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Showing Cattle Teaches Responsibility

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LOUISVILLE, KY - November 15, 2014 – November 15th marked the first day for the Junior Heifer Show at the 41st North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). The event took place in Broadbent Arena. The Junior Heifer Show is open to anyone under the age of twenty-one, who is in 4-H, FFA, or is a junior breed association member. Breeds featured in the show include AOB, ShorthornPlus, Simmental, Maine-Anjou, Limousin, Gelbvieh, or Red Poll heifer.

The Junior Heifer Show is a two day event, with events beginning at eight in the morning on November 15-16.

Caitlin Mills, 20, of Brookston, Indiana, shows many breeds including Maine-Anjou, AOB, and Shorthorns. She especially loves to show her Maine-Anjou heifer because she has grown up raising Maine-Anjou cattle. Caitlin has shown cattle for thirteen years, including ten years of involvement in 4-H. She believes being involved in 4-H and showing cattle teaches great responsibility and is an overall amazing experience.

Preparing for the show takes time. Caitlin wakes up early in the morning to make sure her calf is clean. She then feeds and waters her calf. When she is in the show ring she likes to make sure her calf gets the most attention in order to enhance her chance to win. A show veteran, she showed at the 2011 Shorthorn Nationals and received a Reserve Grand Champion placing.

Caitlin is currently a student at Purdue University in Indiana, majoring in The Development of Sports Movement and she plans to go into Occupational Therapy. In the future she plans to own her own farm where she can raise livestock, just like the farm where she spent her childhood.

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