UAW Region 8 Sponsors the AGJA Youth Event

The American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) is the junior division of the American Gelbvieh Association. The AGJA provides members up to 21 years of age the opportunity to participate in youth activities. The vision is: Unify, Educate, and Develop Leaders of the beef industry. Young men and women associated with 4-H and Future Farmers of American (FFA) from across the United States assembled at the Wilson County Fair Grounds in Lebanon, Tennessee to showcase their talents in breeding and showing beef cattle. This event will take place in a different state each year. There were over thirty sponsors for this prestigious event.

The association was very grateful to Director, Mitchell Smith and Assistant Director, Tim Smith as well as all the members of Region 8 for being a Day Sponsor. This particular sponsorship provided lunch for the participants and allowed the opportunity to education them about the UAW and what our members do. Due to schedule conflicts and regional staff current obligations, Retired International Representative and current LUDL, Tom Savage was asked to speak on behalf of the UAW and Region 8. Tom expressed to the members and parents that he was excited to see all the union made vehicles that was present from Ford 150, 250, 350, the Dodge Ram, and Chevrolet Sierra. Representative Savage let the members know that farmers and auto workers have so much in common, as many of our members left the farm to go to major cities to build trucks and cars. He made them aware of most of the farm equipment they use would be union made such as John Deer, Caterpillar, and International Harvester.

After speaking, the member participants and parents expressed their appreciation of UAW Region 8 of being a sponsor and caring about their kids.

Pictured in attachment is 1st place winner: Grace Steenbergen, from Cheyenne, Wyoming along with UAW Region 8 LUDL, Tom Savage



