



JUNIOR PUREBRED SWINE ASSOCIATION

# TEAM PUREBRED

SUMMER 2007

Team Purebred Friends,

As the summer season rushes by us, it's time to prepare for the fall shows! Please be sure to check the website and this newsletter for ownership and entry deadlines for the four fall/winter shows!! We want everyone to be able to participate in all shows and in order to do so, we need those entries in on time! Also please continue checking the website for pictures, updates and results from all of our shows and exciting news from our sponsors!

Congratulations to all of our newly elected Team Purebred Junior Board members as well as the new members of our Team Purebred Adult Advisory Board. I look forward to working with you all in the future!

And finally, thank you to all Team Purebred members, parents, cousins and supporters for a great first few shows. Having your help and generous support made the transition into this job much easier and my first few shows much less stressful. Thank you to everyone who helped everything run so smoothly in Des Moines & Springfield! Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any helpful comments, suggestions or concerns. See you at the next show!

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## Team Purebred Website Banner Auction

The website banner auction was a huge success at the 2007 National Junior Show in Springfield, Illinois! Supporters brought in over \$5,000 for the twelve months of advertising. Look for the following advertisements on the Team Purebred website, beginning in January 2008:

January: Al & Kandy Schminke

February: Schafer Stock Farm

March: Matt & Tammy Miller

April: Masters, Reid & Collins

May: Poland Association

June: Certified Pedigreed Swine

July: Triple B Sires

August: Rice Polands

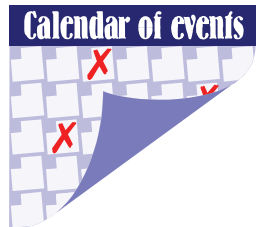
September: Showpig.com

October: Masters, Reid & Collins

November: Touch of Class Bred Sow Sale

December: Goodnight Family Farms

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped to make this new fundraiser a huge success!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 1, 2007

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE FOR SOUTHWEST NATIONAL JR. PUREBRED GILT SHOW.

AUGUST 10, 2007

ENTRIES DUE FOR THE NBS BARROW CLASSIC.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

ENTRIES DUE FOR SW JUNIOR NATIONAL GILT SHOW. ALSO ENTRY AND OWNERSHIP FOR EASTERN REGIONAL SHOW.

SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2007

NATIONAL BARROW SHOW  
AUSTIN, MINNESOTA.

SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2007

EASTERN NATIONAL  
TIMONIUM, MD

OCTOBER 1, 2007

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OCTOBER 6-7, 2007

SOUTHWEST NATIONAL JR.  
PUREBRED GILT SHOW  
TEXAS STATE FAIR  
DALLAS, TX

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2007

NAILE  
LOUISVILLE, KY

NOVEMBER 10, 2007

BRED GILT SALE ENTRIES DUE

DECEMBER 1, 2007

BRED GILT SALE  
LAFAYETTE, IN

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT TEAM PUREBRED ONLINE AT [WWW.TEAMPUREBRED.COM](http://WWW.TEAMPUREBRED.COM) FOR SHOW UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION !!

## Get to Know your 2007-2008 Junior Board of Directors...

### Can YOU match them up????

**B.** I am a 20 year old sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in Agricultural Economics and reside in Perkins, Oklahoma and I love Berkshire hogs! They're cool! I admit it! Team Purebred is not just an organization with board members who come up with ideas to assist you, we are an organization that loves to take advice and listen to the people we care about the most. You! If you guys have any fun ideas to share or just want to chat, please contact us. Tell us about your swine project. Tell us about how you did at the County Fair. Tell us about your little sister and the chores she doesn't do! Anything! Just visit with us! Get to know us because we want to get to know you! See ya at the next show.

**A.** I live in Perkins, Oklahoma on a Berkshire farm and I am currently enrolled for my second year at Oklahoma State University. I look forward to the next few years and all of our upcoming events in Team Purebred. I hope all of you have a good summer before school starts again. Take care of your pigs and have fun this fall showing. Get active if you can in agriculture and be safe. God bless y'all.

**C.** I am a Berkshire lover from the great state of Minnesota. I am currently an Agribusiness major and Accounting minor student at North Dakota University. My main focus for Team Purebred is to get members more involved in contests like skillathons, sweepstakes and judging contests because I didn't get many chances to participate as a younger child.

**D.** I am currently a student at Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma and attending Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma. My hometown is Red Rock, Oklahoma and my favorite breed is Chester Whites! Team Purebred has changed my thoughts about raising and showing swine. It gives me a deeper connection not only with the industry, but also with other showmen and producers through out the nation.

**E** I grew up on a large family farm producing swine and goats. My two younger sisters and I took care of the animals and made most management decisions with the help of our dad. We raise mainly Yorkshire/Hampshire crosses, but have added several Poland China and Chester White sows to our operation. I feel my greatest accomplishment from all of my years of showing was winning the Kentucky Junior Livestock Expo Round Robin Showmanship Contest in 1997, at the mere age of 11. My showmanship successes and failures have made me who I am today! During the next two years on the Team Purebred board, I hope to help it grown into the successful organization I know it can become. Team Purebred is all about fellowship...that's the important thing! Its not winning or losing...it's the friends you make along the way, no matter what placing pen you are in. We're a TEAM!

**F.** Just to tell you a little about my family, I live forty minutes south of Springfield, IL in a small town called Butler. We've been raising Spotted hogs for quite sometime along with our commercial herd. Both sets of my grandparents have grain farms and one, red Simmental cattle. I'll be a sophomore at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and will transfer to Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal for my final two years. I am majoring in Agriculture Education with a certification in Science and will hopefully be teaching high school students once I

**G.** I have been involved in the swine industry my whole life. My parents both showed livestock and they decided that it was a great thing to get their kids involved in as well! While my original sow herd was Yorkshires, I have been buying more and more Spotted gilts lately and started my own sow herd with my sister about four years ago.

**Answers: A. Austin McCasland; B. Daniel Hayes; C. Kim Stassen; D. Daniel Hayes; E. Hope Ballman-Coffey; F. Kate Wedekind; G. Ashley**

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The Wheeler family resides in Jacksonville, Illinois; about 25 miles West of Springfield, location of the Team Purebred Junior National Summer Show! Dennis is now employed in agri-construction after spending 20 years in swine management in commercial operations. Joy is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Jenna, age 7, will be a 2nd grader this fall and Allison, age 5, is anxious to begin kindergarten!

Joy grew up on a farm, but was never involved in showing livestock as a child and while Dennis worked with swine daily, he too had never been involved showing pigs. It was Jenna who got the family started, when at age four, after watching her older cousin, Reece, at the county fair came home and announced that the next year she wanted to get some pigs. Her parents agreed to get her two, which quickly turned into four. The summer of 2005 the Wheeler family attended their first STC in Springfield. They had a wonderful time and Jenna was named the first recipient of the J.R. Beatty Herdsman award. From there, they were "hooked".

Since the whole family was getting the showpig fever, they decided to try to raise a litter of Spotted hogs. How hard could that be right? It didn't take long for them to learn! The gilt quit milking on day three and they soon had to decide how to save nine babies. Some dear friends were able to foster four of the piglets onto one of their sows. The family amazingly raised the remaining five in a twelve foot horse trough in the back of a garage in the dead of winter. The girls enjoyed putting on their slippers and going to the garage to "do chores". Because they sold several show pigs from that first litter, the Wheeler family dubbed themselves "Four Wheeler Showpigs".

For the 2006 season, the girls decided they wanted to get some Chesters. Their first purchased barrow, "Boyfriend" captured Champion Chester Barrow at their very first World Pork Expo. Jenna also opted for her first Chester White gilt in 2006, and used her J.R. Beatty buying credit toward purchasing the Champion Chester White Gilt at the CPS Extravaganza Weanling Pig Sale. This gilt, who became known as "Girlfriend" went on to become the Reserve Grand Champion Chester Gilt at the 2006 Illinois State Fair Open Show. Wheelers brought her home and raised their first litter of Chesters. The family was thrilled when one of "Girlfriend's" offspring became the Champion Bred & Owned Chester Barrow at the 2007 STC!



At the Team Purebred/PSSS Bred Gilt Sale this past December, Allison and her cousin partnered to buy a bred Berkshire gilt they named "Tootsie". Allison enjoyed naming some of the babies and was convinced to show at a nearby county fair. She won her class and breed and decided she was done for the year. She tells us, however, that next year, she's showing Berkshires and Poland Chinas!

The 2007 show season was highlighted with another exciting WPX when Jenna was named the Novice Champion for both the Team Purebred and NJSA Sweepstakes Competitions. The most fun she has was joining two "Okies" and a "Texan" on the "Little Kids Rock" judging team that won the competition.

When Joy asked the girls what they liked best about showing pigs, Jenna said, of course, "making new friends". She also admits that she enjoys the competition! She told us that "this is my sport, I don't play soccer or baseball, this is what I do!" Allison enjoys playing with friends and riding her scooter down the aisles in the barn, but her absolute favorite is to help pass out ribbons and trophies to the exhibitors. Joy also asked the girls which was their favorite show to attend. Both agreed that the STC in Springfield is great because there's so much to do. The costume contest and adult showmanship were big hits this summer!

Dennis and Joy are also able to enjoy a little friendly competition between themselves. Due to work schedules, they can't always both be at shows, so we take turns "fitting". They like to tease each other about how the animals place based on who is left with the fitting and grooming duties.

The Wheelers just moved to the country this summer and for the first time, are able to have some showpigs on their own property. Dennis's sister and family graciously allowed them to house their animals at their home for the last few years. This has often meant one to two trips to their farm each day. It's been great this summer walking out to our own pens, in our own yard. We hope to get a show-barn built in the near future.

Finally, we believe that our involvement in showing pigs has strengthened our family. Our responsibilities with our animals affords us time together every day doing something as a family.—Wheeler Family



## Your Quarterly Cup of Coffey....

Have you ever heard Sara Evans' song "Lookin' for Something More?" If not, I urge you to find this track and listen carefully to the lyrics. I'm not usually one to ruin a storyline, but I'll share this one with you.

I have always found it interesting how when you are a kid all you want is to be an adult with a car and make your own decisions. However, as soon as that dream comes true and you are in the real world with a mortgage and utility bills and have no choice but to work 40+ hours a week at a job you don't enjoy, you would give anything to be 4 years old playing dress up in your parents room and having a tea party with your golden retriever!

That is exactly what this song is about. No matter what you have, you are never satisfied. So, how does this tie in with a happy-go-lucky youth organization like Team Purebred? Two words... JUNIOR BOARD.

As long as I can remember, or at least since the junior swine organizations started, I dreamed of becoming a junior board member. I have been lucky enough to serve for NJSA and Team Purebred, and I can honestly say it has been the most rewarding experience of my life. But the other board members and I agree that it was much easier as a novice! The best part of going to shows is watching the younger exhibitors run around with their "Ohio" or "Oklahoma" friends. Seeing their interaction and enthusiasm reminds us why we do what we do and keeps us from becoming adults with Porcine, or rather People Stress Syndrome.

The only downside to all of the excitement is that it seems to end with the conclusion of every show. As a junior board, we would like to help keep up the interstate interaction all year. Since we haven't come up with a simple, stress-free solution, we suggest that if you want to keep in touch with your friends from afar but don't know how, contact a board member and ask us! We will find out! And if you would like to keep in contact with one of us, please don't be shy! We love homemade cards and colored pictures and would be happy to share with you, too!

We encourage you to contact someone in Team Purebred and stay in touch about your other

shows, school, and other organizations. It would be nice to be reminded of the youth we represent throughout the year.

Also, remember that we would like to hear your ideas for the future on changes to make, as well as new things to try. Just like the song, we at Team Purebred are always "Lookin' for Something More."

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### 2007 Team Purebred Southwest Junior National Gilt Show

Dallas, Texas

For entry information, deadlines and much more visit:

[www.bigtexlivestock.com](http://www.bigtexlivestock.com) or  
[www.teampurebred.com](http://www.teampurebred.com)

### 2007 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION Louisville, KY



For entry information, deadlines and much more visit:

[http://www.livestockexpo.org/entry\\_info/entry\\_info.htm](http://www.livestockexpo.org/entry_info/entry_info.htm)

OR [www.teampurebred.com](http://www.teampurebred.com)



### Get ready....its the Team Purebred & Prairie State Semen Supply Bred Gilt Sale!

Entry Deadline: November,10, 2007

See "Breeders Digest" or [www.teampurebred.com](http://www.teampurebred.com)  
for more information!

## Team Purebred Eastern National Junior



September 14-16, 2007 · Timonium, MD

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located at the Maryland State Fairgrounds

held in conjunction with the Eastern National Livestock Show.

**Offering Purebred  
Barrow and Gilt  
Classes for  
Berkshire – Chester  
White – Poland China  
– Spotted Breeds**

### Friday, September 14

5 p.m. - Earliest arrival of hogs

### Saturday, September 15

8-10 a.m. - Check in of Junior hogs

9 a.m. - All barrows must be penned

9-10 a.m. - Barrow Weigh in

10 a.m. - Skill-a-Thon Contest

1 p.m. - Showmanship Contest

-Novice

-Junior

-Intermediate

-Senior

5 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics

-Exhibitor Dinner immediately  
following Barnyard Olympics

### Sunday, September 16

9 a.m. - Barrow Show followed by  
Purebred Breeding Gilt Show

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Forms available at:

[www.teampurebred.com](http://www.teampurebred.com)

[www.easternnationallivestockshow.org](http://www.easternnationallivestockshow.org)

### Entry Information:

All barrows must be born on or after January 1, 2007,  
weighing

between 220-280 lbs.

All gilts must be born on or after January 1, 2007.

Entries may be purchased animals, however all  
pedigrees must be in the exhibitors' name, family  
or farm name 60 days prior to show.

Exhibitors will pay an entry fee of \$25 per head plus  
ENLS and Team Purebred membership dues.

All exhibitors must be members of Team Purebred  
and ENLS to participate in this event, see con-  
tact info below.

Exhibitors must be 21 years of age and under as of  
January 1, 2007.

Exhibitors are invited and encouraged to take part

in these additional events while at the Team  
Purebred Eastern National Livestock Show...

Skill-a-Thon Contest

Showmanship Competition

Barnyard Olympics

Exhibitor Dinner

All entries must be returned by September 1, 2007:

Debbie Nelson

P.O. Box 540

Forest Hill, MD 21050

**CLUES:**

DOWN:

- 1. TEAM PUREBRED'S LARGEST SPONSOR
- 2. CHAMPION ADULT SHOWMAN
- 3. LOCATION OF NATIONAL BARROW SHOW
- 4. BOAR STUD TEAM PUREBRED PARTNERS WITH FOR A BRED GILT SALE IN DECEMBER
- 5. 2007 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUMMER SHOW BARROW JUDGE
- 6. BREED KNOWN FOR MEAT QUALITY & 6 WHITE SPOTS

The crossword puzzle grid is composed of empty squares. The starting points for the clues are as follows:

- Down:**
  - 1. Down 10 squares, starting at row 7, column 5.
  - 2. Down 10 squares, starting at row 1, column 8.
  - 3. Down 10 squares, starting at row 3, column 8.
  - 4. Down 10 squares, starting at row 3, column 6.
  - 5. Down 10 squares, starting at row 3, column 3.
  - 6. Down 10 squares, starting at row 4, column 2.
- Across:**
  - 7. Across 10 squares, starting at row 7, column 5.
  - 8. Across 10 squares, starting at row 1, column 5.
  - 9. Across 15 squares, starting at row 3, column 3.
  - 10. Across 8 squares, starting at row 4, column 1.
  - 11. Across 10 squares, starting at row 5, column 2.
  - 12. Across 10 squares, starting at row 7, column 2.
  - 13. Across 15 squares, starting at row 8, column 1.
  - 14. Across 5 squares, starting at row 7, column 7.

**CLUES**

ACROSS:

- 8. BREED KNOWN FOR EXCELLENT RATE OF GAIN
- 9. DONATED THE 2007 TEAM PUREBRED FOUNDATION FEMALE
- 10, DEADLINE FOR EASTERN NATIONAL ENTRIES AND MUCH MORE!
- 11. ACTIVITY WHICH TESTS YOUTH ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE

ACROSS:

- 12. BREED KNOWN FOR HIGH MATERNAL TRAITS
- 13. THEME OF 2007 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUMMER SHOW
- 14. BREED KNOWN FOR RATE OF GAIN AND MEAT QUALITY