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## "Sweet Memories at the Georgia National Fair"

Hey Ya!!! I hope everyone made it home successfully and without problems from the Georgia National Fair. In addition, I trust you have all recovered and are in full swing with the fall show season. Furthermore, I especially hope that everyone came away successful and had the chance to see old friends from across the state.

For most of you, the weekend of the Georgia National began months in advance with preparation at home. The junior beef show weekend began on



Thursday with unloading calves and show supplies. Cody Green is our winner this year for being the first in line of many trailers at the entry gate, second only to my dad. Once the calves were settled in their beds, calf check-in began. Many of you stood in line for hours during check-in visiting old friends and making new ones.

Friday was an early start for those who participated in the first-ever Georgia Na-

tional Fair Livestock Judging Contest arranged by the UGA Livestock Judging Team. Following lamb judging began a long day of waiting for showmanship participants. After the conclusion of showmanship, the beef judging took place, followed by reasons. Prior to reasons, contestants were able to eat cookies and enjoy drinks sponsored by the GJCA and officer team.

Saturday was the purebred and commercial heifer shows. Even though many of you headed home after the conclusion of the heifer shows, there were those who remained for another arduous day of steer showing on Sunday.

All and all the weekend was successful, and one I will certainly miss next year as I begin a new chapter in my life with the other seniors of '08. For those who were experiencing their first show at the Georgia National, the excitement was enormous, perhaps even overwhelming at times. For those who will be graduating in 2008, like myself, the last junior show at the fair was bittersweet. As seniors, you will experience an end to a way of life as the year evolves, but there are new beginnings and opportunities just around the corner for those willing to seize the moment and

"Push it to the Limit".

I encourage those of you who are remaining to continue to compete in the GNF Livestock Judging Contest in the years to come and others throughout the state. We all know "practice makes perfect". These contests and shows are fun, ed-



ucational and great experiences.

As I reflect back on my years in the Georgia Livestock Program, I admit I always dreaded getting up at 4 a.m. to go to the barn to feed and wash my calves in preparation for show. However, some of my best memories are of those times and I wouldn't change them for any amount of sleep. You can't even begin to imagine the water fights we've had! The memories will certainly last a lifetime, and the friendships will endure and be irreplaceable in the years ahead! Good luck to all and check out the winners from the first-ever GNF Livestock Judging Contest below!

— Shelly Patton, GJCA President

## Georgia National Fair Livestock Judging Contest Results

### Jr Division Team Winners

- 1st - Banks County
- 2nd - Treutlen Jr FFA
- 3rd - Crawford Mid #1
- 4th - Turner County Middle
- 5th - Cook 1
- 6th - Crawford Mid #2
- 7th - Seminole Jr FFA
- 8th - Crawford Co High
- 9th - Ola High
- 10th - Turner Co High

### Jr Division Individual Winners

- 1st - Carson Bently
- 2nd - Faith Turk
- 3rd - Caleb Garner
- 4th - Meagan Troupe
- 5th - Brandon Martin
- 6th - Tyler Cauley
- 7th - Will Meadows
- 8th - Rydder Leslie
- 9th - Kara Vonier
- 10th - Matt Reckley

### Sr Division Team Winners

- 1st - SEB FFA
- 2nd - E Jackson FFA
- 3rd - Turner Co High Sr
- 4th - Banks County
- 5th - La Grange FFA
- 6th - Bemem Co FFA
- 7th - Mary Persons
- 8th - Cass FFA
- 9th - SW Whitfield
- 10th - Treutlen FFA

### Sr Division Individual Winners

- 1st - Alec Guess
- 2nd - Kim Chandler
- 3rd - Chandler Akins
- 4th - Taylor Schieszer
- 5th - Shelly Patton
- 6th - Chase Crumley
- 7th - Katherine Throne
- 8th - Becky Shirley
- 9th - Tyler Dungan
- 10th - Justin Davis

## 2007 GJCA Officer Training

The 2007-2008 GJCA Officer Team pushed their retreat to the limit this year with a new venue and new ideas. After dinner and a brief tour of the GCA office in Macon, the team traveled to Camp John Hope in Fort Valley, Ga. to begin their “Brainstorming” session. The officers worked throughout the night discussing and reviewing new ideas to be implemented in the upcoming year’s programming. The primary focus was on membership recruitment and shaking up enthusiasm for the future of the junior cattlemen’s programs.



The team resumed their enthusiasm by reviewing their brainstorming ideas from the previous night and prioritizing for their final planning session. Before making final plans, Julie Sims, Communications and Membership Director, did a leadership training session to demonstrate the importance of building relationships with fellow officers. Two key points were discussed – communication and trust. Each team member was asked to share a recent experience where they learned how to better overcome the pitfalls that sometimes lead to poor leadership. In relaying the

message of trust John C. Maxwell was quoted, “Trust is the foundation of leadership”. This quote emphasized that while communication is key but building trust is the foundation of being an affective leader. The team was also asked to answer numerous questions on their expectations for the year and what they hoped to give back to the organization during their time of service. Following the time of sharing, the group then learned their style of leadership – mover/shaker, negotiator, bottom liner or wild card. Learning there was a mixture of leadership styles within the group gave them all an idea of how each team member would operate as a leader within the organization.



The GJCA officer team hopes to reach out to the membership by making local chapters visits during their term and providing programming for the chapters. They hope to continue to be a part of the new GNF Livestock Judging Contest and are excited about the educational event for juniors at the Convention and Beef Expo in April. New ideas will also be implemented at the field day. For online services and for juniors to stay informed, there is now an option for juniors to sign-up for the GJCA mailing list. As always, sweepstakes point sheets will be available online.

One of the quotes used to discuss how the officers can better reach out to YOU, their fellow members was



“Seek first to understand, then to be understood,” Stephen Covey. Your officer team is committed to understanding the needs of the organization’s members and is excited about this year’s new ideas. While the main programming will remain the same, many other venues will be used to make this an even better year than the last. Join the team and **“Push it to the Limit”** in GJCA where opportunities abound.

## Officer Quotes of Encouragement

### A Charge from the 2007-2008 GJCA Chairman Shelly Patton

"As your new Chairman, I want to encourage each and every junior to participate in every event that you can. The importance of developing a passion for the beef industry will reap untold opportunities and returns on your future journeys. Don't be discouraged when you don't always win. We've all been down that road.

Tomorrow always holds another opportunity to excel. My motto has always been to 'Shoot for the moon because I know I will surely land among the stars!'"

Favorite Quote: "The success of a journey matters not where you are at the journey's end; but rather the lives you've touched along the way."

Michael Goodman, Chapter Relations Director

Favorite quote: "Only as high as I reach can I grow, Only as far as I seek can I go, Only as deep as I look can I see, Only as much as I dream can I be".

Jordan Ventura, Field Day Coordinator

Favorite Quote: "Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way."--Booker T. Washington

Chandler Akins,

Convention Coordinator

"Be yourself. Don't ever be what everyone else wants you to be, it's your life, live it up and when all is said and done, it's yours."

Shelly Patton, Chairman

"Dreams come in a size too big so that we may grow into them."--Josie Bisset  
As the future leaders of the cattle industry, our dreams will be the future, if we dream big then the success of the industry we care so deeply about will definitely prosper. In the upcoming year, I look forward to seeing progress that will benefit the beef industry. I am also excited about seeing increased membership at the chapter level, that will benefit the cattle industry as a whole. This year we are hoping to **"Push it to the Limit"** in all our goals. With this mindset the possibilities to achieve are endless.

Victoria Hill, Chapter Relations Director

## GJCA Calendar of Events

### November 2007

10 Peach Cattlemen's Beef Steer & Heifer Show  
Peach Co. High School Livestock Barn, Fort Valley, GA  
Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.

16-18 Southern Classic Farm Credit Show  
Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA

17 Ag Georgia Farm Credit Heifer Show  
Oglethorpe Co. Ag Center, Lexington, GA  
Check-in Nov. 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

22 Thanksgiving

### December 2007

1 ABAC Steer & Heifer Show  
Tift County Ag Center, Tifton, GA  
Entries due by November 2nd

14-15 Wiregrass Winter Classic  
Nicholls, GA

15 1st Annual Elbert County Steer & Heifer Show  
Wahatchee Creek Farms, Elberton, GA  
Entries due by December 7th

25 Christmas

### January 2008

11-12 Moultrie Jackpot Steer & Heifer Show  
Sunbelt Expo Livestock Barn, Moultrie, GA

18-19 Carroll County Young Farmer Winter Classic  
Carroll County Ag Ed Center, Carrollton, GA

26 Screven County 4-H/FFA MOO MOO Classic  
Sylvania, GA

### February 2008

1-2 Waycross Exchange Club 4-H/FFA Cattle Show  
Ware County Fairgrounds, Waycross, GA

20-24 Georgia State Livestock Show  
Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA

23 Georgia Beef Ambassador Contest  
Houston County Extension Office, Perry, GA

### April 2008

2-5 Georgia Cattlemen's Convention & Beef Expo  
Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry, GA

For more information visit the GJCA website at  
[www.gabeef.org/gjca](http://www.gabeef.org/gjca).

# GJCA Fun Page

## “SHOW DAY” WORD SEARCH

by Jordan Ventura

S A T F L H I P F O S E T	Adhesive
F T O P A S J L S A A E R	Blower
A O A A H L I W E S V L S	Champion
S H A M P O O A E I J C C	Chutes
M O A M K C I T S W O H S	Clippers
O T T N T C U E U T R A B	Fan
O W I S C H H R C E E M C	Final Bloom
L P I C C D K H O G F P L	Foam
B F E R A I C O P D I I I	Heifer
L S F U B O E S S U E O P	Hocus Pocus
A A E B M K F E U J H N P	Judge
N O B B I R T H C A C M E	Mats
I S T E E R B L O W E R R	Pink Oil
F P C R E T L A H W O H S	Ribbon
	Scotch Comb
	Scrubber
	Shampoo
	Show Halter
	Show Stick
	Steer
	Water Hose

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

submitted by Chandler Akins

\* Why did the cow have to get botox?  
Because she was sagging from hooks to pins.

### “TWO WOLVES”

submitted by Chandler Akins

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, “My son, the battle is between two “wolves” inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: “Which wolf wins?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

## BEEF TRIVIA

For more information or Beef Trivia visit...

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

### 1. Who brought the first cattle to North America?

Christopher Columbus brought cattle with him to the Western Hemisphere on his second voyage to the New World in 1493, but Hernando Cortez was the first to bring cattle to North America in 1519.

### 2. What is the connection between beef and the name Uncle Sam, symbolizing the United States?

During the War of 1812, a Troy, New York meatpacker, Sam Wilson, obtained a contract to supply beef to the Army. Wilson, who was known locally as “Uncle Sam,” shipped the meat salted, in barrels. The barrels, being government property, were branded “U.S.” and the teamsters and soldiers joked that the barrels were the initials of Uncle Sam himself. Later, anything marked with the same initials (as much Army property was) also became linked with the name Uncle Sam and led to the idea that Uncle Sam symbolized the Federal Government and the association stuck.

## SWEEPSTAKES

### POINTS

as of October 25, 2007

#### SENIOR DIVISION

Melissa Lance	167
Chandler Akins	118
Katherine Throne	116
Shelly Patton	110
Natalie Rosenbalm	98
Stewart Harbin	80
Jacob Holmes	80
Thomas Burkett	35
Miranda Powell	25
Jordan Ventura	25

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

Haley Throne	101
Callie Akins	95
Jordan Harrison	37
Makayla Holmes	27
Gibson Priest	23
Cameron Adams	15
Savannah Austin	15
B. J. Townson	15

## 2007-2008 GJCA Officer Team

**Shelly Patton,**  
Chairman



I am currently a senior at Madison County High School where I have been a member of 4-H for 7 years and FFA for 3 years. I am currently serving as Chairman of GJCA and President of Madison County FFA. I have shown heifers and steers for 7 years locally, statewide and nationally. I have had many achievements and awards, which include being one of the nine original members of the GJCA Steering Committee, 2004 GJCA Overall Sweepstakes Winner, 2005 Star Green Hand, 2007 North Region Star Farmer, 2007 national winner of the USDA Risk Management Essay and 2007 high individual at the Summer Classic Livestock Judging Contest.

My future goal is the dual major in Animal Science/Pre-Vet with a minor in Agricultural Education followed by large animal Veterinary Medicine specializing in Bovine Medicine and Reproduction. I am presently undecided where I will attend college, but I'm sure I won't to be on a livestock judging team.

**Chandler Akins,**  
Convention  
Coordinator



I am currently a junior in high school. I have been around cattle all my life and have a passion for the industry. I have been showing livestock since I was six years old and cattle since I was twelve. I have exhibited cattle on the local, state, and national level. I enjoy working on my family farm, showing and fitting cattle, and going on mission trips with my church. I'm actively involved in 4-H, in which my greatest accomplishment was winning the 2006 livestock judging contest.

I am also a charter member of the GJCA and have enjoyed much success in the contests offered by the organization including top three in the sweepstakes contest three times, and was the 2006 junior beef ambassador winner. I'm very excited about the upcoming year as I serve as your Convention Coordinator, and hope to help the organization grow to new limits. As for my future plans, I plan to attend a junior college and then transfer to UGA to major in Animal Science.

**Jordan Ventura,**  
Field Day Coordinator



I became involved in the beef industry when I started showing calves in the 4th grade. Showing cattle is a large part of my life. I am currently a junior at Stephens County High School where I am Secretary of the FFA. In the FFA I participate in Parliamentary Procedure, Ag Marketing, Poultry Judging, Forestry, and Envirothon.

I have been a member of the GJCA since I was 10 years old. I am very pleased to be serving you this year as your Field Day Coordinator. Being able to participate in these organizations has enabled me to meet new people, taught me valuable skills and self-discipline. My future goals are to attend ABAC and UGA to major in Ag Business.

One of my favorite quotes is "Only as high as I reach can I grow, Only as far as I seek can I go, Only as deep as I look can I see, Only as much as I dream can I be".

**Michael Goodman,**  
Chapter Relations  
Director



I have been a GJCA member for several years and have been serving as a Chapter Relations officer for the past two years. I have been involved in both 4-H and FFA. In these programs, I was on the Tift County FFA Fundraiser Committee, attended the State FFA Leadership Camp, completed SAE's in Beef Production and Hay Production, on the Tift County Livestock Show Team, a GCCPA Producer and much more. Several of the offices I have held over the years have been the J. T. Reddick 4-H President, Eighth Street Middle School FFA President, North East Campus FFA President, Tift County High School FFA Sophomore Representative and Tift County High School FFA Secretary.

I have been in many other activities and received many awards through the years. My future plans are to attend ABAC and eventually obtain my DVM. My goal as a GJCA officer has been to help educate Georgians about the BEEF Industry and to see our organization grow.

**Victoria Hill,**  
Chapter Relations  
Director



I have been showing livestock since I was 5 years old and at the age of 9 became involved in the beef cattle industry. I have been involved in GJCA and highly involved in FFA and have a deep passion for agriculture. I was on the state winning 4-H livestock judging team and went on to place 19th in the nation. Recently, I was elected to serve on the 2007-2008 State FFA Officer Team as state Secretary. Through my involvement with FFA and showing cattle, I have learned that in the end hard-work ALWAYS pays off!

My favorite quote is: "Those who go to the top believe they can and never question the possibility that they won't!" For the upcoming year as a Chapter Relations director for GJCA, I hope to see more involvement, enthusiasm and success from my fellow members. It's not every day you get to be a part of an organization that's larger than life like the Georgia Junior Cattleman's Association!

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Go online and sign up today! Start receiving eUpdates from the Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Association. These updates include industry news and upcoming events within the organization. It is a way to keep informed and ahead of the game.



Our new theme is "Push it to the Limit" and we would like to invite you to learn more through eUpdates and push your knowledge to the limit this year.

Visit [www.gabeef.org/gjca](http://www.gabeef.org/gjca) today, click on the link and indicate you are a GJCA member!

### Georgia Beef Ambassador Contest

Saturday, February 23, 2008  
8:30 a.m.

In conjunction with the  
Georgia National Junior Livestock Show  
Houston County Extension Service in Perry

Open to all youth ages 13-20, including 4-H, FFA, FHA,  
and other youth organizations.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: February 4, 2008

For more information and details visit the  
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