



Around THE WORLD

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I hope you are beating the summer heat and are starting to see a cool down in your part of the country. Warm weather is always part of summer, but at the writing of this column, the summer heat has been at record levels here in Oklahoma. Just as the heat is part of summer, the National Junior Limousin Show & Congress and All-American Limousin Futurity is a summer staple for many Limousin families across the United States.

The states of South Dakota and Minnesota were great hosts for this year's event in Sioux Falls. I hope you enjoy reading about the results in this issue. There are many positives that come out of this event, and this year was no different.

There were young people working, sweating and smiling together, and many were living their dream. They say dreams are what inspires us, and for one young man in particular, this year's Junior National proved to be a dream come true.

Sean Schuler of Cleveland, Texas, won both the National Junior Female Show and National Bred-and-Owned Show with SSCL Tara. Like so many other NALJA members, this year's champion was a product of Sean's junior show program.

He began by buying good heifers he hoped would compete at a high level. He retained those heifers and began building his own small herd. He bred and flushed these past show heifers to top bulls with the dream of someday producing a champion.

I don't think there has ever been a kid bounce a basketball that didn't dream of being in the NBA finals and having the final shot as they count down the final seconds to the buzzer.

This summer in Sioux Falls, a young man got to find out what it's like to play the role of Kobe Bryant—and he drained it.

I know the young people who attended this year's Junior Nationals took home many valuable lessons, but maybe none bigger than learning—dreams can come true. Congratulations to everyone who played a part in a very successful 2008 National Junior Limousin Show & Congress. **LW**