years. One thing that remains constant is the dedication our membership has to the purebred swine industry. This dedication is indicated by the passion they continue to display in their specialty within the industry, whether it's providing genetics to improve the supply of protein to feed a growing population or supplying animals for youth programs. As we continue to evolve in the different segments of the swine industry, I am amazed how individuals adapt to the many new issues, and when I read the following blog post, entitled "Humble and Hungry," from Jon Gordon's site, jongordon.com/blog, I felt it defined the personality of our NSR and NJSA membership very well.

I have found that two words are the key to a life and career of continuous improvement and growth. Whether you are just starting out and trying to make a name for yourself or you have achieved the pinnacle of success, it's important to remember to be humble and hungry.

BE HUMBLE

- Don't think you know it all. See yourself as a life-long learner who is always seeking ways to learn, grow and improve.
- See everyone as a teacher and learn from everyone you meet.
- Be open to new ideas and strategies to take your life, school and work to the next level.
- When people tell you that you are great don't let it go to your head. And when they tell you that you stink, don't let it go to your head.
- Be kind to everyone and let people know that they matter.
- Live with humility because the minute you think you have arrived at the door of greatness it will get shut in your face.
- Humility doesn't mean you think less of yourself. It just means you think of yourself less.

BE HUNGRY

- Follow your passion, continuously improve and continue to dream.

- Seek out new ideas, new strategies and new ways to push yourself out of your comfort zone.
- Invest the time, energy, sweat and dedication to be your best and let God do the rest.
- Be willing to pay the price that greatness requires. Don't be average. Strive to be great.
- Become the hardest worker you know.
- Love the process, and you'll love what the process produces.
- Decide to leave a legacy. Even at a young age, it's important to think about what legacy you want to leave because knowing how you want to be remembered helps you decide how to live today.
- Don't focus on where you've been. Focus on where you are and where you are going.
- Make your life and work a quest for excellence. Every day ask how I can be better today than I was yesterday?
- Make your next work your best work.

As I share this advice my hope is that these words will move you to action. Regardless of your age, education or career status, if you stay Humble and Hungry everything else will take care of itself.

*Humble and Hungry,
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My thanks to Jon for allowing us to reprint this article.



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Heights, spiders, bridges – the list of things I’m scared of could go on and on. To be honest, I’m scared of more things than not. I grew up thinking I was invincible. I used to hang upside down from the rafters of our show barn for fun. I used to climb to the top of the trees on our property, and I used to go sit on the ledge of the bridge down the road from my house.

So what happened? What changed? Why can’t I climb to the top of a ladder? Honestly, I am not sure myself; all I know is these crazy fears didn’t just develop in a day. I say “crazy,” because that is exactly what they are. They weren’t developed through personal experience.

I remember the first time I realized how terrified I was of spiders. My family was preparing to do some renovations to our home, so we were cleaning out our Michigan basement before we began construction. Now, I don’t know the exact definition of a Michigan basement, but it should include the words, “a place where spiders live in masses.”

I walked downstairs, covered from head to toe in whatever clothes I could find, hoping that I wouldn’t come in contact with any cobwebs. This turned out to be in vain because it’s humanly impossible to avoid cobwebs in a Michigan basement. What happened next is something that has continued to happen every time I got scared for no reason; my dad laughed at me and told me to get to work. Maybe he knew then I was becoming a wimp, and he was trying to prevent that from happening, but if you couldn’t already tell, he was unsuccessful.

Although the list of things that scare me goes on and on, I don’t live in fear. I have learned that being scared of heights or spiders means nothing in the grand scheme of things. I could be scared of much worse things, such as failure or the future, but I’m not because those are things that you have no control over. I wish someone would have sat me down when I was little, and told me there are things that you cannot change. That could have saved me some fear and anxiety over the years. I know it takes a lot to get over your fears, but you have to be confident in yourself and your choices.

When I was told that I had to write this editorial, I was a little scared (surprise, surprise). I know I’ve already written one, but it’s easy to introduce yourself to people. What’s difficult is not knowing how my stories will be perceived.

How do I connect with hundreds of people that may not know me personally? If you don’t know me, it could be hard to read these stories about my life and not think I am completely crazy. But, I hope you enjoy reading my stories as much as I enjoy writing them down. I have plenty more to come, and they will only get more and more interesting, and hopefully, a little less embarrassing. I am sure my mom is reading this story about the spiders and either a) shaking her head in embarrassment, b) laughing because she remembers when that happened, or c) can’t believe I mentioned her in my editorial and will be calling me about it later.

“It’s amazing how being scared is just an idea we have that can so easily be overcome; all it takes is an open mind and a sense of adventure.”

Now, instead of leaving you with a story about how I was scared, I’d rather leave you with a story that shows just how easy it can be to overcome your fears. Last month, I took a vacation to visit my best friend, Miriam, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We had been planning this trip for months trying to get in as many adventures as we possibly could. Now, Miriam and I both have a fear of heights, but she had this idea that we should take a hot air balloon ride. A little hesitant at first, she finally talked me into it.

We woke up early so we could help prepare the balloon for launch. We both were so caught up in helping, we forgot that in a few short minutes we would be flying 10,000 feet above the earth. When the moment came that we had to jump into the basket, we were both so calm that we didn’t even feel scared as we floated away. It’s amazing how being scared is just an idea we have that can so easily be overcome; all it takes is an open mind and a sense of adventure.



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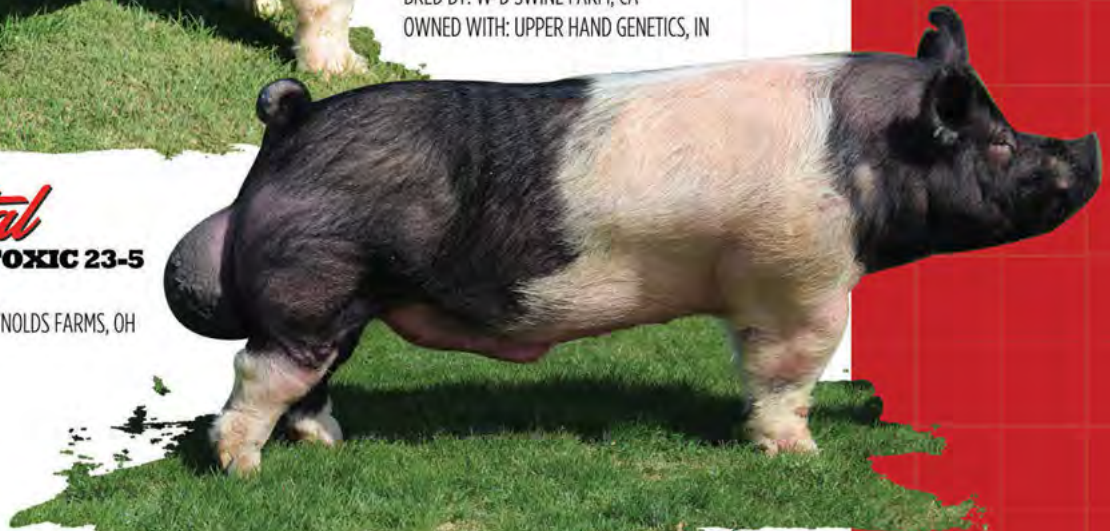
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Write On

Take the shot

Ann, our Ad Coordinator and Assistant Editor, and I have had photography on the brain. With the help of a local photographer, Janet Stephens, and the industry's own B.J. Eick and his associate, Tracy McMurphy, we've been brushing up on our techniques to shoot our fast-approaching national shows.

After classes, critiques and discussions, our brains were full of information about shutter speed, F-stops and other photography what-nots. Overloaded with numbers and settings, I turned to every DIYer's dream or nightmare, depending on how much free time they have – *Pinterest*. Scrolling through the countless ideas, painting techniques, outfit suggestions and sayings, I happened across this quote: *"Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't turn out – take another shot."*

I wish this quote would have been properly attributed, because I would like nothing more than to thank whoever came up with that analogy. To me, truer words haven't been spoken.

You see, when the Marketing & Communications team is in the ring at our events, we don't take just one shot. Last year at World Pork Expo, our crew shot 5,891 photos. Of all those shots, you have seen less than 100 of them online and in the *Seedstock EDGE*, and only one shot made the July cover.

That means it took nearly 6,000 times of pushing the shutter button to get one shot we thought was worthy of the cover. Sure, some of the shots were OK, but most fell short of the wow-factor we wanted. Maybe the judge stepped into the frame just when the shutter clicked, or the showman wasn't looking down. Maybe the lighting was off, or the camera wasn't set at a fast enough shutter speed so one leg blurred. There are countless reasons a photo won't make the cut here – just ask Steve, our Creative and Web Development Director, who sometimes tires of my nit-picking.

"I just feel like that pig's head is turned weird. It makes their blade look too straight."

"That's not the most exciting angle for that barrow. He looks best coming right at you."

"I really wish that showman was looking."

When we step into the ring with our cameras, we do so knowing not every shot will be cover-worthy. In fact, statistically speaking, most could be classified as failures. But we still take the next shot, making adjustments as we go.

"Hmmm, this photo is looking a little yellow. I think I should set the white balance."

"Dang. That gilt's legs are blurry. I think we should adjust the shutter speed."

Then after countless tries, it all comes together. That future champion is driving right at you. His chest is wide. His foot is huge. His head is up high enough that even looking right at you, you know he's sharp fronted. Just as the showman looks at the judge – *click* – you look down at the screen praying the photo is as good as you thought. When you see it is, you nearly do a happy dance right there in the ring, in front of everybody.

"In life, as in photography, there will be plenty of missed shots. But, what separates people is the ability to focus, develop and be brave enough to take another."

It's that feeling everyone should strive to have no matter what their passion is. Maybe it's sports, and after countless missed shots at the top of the key, that player finally sinks a basket. Maybe it's music, and after countless times of missing the right notes, the musician finally gets the melody. Maybe it's showing pigs, and after getting beat in class, that showman drives their gilt just as hard in the second-place parade before the Grand Drive.

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20 YEARS ON THE EDGE

A look back at the past 20 years of Seedstock EDGE magazine

1995

Purebred swine breeders have been the leaders in adopting progressive ideas and making those ideas become standards. The cover of the December 1995 issue showed readers that purebred swine can pave the way toward superior genetics and even better profits.



1995

2003

2003 was the first year a junior show was added to the World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa. That year, the high-seller was the Champion Yorkshire Boar from Grimm Purebreds of Maynard, Iowa. SGI and Kirk Swanson, both of Iowa, took "Supreme Justice" home for \$16,000. The sale totaled \$149,998.

1996 Commercial Reference Issue



2003

2010

Kirby Carpenter's feature in the August 2010 issue outlined Al Christian's 50 years working with the Iowa State University swine farm. Throughout those five decades, Christian's influence was seen in many competitive Duroc boars, but even more so in the students he worked with. Many of them went on to be leaders and producers in the industry Christian is so passionate about.



2010

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Born March 7, 2014

Farrah Lynn Dupree

Warren and Jenna Dupree of Coweta, Oklahoma, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Farrah Lynn Dupree. She was born on March 7, 2014 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Farrah weighed 2 pounds 1 ounce and was 14 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Ronnie and Teresa Dupree of Clinton, Oklahoma. Maternal grandparents are Alan and Andrea Parnell of Porter, Oklahoma.

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Industry News



Pork Checkoff's Youth PQA Plus® Program available online

Consumers want to know how their food is produced. Through its Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus® program (PQA), the National Pork Board will make training available to young producers, so they can continue to earn the trust of consumers through transparency and training. Recent changes to Youth PQA Plus® include an online training, testing and certification option to accompany the current in-person process. Delivered to students in the form of an engaging, interactive online learning module, the new option allows participants to learn, test and become certified in Youth PQA Plus®. For youth ages 12 and under, there is a parent log-in for security as well.

Youth PQA Plus® is one part of the pork industry's We CareSM initiative, which reflects the ongoing commitment to responsible farming and fosters continuous improvement. Youth PQA Plus® consists of two main elements: food safety and animal well-being training. The new online certification option for Youth PQA Plus® was made available on April 15. Because it is interactive, it engages students, making learning fun.

More information on the revised Youth PQA Plus® program is available at pork.org/certification. Click on the Youth PQA Plus® link.

NSR News

Whiteshire TRS Hengshui welcomes their first litter



National Swine Registry (NSR) and America's Best Genetics (ABG) member Whiteshire Hamroc's fourth JV farm in China, located in Hengshui of Hebei China, farrowed their first litter out of stock imported from the U.S. on April 11, 2014. They're off to a great start with 14 born alive (eight boars and six gilts). The farm imported 1,180 head of nucleus and GGP breeding stock from Whiteshire Hamroc on Oct. 16, 2013. This is the second JV farm developed by a partnership of Whiteshire Hamroc and TangRenShen (TRS), one of the largest feed manufacturers in China. All of these pigs will receive official pedigrees issued by the NSR.



(l to r) Chris Compart, Dean Compart, Jim Compart

Comparts inducted into Minnesota Livestock Hall of Fame

Compart's Boar Store, Inc., the largest family-owned and operated swine breeding company in Minnesota, was recently inducted into the Minnesota Livestock Hall of Fame. The family uses a purebred base of Duroc, Yorkshire and Landrace in their 600 sow nucleus and 120 head boar stud, along with 1,300 F1 sows in production. Compart's provide SPF nucleus breeding stock and semen as well as producing commercial market hogs for their branded meat label. They also run Pinpoint Research, Inc., where they conduct feed research on 6,500 nursery pigs and 3,000 finishing pigs annually.

The brothers have held countless roles within the industry including positions on Minnesota Pork Producers, National Pork Producers Council, National SPF, National Swine Registry's and the NSR Genetic Advisory Committee boards.

Their contributions to the swine industry stretch well beyond Minnesota. Congratulations to the Compart family.

Upcoming Show Dates & Deadlines



NSR Summer Type Conf.:

The NSR Summer Type Conference will be June 30-July 5 in Louisville, Kentucky. Visit nationalswine.com or page 79 for a full schedule.



National Junior Summer Spectacular:

The National Junior Summer Spectacular will be June 30-July 5 in Louisville, Kentucky. The ownership deadline is May 2. Visit nationalswine.com or page 79 for a full schedule.



NJSA Southwest Regional:

The NJSA Southwest Regional will be Aug. 29-31, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. The ownership deadline is July 7. Entries are due by Aug. 1. Look for the schedule in the July issue of *Seedstock EDGE*. Enter online at nationalswine.com.



Canaan Sandy scores touchdown

At the Arkansas Razorbacks' 2014 spring game, the team roster included an extra name. Canaan Sandy of Cave City, Arkansas, was invited by Razorbacks head coach Bret Bielema to participate in the game held on April 26. Sandy, a top-10 finalist in ESPN's Fans Hall of Fame contest, met the coach at a Razorbacks Club event. Bielema originally planned to have Sandy score a two-point conversion, but during halftime, he decided he wanted Sandy to score a 50-yard touchdown instead.

Aside from cheering on the Razorbacks, Sandy was highly involved in 4-H and a member of the NJSA. He and his friend Aaron Cobb

of Lake City, Arkansas, were featured on the first Youth Issue of the *Seedstock EDGE* in June 2001.

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NJSA News



The Arizona National partners with NJSA

The Arizona National Livestock Show (ANLS) is pleased to announce the Swine Show will be an affiliate show of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA), the nation's largest youth livestock association and the youth membership branch of the National Swine Registry (NSR), and Team Purebred, the fastest-growing youth livestock organization in the nation.

Starting with the 2014 event, ANLS will collaborate with the NJSA and Team Purebred organizations to offer a pedigreed barrow show, pedigreed gilt show and a pedigreed breeding gilt sale. Along with purebred classes, the ANLS will offer both crossbred barrow and breeding gilt classes. In support of these additions, NSR will offer added premiums for purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire animals. Team Purebred will provide added premiums for purebred

Berkshire, Poland China, Chester White and Spotted Swine breeds. NSR staff members and Team Purebred leaders will assist the ANLS Swine Committee with event preparation and execution. NSR, Team Purebred and ANLS will provide new educational and entertainment activities to encourage personal growth and development among youth exhibitors participating in the event.

The competition is open to youth from all 50 states. The Pedigree Barrow Show exhibitor age requirements are 9 to 19, and the Pedigree Gilt Show exhibitors can be ages 9 and under 22 years. Breeding Gilts must be born May 1, 2014 or later. Exhibitors may also enter crossbred individual barrows or gilts without entering purebreds.

The partnership between the ANLS, NSR and Team Purebred will create new opportunities for youth to not only exhibit outstanding purebred swine, but also gain valuable life skills through competition and educational activities.

The 67th Show will be held Dec. 26-31, at the Arizona State Fairgrounds in Phoenix, Arizona.



Ak-Sar-Ben collaborates with NJSA

Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show joins the affiliate youth Swine Show line-up. This year, Ak-Sar-Ben will collaborate with the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA), the nation's largest youth livestock association and the youth membership branch of the National Swine Registry (NSR), and Team Purebred, the fastest-growing youth livestock organization in the nation, to offer purebred classes for market gilts and barrows.

To support these purebred classes, NSR will offer premiums for purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire entries. Representatives from the organization will be on hand at the show to assist the Ak-Sar-Ben Swine Show staff.

This collaboration between the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show, NJSA and Team Purebred will provide new opportunities for youth to not only exhibit purebred swine, but also develop life skills through industry involvement.

Ak-Sar-Ben is a regional 4-H-only Livestock Show open to 4-H members from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The 2014 4-H Stock Show will be held Sept. 25-28 at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, Nebraska. The DNA Nomination Deadline for all swine entries is June 15 and entries must be received by Aug. 11.

NJSA Members awarded Pork Industry Scholarships

The National Pork Board recently awarded 18 scholarships to college students around the United States. The winners were selected from a group of 21 applicants based on scholastic merit, leadership activities, pork production industry involvement and future pork production career plans.



Of those 18 recipients, nine were current or former members of the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA), listed below:

- Dustin Compart, Nicollet, Minnesota
- Jake Erceg, Talent, Oregon
- Jared Mumm, Kimberly, Idaho
- Haley Gilleland, Fitzgerald, Georgia
- Kiah Gourley, Philomath, Oregon
- Jordan Bjustrom, Clarksville, Iowa
- Ashalynn Bilton-Smith, Centralia, Washington
- Lauren Honegger, Forrest, Illinois
- Austin Bailey, Curryville, Missouri

Dustin Compart was among the top three candidates and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Compart is a junior at South Dakota State University and is studying animal science. He plans to eventually return to the family farm where he will work to sell seedstock and their branded Compart Family Farms Premium Duroc®. The other recipients will be awarded \$2,000.

Congratulations to Compart and all of the current and former NJSA members on their accomplishments.

Obituaries



Dr. James D. McKean
1946-2014

Dr. James D. McKean

James Daniel McKean was born April 28, 1946, to James and Margret (O'Connell) McKean in New York City, New York, and raised in central Illinois.

After completing high school in Decatur, Illinois, he completed a bachelor's degree in veterinary science and received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree (DVM), both from the University of Illinois, in 1966 and 1970. McKean

knew at a young age while helping on the family farm that he wanted to become a swine veterinarian.

"I learned fairly quickly that standing on the side of the pen holding the pigs – while the veterinarian was standing on the other side of the fence vaccinating them – that there was more money and a lot less work on the other side of the fence," said McKean.

Although he planned a career in large animal medicine, an accident as a sophomore in veterinary school changed his course. While working in a corn processing plant to earn money for college, his left leg became caught in a feed auger and had to be amputated. After six weeks in the hospital and two weeks recuperating at home, he returned to college and finished his degree with his class. While completing his DVM, he earned a varsity letter as a member of the University of Illinois' Wheelchair Basketball Team. McKean became a member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) just one year after his life-changing accident. During his career in the NWBA he won four National Championships; Illinois "Gizz Kids" in 1969 and 1970, and the Detroit Sparks in 1971 and 1972.

From the University of Illinois, McKean went on to Michigan State University, where he earned a Master's degree in veterinary pathology, in 1973. Always thirsting for knowledge, he received his law degree from Drake University, in 1988.

After graduating from Michigan State, McKean worked for the Michigan Farm Bureau as a technical services veterinarian. He then joined the staff of Iowa State University, in 1974, as an Extension swine veterinarian. Over the past 39 years at ISU, he has held the positions of professor, Extension swine veterinarian, and associate director of the Iowa Pork Industry Center.

In 1985, McKean was named honorary Master Pork Producer by the Iowa Pork Producers Association. In 1991, he received the Faculty Citation by the Iowa State Alumni Association, for long, outstanding and inspiring service. In 1999, McKean received the Howard Dunne Memorial Award recognizing his significant contribution and outstanding service to the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the swine industry. In 2000, he was bestowed the title of "University Professor." The honor is given to senior faculty members who have had significant impacts on their departments and the university in the areas of teaching, research and professional services. In 2008, McKean received the Master in Pork Production Award from the *National Hog Farmer*. In 2012, he received the President's Award from the National Institute of Animal Agriculture.

McKean has noted on several occasions that his success and accolades would have not been possible without the steadfast support of his wife, Ellen.

He was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical Law Association, the American Association of Extension Veterinarians, the National Association of Food Hygiene Veterinarians and the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, as well as a member and past president of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. He was an active member on a number of state and national swine-related organizations and committees. He also worked closely with the Iowa Pork Producers and National Pork Producers. In addition, he has been a member of a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) committee on dioxins in food supply and worked closely with a number of other Federal Government Agencies to provide expertise in his field.

McKean was recognized as a national and international expert in swine health and food safety. He was instrumental in pork industry research, outreach and educational efforts. His strong knowledge and experience in areas of animal health, food safety and overall pork production made him a valuable resource for industry publications, seminars and other outreach programs around the world. He also provided leadership and expert knowledge to help shape federal and state laws protecting consumers and allowing veterinarians and livestock producers to use animal safe drugs in a safe and effective manner. He was a constant educator, professional and, above all, an advocate for pork producers, both large and small, in Iowa, the United States and internationally.

He enjoyed watching University of Illinois and Iowa State University athletics, spending time outdoors, woodworking, working around the house, traveling with Ellen and spending countless hours playing with his grandchildren. He also served on the Parrish Council and School Board at St. Cecilia in Ames, as well as a member and past president of the Gilbert Community School Board.

He and Ellen Ann Daly were married on August 23, 1969, and have four children - James, Bradley, Bridget and Maura.

McKean is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ellen, of Ames; his son, Jim (Deborah) McKean and their children, Ellie and Kailie, of Annapolis, Maryland; his son Brad (Carmen) and their children Madison and Marissa, of Fredericksburg, Virginia; his daughter Bridget (Marv) Konz and their children, Addison and Grant, of Ames, Iowa; and his daughter Maura (Kory) Miller and their children, Larissa, Kaylyn and Reed, of Ankeny, Iowa.

He is also survived by his siblings, Jane (John) Drabik, Bernard McKean, Margaret (Dean) Belcher, Richard McKean, Anne McKean, Angela McKean and Rose McKean.

McKean was preceded in death by his parents, James D. and Margaret M. McKean; his brother, John McKean; his sister, Mary Therese; and his sister-in-law, Melanie McKean.

McKean, beloved husband, father and papa passed away April 10, at his residence in Ames at 67 years of age.

The visitation for McKean was April 21 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Ames, Iowa. Funeral services were held on April 22 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Ames, Iowa.



Evelyn Mappes
1936-2014

Evelyn "Maxine" Mappes

Mappes was born Oct. 29, 1936, in Norman, Oklahoma, to Lena Ann (Whitaker) and Leroy Ellis. She passed away on April 26, in Norman. A wonderful caregiver, Mappes left high school early, when her mother fell ill with polio to take care of her and her three brothers. She was united in marriage to Dr. Henry "Doc" William Mappes on July 8, 1953.

Mappes enjoyed her involvement with many different organizations. She was a Co-Founder at St. John's Lutheran Church in Moore, WCSS St. John's, 4-H Mother's Club and FFA Mother's Club. Mappes was the recipient of the Cleveland County 4-H Foundation Award, sponsor of the Cleveland County Bonus Auction and the Cleveland County Fair Board Award.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents, Leroy Ellis and Lena Whitaker; stepfather, Hurbert Henderson; and sister, Ruby Resides and husband Bob. She is survived by her children, Mark Mappes, of Norman, Vicki Mappes Fleming

and husband Tedd, of Norman, Darryl Mappes and wife Tammy, of Norman, Cindy Mappes Reese and husband Rickie, of Colbert, and Donnie Bowman and wife Sherrell, of Norman; brothers, Jimmy Henderson and wife Pat, of Norman, Larry Henderson and wife Candie, of Texas, and Steve Henderson and wife Carolyn, of Texas; grandchildren, Casey, Tina, Chadd, William, Colby, Brittany, Cole, Ashley, Steven, Dakota, Shane, Chelsea, Marcy, and Chris; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Many thanks to her caregivers at Loving Care Hospice, Micah and Erin; Brookhaven Extensive Care; Legacy Home Care; Intrust Home Health; Sweet Elaine Berry; her past caregivers; and to her dear family friend, Sandy McClure. At the suggestion of the family, memorials may be sent to St. John's Lutheran Church in Mappes' name.

Mappes was the most loving and caring person, enduring so much pain but always had a smile on her face.

Services for Mappes, 77, were May 1 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Moore, Oklahoma. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Park.



Bernadine C. Meeker
1929-2014

Bernadine C. Meeker

Bernadine C. Meeker, 84, of rural Delavan, Illinois, passed away on May 1, at the Hopedale Medical Complex in Illinois.

She was born May 10, 1929, in Green Valley to Conrad and Dean Slotter Weyhrich. She married Robert G. Meeker on Feb. 16, 1947, in San Jose. He passed away on April 23, 2008.

Surviving are two sons, Rodger of Manito and Robert (Diane) Jr. of Emden; three daughters: Jayne (John) Simpson

of Romeoville, Rusa Naylor of Springfield, and Joy (Ricky) Pfortmiller of Natoma, Kansas.; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Irene Liescheidt of Pekin.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

She was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Delavan, and a member of Tazewell County Farm Bureau.

Meeker's funeral was held May 5, at Christ Lutheran Church in Delavan. The Rev. Justin Schmidt officiated. Burial was at Green Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or 4 Kenya's Kids, 504 N. Walnut St., Seymour, IN 47274.



Jerry D. Walter
1930-2014

Jerry D. Walter

Jerry Dean Walter, 83, of Warren, Indiana, died April 24 at Fort Wayne Parkview Regional Hospital.

Walter graduated in 1948 from Roanoke High School, where he played on the basketball team. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was a life-long farmer in Jefferson Township. He was involved

in the Huntington County Plan Commission, the REMC board, the State Animal Board of Health and 4-H. He held several leadership positions at Jefferson Center United Methodist Church and the Solid Rock United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

He was born Oct. 22, 1930, in Huntington County to William and Ellen Fay Stetzel Walter. He married Lois Love on

Jan. 6, 1951. She survives.

Additional survivors include two sons, Gary (Rosalie) Walter and David (Lynette) Walter, both of Warren; a daughter, Susan (Merlyn) Lucas, of Kalamazoo, Michigan; a brother, Robert (Lula) Walter, of Huntington; a sister-in-law, Palma Walter; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Calling was April 28 at the Solid Rock United Methodist Church. A funeral service was held April 29 at the church. Rev. Kathy Newton officiated. Interment followed at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington County.

Memorial gifts may be made to Solid Rock United Methodist Church Building Fund in Warren.



Russell C. Wirt

Russell Charles Wirt, 86 died April 7, at Tieszen Memorial Home, Marion, South Dakota. Funeral services were held April 15, at the First Presbyterian Church, Parker, South Dakota, with burial in Rosehill Cemetery.

Russell C. Wirt
1928-2014

He was born on March 8, 1928, on a farm near Parker to Joseph and Florence (Brown) Wirt. He lived and worked

on farms his entire life and was active in 4-H with swine and sheep projects. He had an avid interest in sports, participating in basketball, football and track at Parker High School. After graduating from high school in 1947, Russell attended South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings, where he played intermural basketball and lettered in track. Also a member of Ag Club, Alpha Zeta, Blue Key, Block & Bridle, Little International staff and the livestock judging team, he also worked in the school cafeteria, babysat and spent summers shocking grain and doing other farm work to fund his education.

Having a life-long passion for quality livestock, Russell graduated from SDSU with an animal science degree in 1951. From 1951-1953, he served in the Army in Korea, and returned eager to pursue his dream to build a family farm. On Aug. 8, 1954, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Lea Chester of Parker at the Little Brown Church in the Vale.

Russell actively participated in South Dakota Pork Producers Association and South Dakota Duroc Association, and exhibited his hogs at the Turner County Fair, the South Dakota State Fair, the National Barrow Show®, and other fairs and shows in the Midwest. He was a Turner County 4-H Leader for many years, served on the SDSU Alumni Board, named 1988 SDSU Agriculturist of the Year, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Parker.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Bonnie; four children, Randy (Chris), and Andy, all of Parker, Gayli (Dennis) Heiman, Pleasanton, California, and Robin (Gary) Stoebner, Tripp; eight grandchildren, Adam (Melissa) and Sarah (Travis) Baloun, all of Lennox, Katie Wirt, Rochester, Minnesota, Caley (Lindsey) Heiman, Turlock, California, Jaimie Heiman, San Jose, California, Emily Stoebner, Sioux Falls, Hannah and Chase Stoebner, Tripp, and four great-grandchildren, Jovie and Emerson Wirt, and Braelyn and Brysen Baloun; and a sister-in-law, Vida Wirt, Henderson, Nevada. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Arlie, Eldon (Glendol), and Dale.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to SDSU Little International trophy fund or the First Presbyterian Church, Parker.



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Exhibiting **INSPIRATION**

by Katie Maupin



“The doctors will tell you a lot of things,” says Tom Illingworth. He and his wife, Kelly, have heard them all. When their eldest son, Ross, was born at 25 and a half weeks, weighing just a pound and a half, they even heard that he might not make it. But, they didn’t listen.

PICTURED ABOVE:

Ross Illingworth, 11, is legally blind, but he enjoys showing pigs. Despite being visually impaired, Illingworth does all of his own chores and even walks all of his pigs on his own.

Photo courtesy of Katherine Hartwig



“We always had the attitude that may be the case if it were someone else’s kid, not ours,” Tom says. “The most important thing, to us, was not to have regrets. That was something we took whole heartedly, and we do whatever it takes and more. You have to make sure that you do everything you can.”

Everything they can, to the Illingworth family, meant making sure that Ross would have the same opportunities they did growing up, no matter what. So, they met countless doctors’ and specialists’ pushback and naysaying head on.

Not that the doctor’s fears were unfounded – Ross certainly had a shaky start in this world. At just a week old, he had open heart surgery, and that was just the beginning of what would be a laundry list of complications they would have to overcome. One such complication brought on by Ross’ early entrance into the world was Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP). ROP is when babies are born too early and the blood vessels in their eyes don’t develop correctly, which damages the retina.

Such was the case with Ross, so when he was a few months old he went through several surgeries to try and correct his eyesight. Unfortu-

other kids would do,” Kelly says. “He gets ready for school by himself and packs his own lunch. He walks all the pigs by himself.”

He and his brother play on their Livermore, California, farm, and as Tom will tell you, Ross is even a bit of a daredevil – jumping off big, round bales and playing just as rough as any of the boys. But showing livestock brought its own set of challenges.

Both Tom and Kelly showed pigs in 4-H before they met at Modesto Jr. College, while studying agriculture. That’s why, when Ross was born, they were adamant that he would have the same opportunities. So after testing the water with a poultry project as a mini 4-Her, they felt that Ross was

“Our attitude was always no matter what happened, showing pigs was something that Ross would do.”

– Tom Illingworth

“I think going back to being raised in livestock, our attitude was always no matter what happened, showing pigs was something that Ross would do. We would be able to figure it out one way or another, and there would be an ag community there to do it,” Tom says. “We’ve had that attitude since he was a baby. We knew that he wouldn’t be able to do a lot of typical kid things, like sports, but we also knew that showing livestock was something he could do and be successful at.”

nately, he developed cataracts that clouded his vision during the time infants learn to process images.

Today, at 11 years old, Ross is legally blind. His limited vision is based largely on contrast and shapes, and he reads and writes in Braille. But Ross doesn’t let his limited eyesight slow him down. In fact, he does most things that any 11-year-old boy would do.

“Even though Ross is visually impaired, he probably does more than

ready to show pigs and lambs during his first year in 4-H, at 9 years old.

Out of the pig business for more than a decade, the Illingworth family went to Ottenwalter Showpigs and purchased a bred gilt so Ross and his younger brother, Braden, could raise their own projects. Ross and Braden worked hard with their projects, farrowing, feeding and getting the pigs ready to present. Nervous about

their upcoming county fair, the family decided to take the pigs to a small, local jackpot show. Ross did great, but in a strange place it was hard for him to find the judge. That's when Tom and Kelly had an idea – the judge could wear a construction vest. The bright, neon vest would be easier for Ross to spot.

“We didn't want it to be too outrageous, but we wanted Ross to be able to do what he loves,” Tom explains.

That didn't keep people from talking about the judge's odd attire though. The family has heard it all ringside, from comments about the judge going into construction work to questions about Ross' show techniques, but they don't let it get to them. Ross is able to do what he enjoys, and that is all that matters.

When their county fair rolled around, Ross won his class with his market hog, and with the new, bright construction vest, he even excelled in showmanship, since he was more easily able to spot the judge and drive his entries in front of him. But most importantly, Ross had a great time! So great that he took the money he earned in the premium auction, went back to Ottenwalters and purchased a gilt prospect for Cow Palace.

When the Illingworth family learned about the NJSA Western Regional, Ross wanted to go, but Tom had some reservations. His barn was empty other



Tom and Kelly Illingworth both enjoyed exhibiting swine when they were children. Today, they work together to ensure that all of their children can have the same opportunity.

FRONT ROW (l-r): Braden, Quin and Ross Illingworth. BACK ROW (l-r): Tom and Kelly Illingworth.

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than a couple of pigs that, frankly, weren't that good. Could they really attend a national show? What would people think of Ross and the judge's vest? A little hesitant, Tom talked to an old college friend, James Backman of Small Town Genetics.

“I talked to James and said, ‘These pigs aren't worth doing anything with, but is this show really worth going to,’ and he said, ‘Even if those pigs aren't very good that's the show to go to – the fun one – the one show of the year that you shouldn't miss.’”

So, the family made the entries and headed to Modesto, California. When they arrived they were a bit intimidated. Here they were with pigs they were just bringing for the experience and some of the most competitive junior showmen in their region were unloading

Although Ross Illingworth and his brother, Braden, purchase some gilt prospects to show and put back into their herd, the boys raise most of their showpigs. At 11- and 8-years-old, the Illingworth brothers are well versed in breeding, farrowing and feeding swine. LEFT: Ross measures feed on a talking scale so he can mix rations himself.

their entries. The pigs were bigger and better, the show facilities were bigger and better, and they would have to ask the show managers to have the judge wear a construction vest for their class.

“That first NJSA show was actually pretty tough,” says Tom. “It made me think, *Oh my God; what are we doing here?* But Ross was just so excited. He got second to last in his class, but he didn't care because he was having a great time and enjoying how fancy everything was. The judge talked the class all the way down to the bottom, and when he did, Ross came out and gave him a great big hug. That's when we turned the corner.”

Watching their son embrace the judge, not because his pigs placed well but because he loved to show, not only touched Tom and Kelly, but everyone standing ringside. People that the Illingworths had only seen in show magazines came over to visit and the showpig community embraced Ross and his family. That network of ag people Tom and Kelly knew and leaned



on when they showed were now there for their son.

“Every show we go to, we kind of get to know everybody a little better, and they help us out,” Tom says. “There are just plenty of people for our boys to look up to in this industry.”

What the family didn't know was that while they looked up to those people grabbing banners and posing at backdrops for show after show, those very people they admired so much were looking to them as an example.

This spring at the NJSA Western Regional, Ross and Braden were taking their crossbred gilt entries to

“Ross is a kid who loves pigs. He's just a cool dude, and that has nothing to do with the tough hand he was dealt.”

– James Backman



James Backman presented Ross Illingworth with the “Most Inspirational” award at the NJSA Western Regional, but as Backman will tell you, it's not about the awards - Ross just loves showing swine and making new friends.



Ross (l) and Braden Illingworth (r) both enjoy hitting the slopes. Their father, Tom, describes the boys as daredevils.

the wash rack, when they heard an announcement for the Illingworth family to report to the show ring. Kelly was changing the boys' little sister, Quin, back at the truck, and Tom was confused. The show hadn't started, so they weren't late for a class. The gentleman next to them on the rack said he'd watch their gilts, so Tom, Ross and Braden headed to the showing.

“We walk over, and I didn't see any pigs in the ring. Then, I see James standing in the ring, and I was wondering what was going on. Ross, Braden and I walk in there, and who knows where our pigs are at this point. James just started talking about this Inspirational Award that a lot of parents and their kids went in together on,” Tom says.

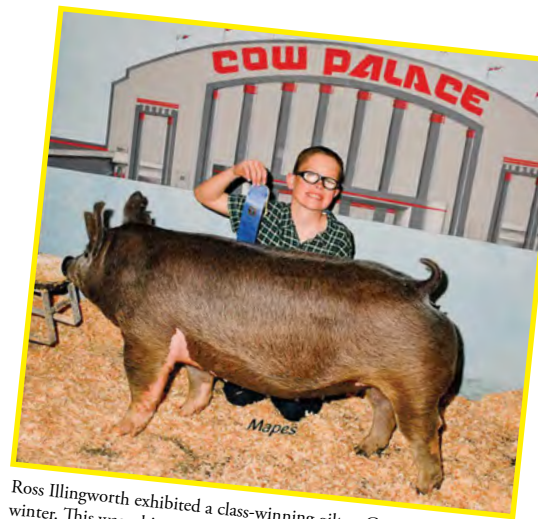
This Most Inspirational Award was for Ross, and many of the show families in California had chipped in to make a beautiful, custom trophy buckle for him.

“We were always looking up to them, and here it was that they were looking at us in a similar fashion,” Tom says. “When we switched the buckle on his belt Ross said, ‘This is the best day of my life, Dad’ with a big smile on his face.”

Kelly and Quin, who had also heard the announcement, made it ringside just in time to see the presentation, and she had to dab her eyes along with everyone else.

“Ross is a kid who loves pigs. He's just a cool dude, and that has nothing to do with the tough hand he was dealt,” Backman says. “That is the inspirational part of the deal; if he doesn't inspire you to the reason why we do things and the reason the NJSA is the NJSA, then I don't know what will.”

Talking to Ross it's obvious he doesn't know what the fuss is all about.



Ross Illingworth exhibited a class-winning gilt at Cow Palace last winter. This was a big accomplishment because the boys bred and raised this female.

“I just like to show pigs,” he says. “I like to show them. I like to raise them. We get in the top sometimes, in the bottom sometimes and in the middle, but it doesn't matter.”

What does matter to Ross is raising and selling showpigs. Last year, the Illingworth brothers sold nearly 70 head to other 4-Hers. Ross is a natural salesman and will talk to anyone, according to Kelly. The boys work very hard on their project together. Little brother Braden even collects boars and breeds sows at just 8 years old. Together, the boys are a great team.

“Braden is a big help. He helps Ross a lot and gets him through a lot,” Kelly says. “People don't see all the stuff that he does for his brother and all of the stuff he does for us. It also gives Ross more independence to have his brother help him, rather than needing us.”

The boys are already planning the next step in their showpig business – a sale. Ross already has ideas for food and an auctioneer, and Tom and Kelly are happy that this livestock project has provided so many opportunities for him to experience new things and learn valuable life skills.

Perhaps, most telling of all was when Ross was asked who he looks up to the most, he just pointed to his dad.

Tom and Kelly spent more than a decade fighting for Ross and ensuring that he had every opportunity to do what he loves, but it's paid off. Not only has their son learned about stockmanship, sportsmanship and hard work, but when he looks for a hero, he points to them.





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by Ann Fry



Earning her master's degree in agricultural communications wasn't enough for Katrina Huffstutler. With a desire to get hands-on experience, she took two internships with different publications during her time at Texas Tech. Now the owner of Cactus Flower Communications in Electra, Texas, Huffstutler realizes how much more she learned from those internships than she did in her textbooks.

Reading textbooks, writing papers and studying for exams are not all that make up a college education, these days. Universities across the country are urging students to find ways to do some of their learning outside the classroom before they walk across the stage with their diploma. Many students are getting that real-world learning experience in the form of internships.

Internships can be mutually beneficial to the employer and the student. An employer gets a prospective new employee who they can train and closely observe before hiring. Students have the opportunity to develop a network, get real-life experience and build their résumé.

Randy Bowman, associate director of genetics with The Maschhoffs, has worked with many interns and suggests that students ask themselves a series of questions, when finding the perfect opportunity.



How important is pay versus experience?

An internship is the student's chance to take what they have studied and put it to practice.

"Interns gain the kind of hands-on experience that just can't be taught in any classroom," Huffstutler says.

Huffstutler, formerly Waters, got some of her hands-on experience as an intern for the *Seedstock EDGE*.

Bowman says from the real-world experience, the hope is for the intern to find their passion and open doors to their career. Internships can also show students what they need to learn more about and what courses they need to plan to take.

In addition to hands-on work experience, internships enhance personal skills like nothing else can. Having to connect effectively with new coworkers, supervisors and other professionals in the industry develops communication skills quickly. A student's professional network also grows

College career fairs are also a popular place for companies to advertise their internship opportunities, as well as university career centers and departments within the college.

Are the job and expectations something that intrigues me, and are they similar to what I would consider in a career?

Hoge says the expectations and goals of the internship should be clearly understood by both the student and employer before the start of the internship. The student should expect to be treated as a staff member and a valued part of the team. In exchange, the student should be a productive, respectful employee.

Barry Delks, coordinator of career services for Purdue University Animal Sciences, offers that internships have many benefits but the biggest one he sees is career planning.

"The best career planning you can do is to work. The more you

for a global company might be great.

An internship can be considered a three-month interview, but it should go both ways. While an employer is looking at a student's attributes, the student should also be looking at the company's culture and deciding if they are still going to like it three or four years down the road. According to Bowman, if a student sees the internship as a learning and exploring experience, they should know by the end of the summer if a company, or position within the company, is a good fit for them.

Will I gain personal growth versus knowledge?

With this question, Bowman wants to make sure students are going to learn more about themselves and how they approach a task instead of just how to complete the task. Internships often offer incredible personal growth for students.

"[Internships] are a three month experience where the student's learning curve is steep, and the maturation process of students that complete internships is incredible," Hoge says.

Sometimes, personal growth can start before an internship offer is even made. Developing an "elevator pitch," writing a résumé and going through the interview process are all opportunities for growth, as well as the steps to getting an internship. When meeting a potential employer, Julie Maschhoff, vice president of public relations for The Maschhoffs, says a professional appearance, a confident handshake and a smile are part of the first impression. The first statement out of the student's mouth should reflect why they want to join that company.

That first statement is often referred to as an "elevator pitch." An elevator pitch needs to be a clear, powerful way to let companies know why a student wants to work for them. It includes a way to get the company's attention, shows passion for the company and tells of a goal the student has in mind, all in less than 60 seconds.

Once an employer's attention is captured by the elevator pitch, having a good résumé will keep them inter-

"Interns gain the kind of hands-on experience that just can't be taught in any classroom." – Katrina Huffstutler

tremendously with each internship they complete. For Huffstutler, the network she developed was the most important take-away from her internships.

"Each of my internships was invaluable to my career. Most importantly, I made lifelong contacts who have employed me again or recommended me to others down the road," she says.

A great way for students to start building that professional network is to connect with alumni that work in their areas of interest. Ask questions, job shadow and get connected with other people in the industry.

Mark Hoge, associate professor at Western Illinois University, sees a student's network as being one of the best ways for them to get an internship.

"Undergraduates need to take ownership in their future by meeting and networking as frequently as they can," he says. "Often, internship opportunities are found by who you know."

work, the more you're going to know what you want to do and what company you want to work for or don't want to work for," Delks advises.

Delks encourages companies to have internships because it is a great public relations and marketing piece.

"Students come back to campus and talk," Delks says. "People know who had a great internship, who didn't and what company they should intern for next year."

What is the company culture like and does it match my beliefs and expectations?

Delks also says finding a company that fits your personality, beliefs and expectations is important when looking at a career. For someone who really values family time, working for a company that expects you to work 80 hours a week might not be the best fit. For someone who likes to travel, working

ested. Delks, Huffstutler and Hoge agree that the key to a good résumé is having it error free. Huffstutler suggests having many people read over it to ensure accuracy. To make the résumé powerful, highlight your strengths and skills most related to the job you're applying for first. But, make the résumé easy to read and concise. According to Hoge, the average résumé is viewed for about 30 seconds.

"You have to survive the paper work," Hoge says. "I often tell students if you survive the paper sort, then it is up to the student in a phone or face-to-face setting to close the deal."

He says the way to prepare for that phone or face-to-face interview is the same way a student prepares for a big

"Students should always be looking for opportunities that will help build their résumé." – Mark Hoge

show, a final exam or a judging contest – practice, practice, practice. Delks also tells all of his students to practice with as many people as they can: alumni, professors, classmates, roommates and even yourself in the mirror. He likens interview practice to showing livestock.

"Think about the first time you stepped in the ring with an animal," he says. "You were probably pretty scared, nervous, and you might have done something wrong. Now, think about the last time you stepped in the ring. You were a lot more confident because of your past experience and practicing so many more times."

Gaining the confidence to interview and having tools to impress professionals are sometimes just as important as what the actual internship teaches.

What opportunities are available outside of my areas of direct interest? Will I get exposure to opportunities I would like to know more about, but am not quite sure they are a fit for me?

Jason Ayran, organizational leadership and development manager for The Maschhoffs, says internships can

help students learn about different career fields and the right fit for them.

"Internships answer questions – do I want to continue working in this field? If no, what are the other opportunities? If yes, what more can I do or learn to give me the best shot at starting my career here?" Ayran says.

College is a great time for students to think about and try out lots of different career areas, according to Huffstutler. But, there is a limited amount of time, so sometimes students have to be selective on what opportunities they pursue.

Delks encourages students, especially freshmen and sophomores to keep an open mind of what companies and positions to apply for. Exploring different opportunities early may open new doors

as a student gets older and has a better idea of what they want to focus on.

This is also another area where having a diverse, professional network can come in handy. Knowing people in other industries and being able to ask questions can help students learn about careers outside their immediate area of interest.

Are there opportunities available with the company after graduation?

"Students should always be looking for opportunities that will help build their résumé, and take advantage of internships that may lead to full-time employment," Hoge says.

Choosing a career can be a daunting task, especially for a recent college graduate. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average person will have 10 jobs before they are 40 years old, and that number continues to rise. Internships are a unique way for students to get a brief glimpse into a career field to see if it is the right one for them. In Hoge's opinion, sometimes it is just as important that students realize the industry they may have wanted to work in was really not for them.

As students are trying to figure out the industry, employers are evaluating the intern to see if they are a good fit for the company. An internship for a company can be looked at as a extended interview to learn their work ethic and ability to adapt to new people and environments, according to Maschhoff. From a business standpoint, she also sees internships as a way for the company to get new, fresh perspectives on challenges the company faces.

Does the internship fit my timeline in terms of start and end dates and days off during the summer?

Many companies are willing to work with their interns regarding start and end dates, as well as vacation days. However, while a student is employed, the company expects to get a real employee that works hard and does the tasks asked of them. In the interview, employers look for someone who is self-motivated, organized, communicative and can work well with others. They also want an employee that is passionate and enthusiastic about the company. If they see that in the interview, but not in the internship, there is a less-likely chance of getting a full-time offer.

It is beneficial for the student to do their best while on the job. To Hoge, a student gets out of an internship what they put into it.

"The students that aggressively buy into the internship and take advantage of every opportunity offered by their employer always come out of the program with incredible reviews. On the contrary, those who coast through the summer with a marginal effort don't capture all of the advantages of the program," he says.

For students who put in the necessary work, effort and time, internships can be irreplaceable learning experiences. Bowman sums up what internships can do for students.

"The best thing the student can get out of an internship is the chance to learn about themselves, who they really are and what may be the right fit for them when it comes to a career," he says.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? *by Katie Marjpin*

Ribbons fade. Banners fray. Trophies tarnish and even the biggest buckles will lose their shine. But, years after you've driven your last barrow in front of a judge, the memories you made, the people you met and the lessons you learned remain – at least that's the case for Jamey Albrecht of Indianapolis, Indiana.

**JAMEY ALBRECHT,
2006-2007
NJSA Jr. Board Vice-President**



Albrecht grew up in Crawfordsville, Indiana, splitting her time between her family's small farm and their feed store, Denhart's Feed & Mercantile, when she wasn't attending 4-H or FFA meetings. In middle school, she joined the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA), and dove headfirst into all the opportunities the organization offered. Albrecht attended

leadership conferences and shows across the country meeting new people and spending valuable time with her family. She even won Sweepstakes at the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS), one of the greatest accomplishments of her junior career. In 2005, she was elected to the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, and during the second year of her term she was named Vice President.

But, as she will tell you, the im-

pact of the NJSA and the lessons she learned by participating in events reached well beyond the show ring. It helped her prepare for college, be a successful student and navigate her way through a rewarding career path.

Through her participation in livestock judging and exhibition, Albrecht was in contact with countless college professors and livestock judging coaches. These valuable



networking opportunities allowed her to build a rapport with several schools before deciding to attend Black Hawk College East in Kewanee, Illinois.

“NJSA was a big part of choosing Black Hawk. There are a lot of great ties to that school within the swine industry. Growing up in the NJSA and showing pigs, you look up to a lot of people that received their education at Black Hawk,” Albrecht says. “In NJSA, you have the unique opportunity of knowing people from many different colleges. From there, it’s your own personal decision. Dan Hoge evaluated many of my hogs, and I wanted to go and be on the National Barrow Show® judging team for Black Hawk.”

allowed her to realize what aspects of the professional world she found rewarding. By the end of her junior college career, it was clear to Albrecht that agricultural sales and marketing was the path for her. She went back to the Hoosier State to study agricultural economics at Purdue University.

Upon graduation, Albrecht was brought on board at Dow AgroSciences/ Mycogen Seeds. She headed west to Washington state, where she learned the ropes in a training position for a few months. She ended up loving the Pacific Northwest and staying three years.

“I know I said my ‘livestock family’ is all over the place, [Washington] was the one place in the whole country that

a position as Corn Product Manager for Mycogen Seeds at Dow AgroSciences’ headquarters in Indianapolis, last June. Today, Albrecht works with the marketing team to come up with marketing strategies that include everything from supplying the sales force with support materials, setting price points, market forecasting and even supply management.

Although no two days are the same, Albrecht calls on skills that she learned in the NJSA each and every day. From the note taking skills she learned judging livestock to the proper way to conduct a meeting, the experiences she learned as a junior member have helped her excel in the work place.

“It’s one of those things, the friends you make exhibiting livestock throughout the country, they’re like family. You pick up the phone, and even if it has been a long time, you can pick up right where you left off.”

– Jamey Albrecht

Not only did her livestock evaluation skills make the mark at Black Hawk, but there she was able to use many of the same skills that brought her success in the show ring to reach great heights as a student.

“The whole experience of showing pigs and NJSA teaches hard work,” Albrecht says. “You learn responsibility and how to manage your schedule. You know that you need to be out to feed in the mornings and work with your pigs. You learn that you need to prioritize how to spend your time.”

Just as important as proper time management was building a network of peers that could support her in both her personal and professional life. That network grew exponentially through Albrecht’s involvement with the NJSA.

“The network that we have within the livestock industry is amazing,” she says. “It’s one of those things, the friends you make exhibiting livestock throughout the country, they’re like family. You pick up the phone, and even if it has been a long time, you can pick up right where you left off.”

With the network of people that she built through showing, Albrecht was able to land great internships that

I didn’t have contacts,” recalls Albrecht.

While some new college graduates would be intimidated by a cross-country move, Albrecht thrived. Not only did she leverage her stock show background to make connections by volunteering with local 4-H clubs, but her time in the NJSA also ensured she never met a stranger. Any fears of speaking to new people had been put to rest when she was on the junior board grabbing the mic to make show announcements or visiting with industry-leading breeders about their programs.

“I’ve always felt very comfortable talking in front of people. I know that my background of showing livestock needs to be credited for that,” Albrecht says.

Even her time studying for the Skillathon paid off. Her sales territory in Washington was primarily made up of large dairy operations. Although, Albrecht wasn’t familiar with the dairy industry, she was able to quickly learn and adapt to the large operations in her market and identify differences in rations.

Albrecht has always been told that if you work hard, opportunities will find you. That was the case when she was called home to Indiana to take

“Being a part of the NJSA Junior Board, having clear meeting agendas and learning how to organize and facilitate meetings that establish change and action has definitely been helpful in my career,” Albrecht says. “Even events; in my current job, I plan grower events for groups of 100 plus who come in and tour our facilities to learn more about our products. The same basic elements need to be covered that we would use to plan the Summer Spectacular.”

There’s no doubt that Albrecht’s NJSA career helped shape her future, and she encourages youth to work hard, treasure the time they get to spend with their friends and family and get involved.

“Take full advantage of every opportunity that you can,” Albrecht says. “Get involved and make as many friends as you can because those are the friendships that are going to last a lifetime. You only have a few years to be involved with the NJSA and those are memories you will cherish for the rest of your life.”



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**NJSA
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Perry, Ga.
Jan. 28-Feb. 1, 2015



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Leadership Conference**
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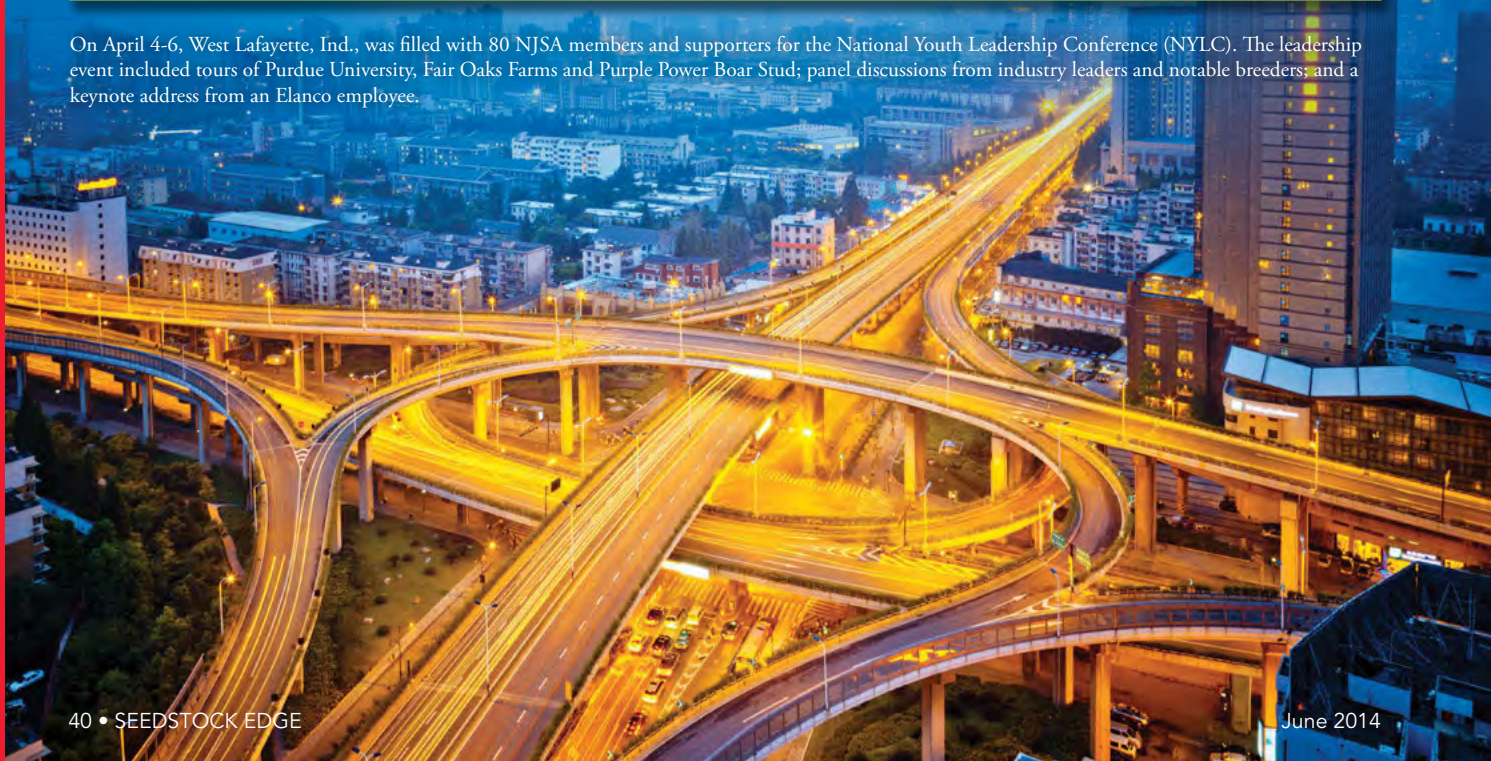


All Roads Lead to Success

By Kyle Mendes



On April 4-6, West Lafayette, Ind., was filled with 80 NJSA members and supporters for the National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC). The leadership event included tours of Purdue University, Fair Oaks Farms and Purple Power Boar Stud; panel discussions from industry leaders and notable breeders; and a keynote address from an Elanco employee.





Eighty National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) members and supporters gathered in West Lafayette, Indiana, for the National Youth Leadership Conference (NYLC), a leadership event tailored for members between the ages of 14 and 21, on April 4-6. The conference included a tour of Purdue University, a visit to Fair Oaks Farm, a virtual tour of Purple Power Boar Stud and dinner with the Danner Family.

Friday morning, members arrived at the conference, where they were greeted by the NJSA Junior Board members' skit with the message, "All Roads Lead to Success at the National Youth Leadership Conference." After the skit got them excited, the participants boarded the bus and headed over to the Purdue campus. They stopped at

At the Pig Adventure, NJSA members were able to gain in-depth knowledge about the history and common practices of raising pigs. They also had the unique opportunity to walk 20 feet above a commercial farrowing barn and view the pigs through glass.

"It was amazing to see the ingenuity that had been used to answer questions about our industry in a biosecure facility," says NJSA member Elen Skaar from Minnesota.

After seeing the Fair Oaks Farm facility, NYLC attendees went to Chalmers, Indiana, where they learned about new developments with the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus (PEDV) from Bryn Jensson of National Pork Board. They were given a virtual tour of Purple Power Boar Stud and their increased biosecurity facility. Chris Danner,

at anything they have passion for and make as many connections as possible.

The conference wrapped up with keynote speaker, Kerry Keffaber, of Elanco, as he talked to NJSA members about the tremendous challenge they face of feeding 9 billion people with less land and resources than ever before.

"My favorite part of the conference was watching members who have known each other their whole lives or just met this week say goodbye to each other and seeing the lifelong friends form in front of my eyes," Joseph Parker, NJSA Western Region Director, says.

"It was amazing to see the ingenuity that had been used to answer questions about our industry in a biosecure facility." – *Elen Skaar*

the Black and Gold Butcher Shop and listened to Matthew Asmus address the nutritional needs of hogs, before they took a walking tour of the campus.

Once the tour was finished, it was time for fun! On the first night, the NJSA members played basketball and dodge ball at the new Purdue Recreation Center, where the "Old Timers" were crowned basketball champions; team members included Brian Arnold, Ed Tice and Walter Colvin.

The conference hit full swing Saturday morning, when NJSA members harnessed their leadership skills and took time to advocate for our industry through breakout sessions hosted by the Junior Board. NJSA members then seized the opportunity to experience Fair Oaks Farms, an agritourism attraction located in Fair Oaks, Indiana, and learned how to promote transparency in the industry. During the visit, members were able to watch a dairy cow give birth to her calf, before heading over to Fair Oaks Farm Pig Adventure.

owner of Purple Power Boar Stud, then spoke to NJSA members about influencing others' lives and never giving up on their dreams before participants dined with the Danner Family. Saturday evening was concluded by singing karaoke, playing games and swimming.

The final day of the conference started with a panel of experts discussing judging livestock and how it has helped them find success in their lives. Brett Kaysen, Colorado State University interim undergraduate program coordinator; Jim McCoy, owner of Real McCoy Genetics; and Aimee Inskeep, of Shaffer's Goldrush, all promoted similar messages of integrity and honesty while judging shows. NJSA members were then urged to look toward their futures during the panel discussion on careers in agriculture. Ed Tice, of Tyson Fresh Meats; Adam Beck, of Crossroads Genetics; and Jensson led a discussion about how they reached their current positions. The entire panel urged NJSA members to work hard



NYLC attendees enjoyed a trip to Fair Oaks Farms in Fair Oaks, Ind., where they learned about common practices of raising pigs and dairy cattle.



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Lexi Marek
Riverside, Iowa
At-Large



Hannah Zundel
New Alexandria, Pa.
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At-Large

Devin Amman | Highland, Ill.

Devin Ammann, 19, of Highland, Illinois, is the son of Mike and Shari Ammann and a freshman at Lake Land College. He plans to transfer to either Iowa State, Oklahoma State or the University of Illinois to pursue a degree in agricultural business with a minor in agricultural leadership or agricultural economics.

An NJSA member since 2009, Ammann 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 several NJSA affiliate shows. Not only does he exhibit hogs at these events, but Ammann takes part in educational activities such as the Judging Contest, Showmanship, Skillathon and Sweepstakes.

Besides being an active member of the NJSA, Ammann is also in 4-H and was involved in FFA throughout high school. He was a part of the FFA livestock judging team and did his part to recruit kids to be on the team.

Ammann would like to be an NJSA Director because the swine industry is his passion. He believes helping kids makes it all worthwhile, because they are the future of the show industry. If Ammann were to get elected to the NJSA Junior Board of Directors, he would like to increase NJSA membership by letting people know about all the positives it teaches kids, which ranges from responsibility to making new friends.



At-Large

Kane Austin | Mount Vernon, Ill.

Kane Austin, 19, of Mount Vernon, Illinois, is the son of Steve and Holly Austin and a sophomore at Lincoln Land Community College, where he is a member of the livestock judging team. Austin plans on transferring to a four-year university to continue his education and judge on a senior college livestock judging team. After Austin finishes his bachelor of science degree, he sees himself either obtaining a master's degree or pursuing a career as one of the following: professor and judging coach at a collegiate level, field representative for the NSR or high school agricultural teacher.

A heavily-involved NJSA member for 12 years, Austin is no stranger to NJSA shows and events. He has participated 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, Missouri, 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 serving as the 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 and Team Purebred. During his two years at Lincoln Land Community College, Austin has been a member of Ag Club and is currently serving as the Animal Evaluation Club President.

Austin says he would like to be an NJSA Director because he has wanted to serve on the board for a very long time, and he has had the unique opportunity to be a part of the Junior Board for a year already. Austin feels he still has much to offer the NJSA, and he wants to continue to play his part in encouraging and supporting the youth of this great organization. If re-elected, Austin wants to see participation in the MVP program continue to grow. He would also like to host mini-leadership workshops to increase awareness and spark interest in regions with less Junior Board involvement.



At-Large

Morgan Cox | Hope, Ind.

Morgan Cox, 20, of Hope, Indiana, is the daughter of Michael and Debora Cox and a sophomore at Purdue University where she is majoring in animal science. Cox plans to earn her bachelor's degree a semester early and transition smoothly into graduate school. She plans on getting her Ph.D. so that she can make a significant impact in the swine industry by building her career around research and allowing herself to continue learning as advancements progress and new knowledge and technology surface.

Cox has been a member of the NJSA for seven years. Cox has shown and participated in educational events at the World Pork Expo Junior National, National Junior Summer Spectacular and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Cox believes being a part of the swine industry and learning how to communicate professionally helped her get where she is today, and she is thankful for that. Cox thinks it is important to help youth

realize their passion and the potential for success that our industry has to offer.

Cox has been involved in a variety of activities and held many leadership positions between high school and college. Cox was her high school senior class president and a very active member of her high school's FFA. Now at Purdue, Cox is involved in a variety of organizations. She is a part of the Purdue Alumni Student Experience Board of Directors, where she is currently a member of the Professional Development Committee. She is also an events co-chair for the Purdue Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and a member of the Purdue Block & Bridle, where she helps with Junior Pork Day and the Purdue Block & Bridle Swine Show. In her free time, Cox volunteers at the Purdue Swine Unit, the Columbian Park Zoo, in Lafayette, Indiana, and the YWCA Greater Lafayette.

Cox says she would like to be an NJSA Director because she has gotten so much out of being a part of the NJSA. She became a member of the NJSA halfway through her 4-H career, and she wishes she would have joined sooner. If elected to the Junior Board, Cox would like to better market the NJSA to 4-H members everywhere. She believes by implementing workshops, we can spread awareness of the NJSA and local shows as well. She thinks many counties would benefit from swine clinics where the youth learn about the proper care and nutrition of their animals. By spreading awareness of the NJSA through leadership programs and swine workshops in 4-H, she believes the already-passionate 4-H members would be excited to join an association showing swine outside of just one week a year.



Southeast Region

Thomas Flournoy | Bronwood, Ga.

Thomas Flournoy, 19, of Bronwood, Georgia, is the son of John and Beth Flournoy and a sophomore at Georgia Southwestern State University. Flournoy plans to secure a job in the showpig industry because it is what he knows and loves.

As a five-year NJSA member, Flournoy has shown and participated at the Southeast Regional in Perry, Georgia. Last year, he attended the National Youth Leadership Conference in Ames, Iowa, along with the National Junior Summer Spectacular in Louisville, Kentucky.

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 team. 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 Show Pig Team.

If elected to the Junior Board, Flournoy would like to start a "Pay It Forward" campaign. Paying it forward is a concept that Flournoy was raised on as a kid. He would like to launch a campaign to make awareness greater for families outside of the showpig community, especially for those that are on the fence about starting their kids in the show ring.



At-Large

Jackson Johnson | Poneto, Ind.

Jackson Johnson, 18, of Poneto, Indiana, is the son of Mike and Karen Johnson and a freshman at Lincoln Land Community College where he is an ag transfer student. He plans to attend a four-year university where he will continue to judge livestock at a collegiate level. Johnson sees himself pursuing a career as one of the following: swine nutritionist, auctioneer working with the NSR sales or returning home to keep the tradition of JJ Genetics strong for another generation.

Over the past 13 years, Johnson has been a very active member of the NJSA. He has shown and participated at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, World Pork Expo and National Barrow Show®. Johnson has also attended the Regional Leadership Conference at Black Hawk East Campus and the National Youth Leadership Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

Throughout Johnson's high school and collegiate career, he has been very active in many clubs and organizations. He was Student Council president, class president, co-president of the National Honor Society, as well as being an active Southern Wells FFA member and Huntington County 4-H member. While at Lincoln Land, Johnson is a member of the livestock judging team as well as the Ag Club. Outside of school, Johnson is a member of the United Church of Christ in Warren, Indiana, and has volunteered his time at Heritage Pointe Assisted Living and the Blackford County Animal Shelter.

If elected to the Junior Board, Johnson would like to incorporate more events that make the shows more fun for novice-age members. He believes that the MVP Program does help with getting younger kids excited, but there is always more that the NJSA can do to keep them entertained at shows. For example, more games could be incorporated where the younger members can play with older members.



At-Large

Lexi Marek | Riverside, Iowa

Lexi Marek, 19, of Riverside, Iowa, is the daughter of Tim and Heather Marek and a freshman at Iowa State University where she is majoring in agricultural business and journalism and mass communication with a minor in agricultural entrepreneurship. Currently, Marek is interested in becoming an agricultural radio broadcaster or an agricultural spokesperson on television.

In the eighth grade, Marek received a phone call about attending the National Youth Leadership Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. This was her first NJSA event, and she has been getting progressively more involved with the NJSA ever since. Marek has shown and participated at the National Junior Summer Spectacular, as well as several affiliate shows. Through contests that are offered at NJSA events, Marek has improved her communication and presentation skills.

As a college freshman, Marek has joined various organizations and has held key roles in those clubs. For example, she is currently the philanthropy co-chair for Iowa State Block & Bridle Club and the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority Homecoming co-chair. While in high school, Marek was the Washington 4-H County Council president, Washington FFA Chapter secretary, Iowa Business Professionals of America State president and was involved with the National Honor Society.

If elected to the Junior Board, Marek would like to increase the personal connection between the NJSA and the members. She knows for a fact that personal phone calls can be effective, because that is how she got involved. Since the National Youth Leadership Conference is in a different location each year, she believes that it could be a Junior Board member's responsibility to contact members in the area and encourage them to attend the conference. Also, she would like to see more involvement with the canned food drive and community service in general.



At-Large

Hannah Zundel | New Alexandria, Pa.

Hannah Zundel, 20, of New Alexandria, Pennsylvania, is the daughter of Matthew and Rene Zundel and a sophomore at Delaware Valley College where she is on a career path to work in livestock pharmaceutical sales. She would like to remain a part of the swine industry as much as possible, for it is very dear to her heart.

Zundel has been a member of the NJSA since 2009, when she first attended the

World Pork Expo. Since then, Zundel has also shown and participated at the Eastern Regional, Southeast Regional and National Junior Summer Spectacular. Zundel has a great love for the NJSA, and during her time as a member she has encouraged local showmen to join the NJSA.

If elected to the Junior Board, Zundel would like to use the social media outlet to spread information about the NJSA as a way to increase membership, particularly on the east coast. She also believes that by creating a group of members to hold informational talks with local 4-H clubs would help to educate them about amazing opportunities within the NJSA. As an At-Large Director, Zundel would like to ensure that current NJSA members are enjoying their time during shows and conferences. She would like to validate that all members are experiencing all that the NJSA has to offer.



What does the NJSA Jr. Board Offer?

- Opportunity to develop leadership skills as ambassadors of the NJSA through committee work, leadership conferences, and communication with junior members across the nation
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- NJSA directors have the opportunity to meet and work with industry leaders
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- Attend the MVP Training Session at the NYLC!

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- When you receive notice of who your Mentor or Protégé is at the end of August, call, email, write a letter and get to know one another! Send birthday cards, hang out at shows, cheer each other on in the show ring ... the sky is the limit!

- Attend the MVP Events at each NJSA Regional Show to meet other NJSA Mentors and Protégés!

- Have a great time with your Mentor or Protégé at the annual MVP Party at the NSR Summer Spectacular!





National Junior Summer Spectacular Contest Rules & Reminders

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Sweepstakes Contest

Registration: Tuesday, July 1, 8 a.m.–7 p.m.

Sweepstakes contestants must declare their intent to compete in the sweepstakes contest at registration. Sweepstakes contestants must compete in all four contests at the National Junior Summer Spectacular. Points will be accumulated from the highest placing purebred gilt OR barrow, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Skillathon toward the Sweepstakes awards. There will be no extra points awarded to those individuals who compete in the additional contests. See the NJSA Handbook for the full Sweepstakes' points breakdown.

Showmanship Contest

Preliminaries: Wednesday, July 2, 1 p.m.

Finals: Thursday, July 3, 8 a.m.

Join us for the best showmanship competition in the country. Showmanship orders will be posted Wednesday morning. The preliminaries will begin Wednesday, July 2, at 1 p.m. Then, the finals of each division will begin on Thursday, July 3, at 8 a.m. For both the preliminaries and finals of the showmanship competition, Ring A will host juniors followed by seniors and Ring B will host novice followed by intermediates. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 20 exhibitors per class. Any animals that do not meet breed eligibility requirements may not be used for showmanship.

Skillathon Contest

Registration: Tuesday, July 1, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Contest: Wednesday, July 2, 8-11 a.m.

Review: Wednesday, July 2, 11-11:45 a.m.

The Skillathon Contest is a fun, educational contest where participants rotate through four stations within each age division and are asked to perform tasks or answer questions on swine industry topics. No parents or spectators are allowed in the Skillathon rooms. However, from 11-11:45 a.m., all participants and parents are invited to go back through the stations to review the questions and correct answers. The following are examples of topics that could be used in the Skillathon: Ear Notching, Swine Breeds, Swine Health, Pork Quality Assurance, Meat Cut Identification, Swine Anatomy (External, Internal and Skeletal), Reproductive Physiology, Swine Diseases and Pedigree Information. Reference material may be obtained by contacting the NSR office at 765.463.3594.

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Swine is Fine Art Contest

Amazing Advertising Contest

Deadline: Monday, June 16

Please see the NJSA Handbook for the rules of these two contests. Entries must be submitted online at nationalswine.com by June 16.

Judging Contest

Registration: Friday, July 4, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Junior/Intermediate/Senior Contest:
Friday, July 4, 9 a.m.**

Novice Contest: Friday, July 4, 11:30 a.m.

Test your ability to evaluate breeding gilts and market hogs in the judging contest. All contestants must be members of the NJSA. Teams must have three to four contestants from the same age division. The top three individual scores will make up 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. Junior exhibitors will judge six classes (four breeding and two market) and answer two sets of questions. Intermediate exhibitors will judge six classes (four breeding and two market) and give one set of oral reasons and answer two sets of questions. Senior exhibitors will judge six classes (four breeding and two market) and give three sets of oral reasons. Bonus questions may be asked to break ties. Novice members will have their own contest at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4. They will judge two classes and answer questions on one class. A teaching class will precede the novice contest and officials will be given immediately after their cards are turned in.

Ag Sales Contest

Contestant Meeting: Wednesday, July 2, 8 a.m.

Contest: Wednesday, July 2, 8:30 a.m.

Participants are broken down into two divisions (12 and under or 13-21 years old) and have the option to compete as an individual or as a team with two to four other NJSA members. The participants will create a swine-related product to present to the panel of judges and are given 5-10 minutes to present using props and other educational materials. Participants are scored on their creativity, content, communication and responses to the judges' questions. For the full Ag Sales Contest rules, please see the NJSA Handbook.

2014 Sweepstakes Point System

- **Purebred Gilt/Barrow Show:** 1st–5th: 100 | 6th–10th: 75 | 11th–15th: 50 | Participation: 25
- **Showmanship:** 1st: 100 | 2nd: 95 | 3rd: 90 | 4th: 85 | 5th: 80 | 6th: 75 | 7th: 70 | 8th: 65 | 9th: 60 | 10th: 55 | Participation: 25

***NEW! If exhibitors make it out of their heat, they are awarded 50 points.**

- **Skillathon:** 1st: 100 | 2nd: 95 | 3rd: 90 | 4th: 85 | 5th: 80 | 6th: 75 | 7th: 70 | 8th: 65 | 9th: 60 | 10th: 55 | 11th-Participation: 50
- **Judging Contest:** 1st: 100 | 2nd: 95 | 3rd: 90 | 4th: 85 | 5th: 80 | 6th: 75 | 7th: 70 | 8th: 65 | 9th: 60 | 10th: 55 | 11th-Participation: 50

National Junior Summer Spectacular Bonus Contests:

- Swine Is Fine Art Contest
- Amazing Advertising Contest
- Ag Sales Contests

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Skillathon 101

Get sharpened up on potential questions for the NJSA Skillathon!

1. What does SPI stand for? _____
2. How many whole loins should be harvested from a pork carcass? ____
3. What does HACCP stand for? _____
4. When ear notching, which ear does the litter notch go in? _____
5. When the NSR was formed, originally three breeds came together to form the organization. What is the fourth breed that joined at a later date, and what year did that breed association join the NSR? _____; _____
6. How many generations are listed on a pig's pedigree? ____
7. How many nutrient groups are there? List them. ____; _____

8. What is the internal temperature for fully-cooked pork? _____
9. What does it mean when a gilt or a sow is going to "farrow?"

10. What does PEDV stand for? _____



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Favorite NSR or NJSA event: World Pork Expo – it is in our home state, and we love to show off our state Fairgrounds.

Activities that your family enjoys outside of the show ring: Attending the other events the girls are involved in such as sports and dance, and cheering for Iowa State University at football games.

Item you would never leave for a show without: Phone chargers – my girls are very social, so phones are the best way to keep track of everyone.

Your official "Show Mom" duties include: At home, I keep everyone and all their show items organized and ready to go. On show day, I keep track of everyone and listen for the next class.

Trick to get or keep those show clothes clean: Let it dry! Then brush it off, and I will wash it when I get home. The stain stick is my friend.

Your ability to drive a stock trailer is best described as: Nobody complains as we roll down the interstate, but don't make me back it up!

Best tip you can give to other "Show Moms": stay calm and make lists – lots of lists!

Recipe for life on the show road: Coffee and your favorite pillow.







2014 PROSPECTS

Weanling Pig Extravaganza

Wayne County Fairgrounds
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SALE TOTAL: \$102,175

80 Male Avg. \$399 • 135 Gilts Avg. \$520

SIFTER: Travis Platt, Ind.

AUCTIONEER: Kevin Wendt, Ohio



Champion Overall & Champion Dark Crossbred Male Prospect
Shown by Team Sloan, Mo. Sold to Ricky Rosenboom, Neb.,
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Champion Overall & Champion Dark Crossbred Gilt Prospect
Shown by S&K Showpigs, Ohio. Sold to Premium Blend Genetics,
Ind., for \$4,250.



Reserve Overall & Champion Light Crossbred Male Prospect
Shown by Glenn Craft, Okla. Sold for \$700.



Reserve Overall & Champion Yorkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Crone Farms, Ind. Sold to Johnnie Anne McDonnell, Ind.,
for \$2,000.

Not Pictured:

Reserve Berkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Alan Kollman, Ill. Sold to David
Light & Family, Ohio, for \$550.

Champion Chester Gilt Prospect
Shown by Pruet & Watson, Ind. Sold to
Schipper Purebreds, Ind., for \$475.

Reserve Chester Gilt Prospect
Shown by Trogdon Showpigs, Ill. Sold to
Leroy Schaefer, Md., for \$450.

Reserve Duroc Male Prospect
Shown by David Martin, Iowa. Sold to
Mike Taylor & Family, Ind., for \$200.

Champion Landrace Male Prospect
Shown by Mindy & Madison Cook, Del.
Sold to Justin Johnson, Ohio, for \$400.

Reserve Landrace Male Prospect
Shown by Mindy & Madison Cook, Del.
Sold to John Wechter, Ind., for \$300.

Champion Landrace Gilt Prospect
Shown by Barry Scales, Ind. Sold to
Reagan Allen, Ind., for \$200.

Champion Poland Male Prospect
Shown by Schipper Purebreds, Ind. Sold
to Paul Morrison, Ohio, for \$225.

Reserve Poland Gilt Prospect
Shown by Mikesell Show Pigs, Ohio. Sold
to Emma Lachs, Ill., for \$225.

Reserve Spot Male Prospect
Shown by Barry Scales, Ind. Sold to Justin
Tibbits, Wis., for \$200.

Reserve Spot Gilt Prospect
Shown by Barry Scales, Ind. Sold to
Mitchell Farms, Ga., for \$425.

Reserve Yorkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Tom Tedrow, Ohio. Sold to
Emily & Lauren Fry, Ind., for \$325.



From the Field

Michael Lackey, NSR Field Representative

Whoever ordered the weather this year for the 2014 NSR Weanling Pig Extravaganza did a fine job. Warmer temperatures and sunshine greeted exhibitors when they arrived at the Raper Building in Richmond, Indiana.

This year, Travis Platt of Roanoke, Indiana, was the official sifter at the NSR Weanling Pig Extravaganza. Travis did a great job showcasing his ability to sort young pig prospects in a timely manner; he moved through the 295 pigs he had to work with in record time.

The Grand Champion Weanling Male this year was the Champion Dark Crossbred exhibited by Team Sloan, Missouri. He sold to Ricky Rosenboom of Nebraska, for \$2,700.

The Grand Champion Weanling Female honors went to the Champion Dark Crossbred gilt exhibited by S&K Showpigs of Ohio. She sold to Premium Blend Genetics of Indiana, for \$4,250, making her the high-selling

animal of the day. Congratulations to all the firms that participated and made the 2014 Extravaganza a strong event.

Lots of people come together to make this event work. A big thank you to Don Wampler and his entire crew for having the facility so event-friendly. A huge thank you to ATI Wooster for helping with the sift and sale; these folks are great help! As always, a special thanks to Col. Kevin Wendt, who sold the 215 head for a \$441 average in great time and made the sale exciting and pleasant for all who attended, buyers and sellers alike.

As Ralph Doak always said, "The good ones are easy to sell, no matter what time of year it is!"

Keep up the hard work of making them good, keeping them healthy and giving them a little extra care, and the buyers will be there waiting!

See you all at the pig shows this summer.



Champion Berkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Alan Kollman, III. Sold to Kendal Wideman, Ohio, for \$400.



Reserve Berkshire Male Prospect
Shown by DeHaven Pursifull Genetics, Ind. Sold to Mike & Kristi Shipley, Ind., \$200.



Champion Berkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to Garrett Hamby, Md., for \$700.



Champion Duroc Male Prospect
Shown by Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to Dresbach Girls, Ohio, for \$200.



Champion Duroc Gilt Prospect
Shown by Inez & Kapsner Fiddle, Ind. Sold to Garrett Hamby, Md., for \$1,050.



Reserve Duroc Gilt Prospect
Shown by the Dwayne Berling Family, Ind. Sold to the Dwayne Berling Family, Ind., for \$850.



Champion Hampshire Male Prospect
Shown by Chad Walker, Ind. Sold to Platt Show Pigs, Ind., for \$1,100.



Reserve Hampshire Male Prospect
Shown by Holly Hopkins, Ind. Sold to Doug Brock, Ind., for \$1,100.



Champion Hampshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Holly Hopkins, Ind. Sold to Reanne Davis, Ind., for \$2,500.



Reserve Hampshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Dave Hanson, Ind. Sold to Matt Bauerlein, Md., for \$1,000.



Champion Poland Gilt Prospect
Shown by Lance & Mitchell Westcamp, Ohio. Sold to Chris Lanham, Ind., for \$350.



Champion Spot Male Prospect
Shown by Clint Smith, Ind. Sold to Roger Duane Surface, W.V., for \$200.

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Champion Spot Gilt Prospect
Shown by Barry Scales, Ind. Sold to Nicole Williamson, Ala., for \$450.



Champion Yorkshire Male Prospect
Shown by Barry Craft, Ind. Sold to Justin Tibbits, Wis., for \$200.



Reserve Yorkshire Gilt Prospect
Shown by Glenn Craft, Okla. Sold to Emerson Wagner, Ohio, for \$1,300.



Reserve Dark Crossbred Male Prospect
Shown by S&K Showpigs, Ohio. Sold to Scott Stauffer, Ohio, for \$2,500.



Reserve Dark Crossbred Gilt Prospect
Shown by Triple L Showpigs, Wis. Sold to Jim Johnson & Family, Ind., for \$3,600.



Reserve Light Crossbred Male Prospect
Shown by Glenn Craft, Okla. Sold to Steve Rittenhouse, Ohio, for \$750.



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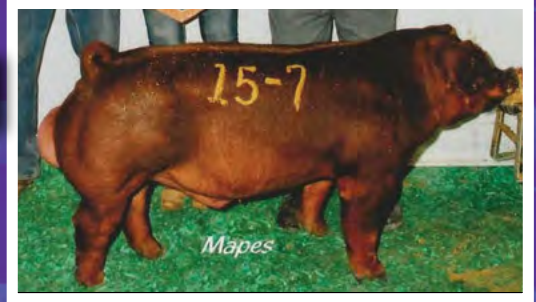
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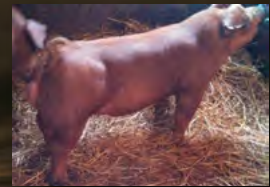
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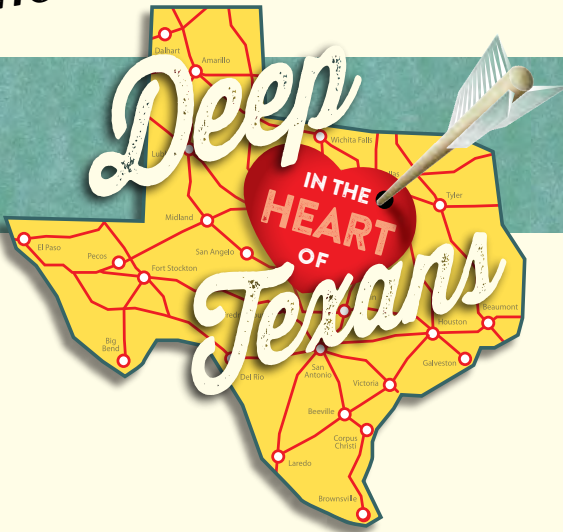
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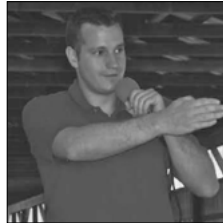


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NSR/NJSA Shows and Events



Show Schedule

SHOW	WHERE	WHEN	ENTRY DEADLINE
NSR Winter Type Conference	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 31, 2015	TBA
NJSA Southeast Regional	Perry, Ga.	Jan. 28-Feb.1, 2015	TBA
National Western Stock Show	Denver, Colo.	Jan. 19-21, 2015	TBA
NSR Southwest Type Conference	Belton, Texas	TBA, 2015	TBA
NJSA Western Regional	Turlock, Calif.	TBA, 2015	TBA
NSR Weanling Extravaganza	Richmond, Ind.	TBA, 2015	TBA
World Pork Expo	Des Moines, Iowa	June 2-7, 2014	CLOSED
WPX Junior National	Des Moines, Iowa	June 2-7, 2014	CLOSED
NSR Summer Type Conference	Louisville, Ky.	June 30-July 5, 2014	CLOSED
National Junior Summer Spectacular	Louisville, Ky.	June 30-July 5, 2014	CLOSED
NJSA Southwest Regional	Chickasha, Okla.	Aug. 29-31, 2014	Aug. 1, 2014
National Barrow Show®	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 6-10, 2014	Aug. 8, 2014
NBS® Junior Barrow Classic	Austin, Minn.	Sept. 6-7, 2014	Aug. 8, 2014
Ak-Sar-Ben	Omaha, Neb.	Sept. 25-28, 2014	Aug. 11, 2014
NJSA Eastern Regional	Hamburg, N.Y.	Oct. 9-11, 2014	Sept. 11, 2014
American Royal	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct. 24-26, 2014	Sept. 10, 2014
NAILE	Louisville, Ky.	Nov. 7-10, 2014	Oct. 1, 2014
NSR Fall Classic	Duncan, Okla.	Nov. 19-22, 2014	Oct. 10, 2014
Arizona National	Phoenix, Ariz.	Dec. 27-31, 2014	Oct. 31, 2014

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Enter online at nationalswine.com

WPX Open & Jr. Shows

June 2-7, 2014

Iowa State Fairgrounds • Des Moines, Iowa



FARROWING DATES: Nov. 1 and after

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Noon: Earliest entries may arrive

1-8 p.m.: Junior Show registration & declaration of market-entry weights (East side of Swine Barn)

4 p.m.: First Inaugural Stock Show U Clinic for Swine

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

7:30-10 a.m.: Junior Show registration & declaration of market-entry weights (East side of Swine Barn)

8 a.m.-5 p.m.: Open Show registration (Open Show Office in Swine Barn)

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

10-11:30 a.m.: Youth PQA Plus certification (Ring B)

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Adult PQA Plus certification (Ring B)

12 p.m.: Barrow and Crossbred Gilt weight cards due (Registration Area)

1 p.m.: Mandatory exhibitor meeting (Ring A)

2 p.m.: Showmanship

Ring A: Novice followed by Junior

Ring B: Intermediate followed by Senior

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

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

8 a.m.: Purebred Barrow Show

Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire

Ring B: Berkshire, Chester White, Poland and Spot

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

9 a.m.-6 p.m.: Open Show registration (Open Show Office in Swine Barn)

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

8 a.m.: Purebred Gilt Show

Ring A: Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and 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*

8 a.m.: All Open Show animals must be on grounds

8 a.m.-10 a.m.: Open Show registration (Open Show Office in Swine Barn)

8:30 a.m.: Scanning of Open Show boars (East side of Swine Barn)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

7:30 a.m.: Open Show – Yorkshire boar and gilt show followed by Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire, Crossbred boars and gilts (Ring A)

8 a.m.: Open Show – Berkshire show followed by Spot, Poland and Chester (Ring B)

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

10 a.m.: Judging Contest (Cattle Barn)

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

4 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.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

9 a.m.: Open Sale – Yorkshire boar and gilt sale followed by Landrace, Duroc, Hampshire, Crossbred boars and gilts (Ring A)

9:30 a.m.: Open Sale – Berkshire sale followed by Spot, Poland and Chester (Ring B)

JUDGES

Open Duroc: Dan Burzlaff, Iowa

Open Yorks: Wayne Huinker, Iowa

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Open Landrace: Jim McCoy, Ohio

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Crossbred Gilts & Novice & Junior Showmanship: Justin Rodibaugh, Ind.

Additional Jr. Show Information

Contests: Purebred and Crossbred Gilt Shows, Purebred and Crossbred Barrow Shows, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest and Sweepstakes Contest.

Note: This is a joint event held in conjunction with Team Purebred. There will be no market hog loadout available.

Limit per Exhibitor: Two entries, per sex, per breed. You must show one purebred barrow for every one crossbred barrow, and one purebred gilt for every one crossbred gilt.

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FARROWING DATES: Dec. 1 and after



MONDAY, JUNE 30

Noon: Earliest hogs may arrive (Junior and Open)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

8 a.m.-7 p.m.: Registration (Junior and Open Shows, Showmanship, Skillathon, State Scrapbook and Ag Sales Contests)

3-4 p.m.: MVP Celebration

4:30 p.m.: Barnyard Olympics

6 p.m.: Premier Breeder interviews

7 p.m.: All Junior hogs must be in place

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

8 a.m.: Barrow weight cards due

8-11 a.m.: Junior Show barrow and gilt eligibility checks (washracks/scales closed)

8-11 a.m.: Skillathon

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

8 a.m.: Ag Sales Contestant meeting

8:30 a.m.: Ag Sales Contest

9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Open Show registration

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

10 a.m.: State Scrapbook judging

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

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

Noon: Washracks opened

Noon: Opening Ceremony

1 p.m.: Showmanship Preliminaries

Ring A: Junior followed by Senior

Ring B: Novice followed by Intermediate

**Top Ten Finals held Thursday morning*

Immediately following Showmanship Preliminaries

Junior Barrow Show

Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire

Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

THURSDAY, JULY 3

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 and checked-in. Scanning to follow (boars only).

10 a.m.: Junior Gilt Show

Ring A: Duroc and Hampshire

Ring B: Landrace and Yorkshire

FRIDAY, JULY 4

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

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

9 a.m.: Judging Contest **Junior, Intermediate and Senior*

11:30 a.m.: Novice Judging Contest

1 p.m.: State Food Drive counting

5:00 p.m.: Pizza Party and Judging Critique

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

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

**NJSS Contest Winners Announced (State Food Drive, State Scrapbook, Amazing Advertising Contest, Swine is Fine Art Contest, Skillathon, Judging Contest, Ag Sales Contest, Sweepstakes Contest)*

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**Distinguished Service Award Presented*

**Premier Breeders Awarded*

**Drawing Winners Announced*

**2014-2015 Junior Board Announced*

9-11 p.m.: Exhibitor Dance

Following Awards Ceremony: All Junior hogs are released

SATURDAY, JULY 5

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

Additional Jr. Show Information

Contests: Purebred Gilt Show, Purebred Barrow Show, Showmanship Contest, Judging Contest, Skillathon, Ag Sales Contest, Swine is Fine Art Contest**, Amazing Advertising Contest** and Sweepstakes Contest

**The state contests are a scrapbook contest and food drive.*

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Additional Events: Silent Auction, NJSA Foundation Female

Auction, NJSA Junior Board of Directors Election, Inspirational Service with Ray Perryman, Exhibitor Dance, MVP Party, Super Semen Auction, Silent Auction, Exhibitor Pizza Party, Barnyard Olympics, Kid's Korner, NJSA Annual Awards Ceremony

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Barrow Weights: 215-290 lbs. with 15 lb. weigh-back

SCHEDULE

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JUDGES

Open Duroc: Blane Olson, Ill.

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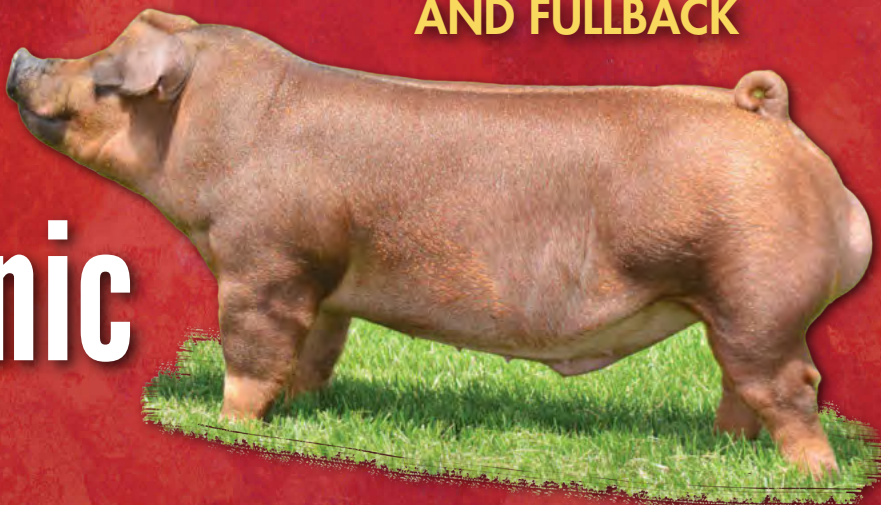
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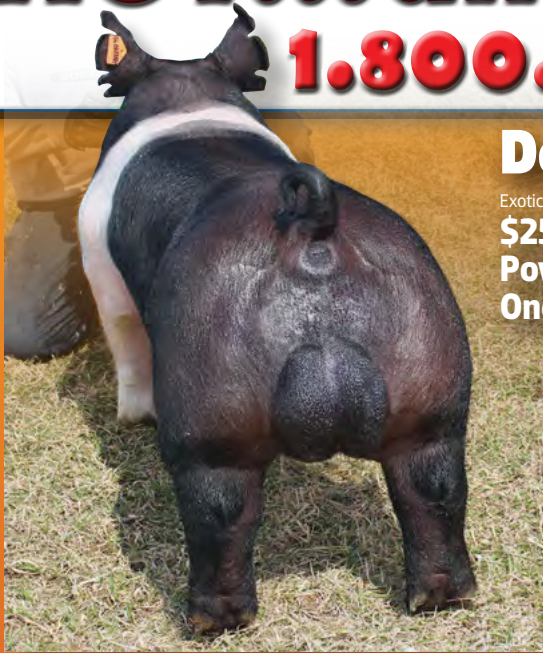


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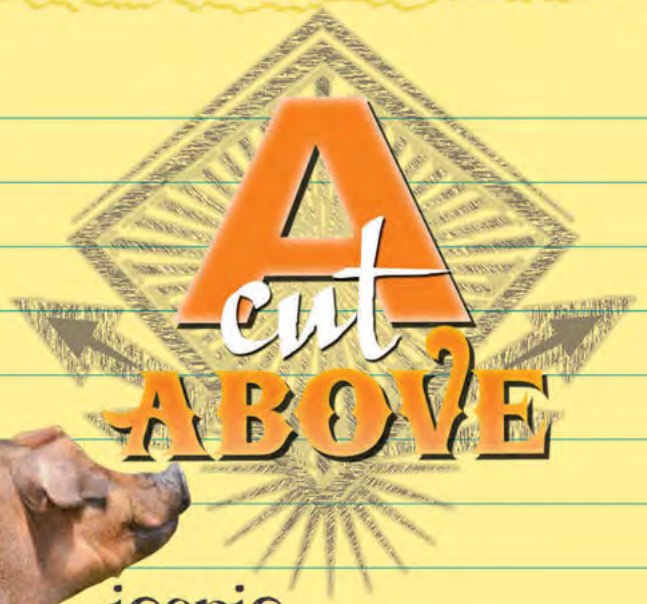
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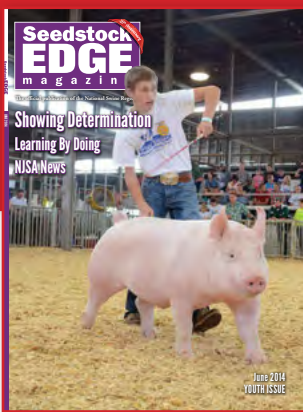
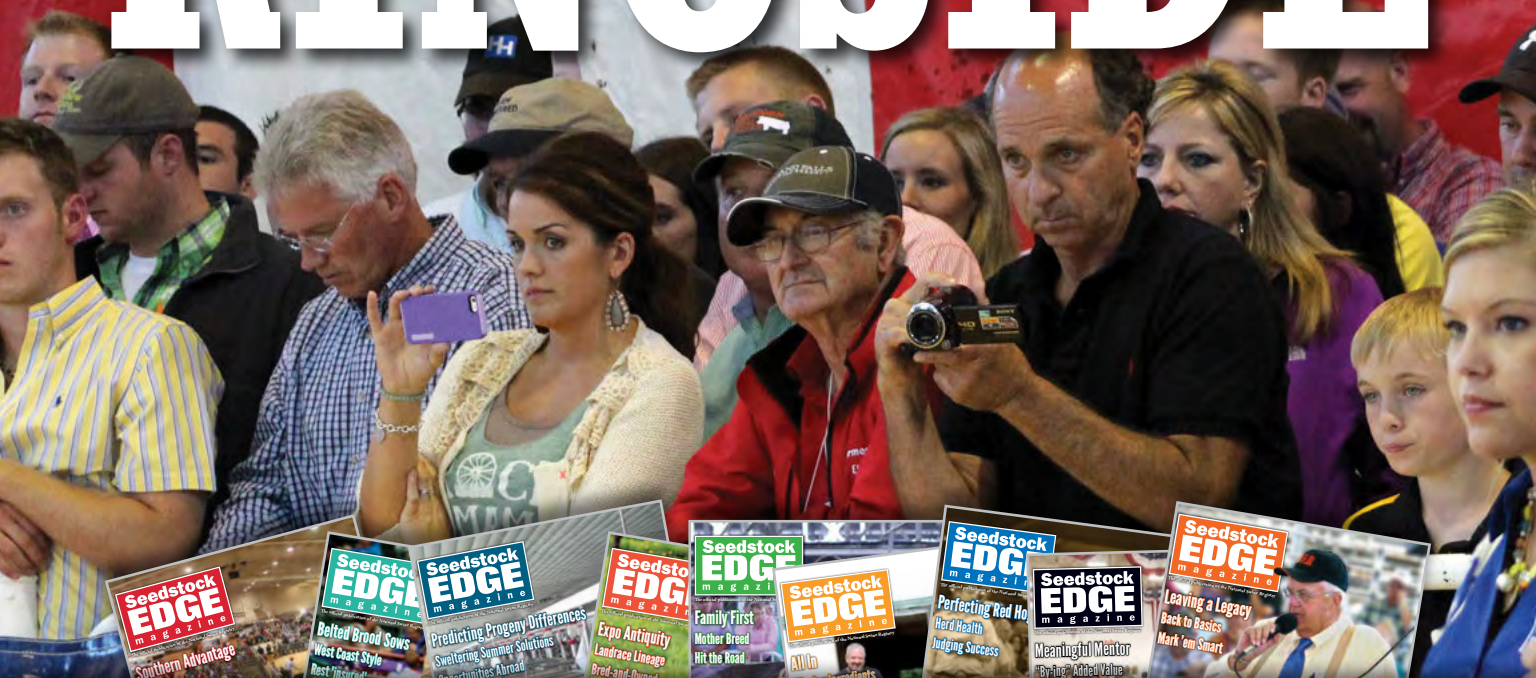
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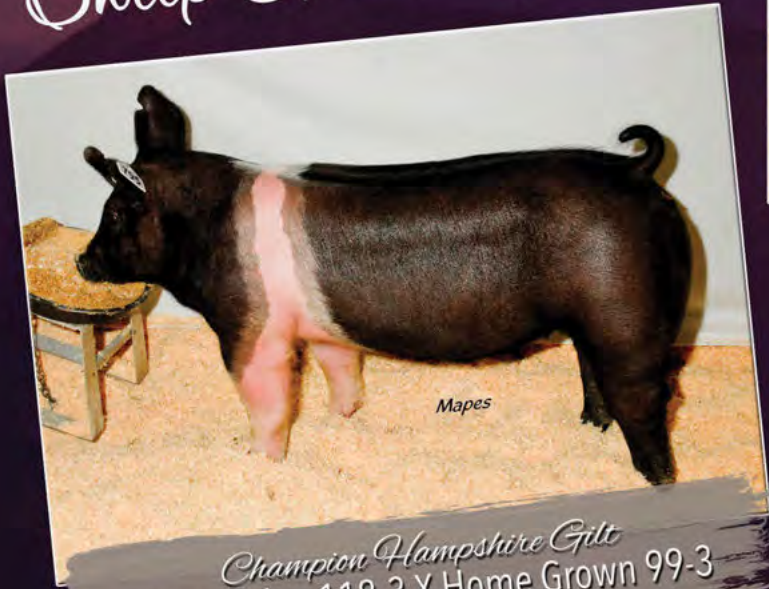


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SWAG'D UP is extremely athletic and drives with authority off of both ends. Then, when it comes to the business end of things, he comes at you wide chested, explosive in his top shape and opens up into one of the largest, squarest hips.

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- 10 **July Seedstock EDGE Ad Deadline**
- 15 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show DNA Nomination Deadline
- 16 Peter Farms Online Sale, showpig.com
- 21 Cain Farms Online Bred Gilt Sale, cainfarms.com
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- 26 Triple B's Proven Bred Sow and Bred Gilt Sale, showpig.com
- 30-July 5 **NSR Summer Type Conference and National Junior Summer Spectacular, Louisville, Ky.**

JULY

- 1 Indiana State Fair Entry Deadline
- 2 **July Seedstock EDGE mails**
- June 30-5 **NSR Summer Type Conference and National Junior Summer Spectacular, Louisville, Ky.**
- 14 Peter Farms Online Sale, showpig.com
- 15 Cain Farms Online Boar Sale, cainfarms.com

AUGUST

- 1 American Royal Swine Show Ownership & DNA Validation Deadline
- 2 Indiana State Fair 4-H Jr. Show
- 7 Iowa State Fair Blue & Gold Gilt Sale, 7:30 p.m., Des Moines, Iowa
- 11 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show Entry Deadline
- 14 Indiana State Fair Duroc Open Show, 9 a.m.
- 23 Hi Point Open House, Chrisman, Ill.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 State Fair of Texas Junior Entry Deadline
- 1 American Royal Swine Show Entry Deadline
- 25-28 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show, Omaha, Neb.
- 27-28 State Fair of Texas Junior Gilt Show, Dallas, Texas

OCTOBER

- 24-26 American Royal Swine Show, Kansas City, Mo.

DECEMBER

- 27-31 Arizona National, Pheonix, Ariz.



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- The NSR shows include purebred Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire and crossbred boar genetics
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WHEN GREW UP

By Ann Fry



A year-long look at the staff of the National Swine Registry



When Kaley Bontrager attended her first NJSS in 2001, she never would have imagined she would return 12 years later as a coordinator of the event.

KALEY BONTRAGER Junior Activities Coordinator

In 2001, at the Kentucky Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky, Kaley Bontrager had her first taste of what the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) is all about. She was participating in the National Junior Summer Spectacular (NJSS) for her first time and didn't know anyone else her own age. Luckily, that didn't last long, as two girls came up and asked her if she wanted to play cards with them. Shyly, she agreed to play. If asked today, Bontrager wouldn't be able to say what pig she showed or how she placed, but she can say how glad she was that Courtney and Alyssa Smith asked her to play cards. The three girls have remained friends to this day.

FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB:

"I love the people I work with, the families I see at the shows and working with the exhibitors. I also have one of the best Junior Boards that manages to calm me down and make me laugh when I need it most."

—Kaley Bontrager

Twelve years later, Bontrager once again made the trip to Louisville. But, this time, two things were different; she knew a lot more people, and she was sporting official NJSA-logged apparel. Having recently been hired as the NJSA Junior Activities Coordinator, Bontrager's first day of work was spent in the middle of the action setting up for NJSS.

As the Junior Activities Coordinator, her main job is to plan and organize NJSA events, including four regional shows, the Mentoring Values People (MVP) program, the NJSA Calendar and Drawing. She also works closely with the NJSA Director of Junior Activities to coordinate the World Pork Expo Junior National, NJSS and National Barrow Show@ Jr. Classic. These events are not just a place for kids to show pigs, but a way for them to develop leadership skills and life-long friendships, a lesson Bontrager herself learned with her first NJSA experience.

When she gets a break between NJSA events, Bontrager spends most of her time reading, watching movies, creating something in the kitchen or cleaning.



Whitney Hendricks has always had a love for pigs, so when her artist career didn't work out, the NSR was a natural choice.

WHITNEY HENDRICKS

Junior Program & Pedigree Department Assistant & Landrace Secretary

Van Gogh. Monet. Picasso. Hendricks. At an early age, Whitney Hendricks pictured her name one day being listed in museums with other highly-respected artists. As she got older, her dreams were dashed when she realized that even her stick figures were lacking artistic skill. So, instead of following in the footsteps of famous artists Hendricks chose a career closer to her roots – a career in the swine industry.

FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB:

"I get the best of both worlds! Working closely with the exhibitors and their families, as well as with the breeders on a daily basis, is something I enjoy very much."

—Whitney Hendricks

As Hendricks was growing up, she and her twin brother, Wade, had a love for pigs. They spent many late-night hours sitting in the farrowing house with their dad. When they were old enough to have their own 4-H animals, Hendricks bought her first Landrace gilt and became hooked on the breed. After that, she knew one day she would become the Landrace Secretary at the National Swine Registry (NSR).

When Hendricks was offered to start that position in January 2014, she jumped at the chance. Now, she is the NSR Junior Program and Pedigree Department Assistant, as well as the Landrace Secretary. Besides transferring and registering litters, she also lends a hand with NJSA shows and events. For a girl who grew up as a purebred swine breeder showing at NJSA events, her job truly is a dream come true.

Even with her job at NSR, Hendricks still can't get her love for pigs out of her system. She goes back to her parent's farm every chance she gets to sit in the farrowing house with her dad and spend time with pigs she has helped raise.

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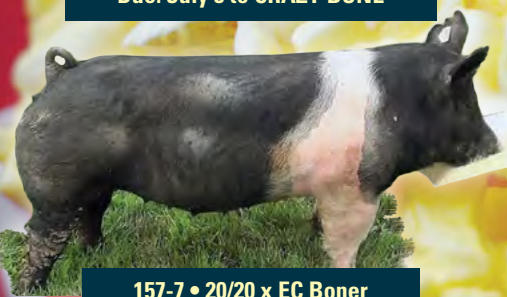
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