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## 2007 GCA Convention & Expo Highlights

The 46th Annual GCA Convention & Trade Show was held in conjunction with the 10th Annual Georgia Beef Expo on April 4-7, 2007 in Perry.

On Thursday night at the Cattlemen's Ball, several junior members were in attendance. Among



GJCA members participated in various activities throughout the four-day event including the GJCA Beef Jeopardy & Dessert Reception on Friday evening. Attendees were treated to a variety of desserts while participating in the new beef jeopardy game facilitated by Ronnie Silcox.



those were junior and senior sweepstakes award winners. Casey Allen took home top honors and Melissa Lance, second high individual, was awarded the use of a 20 foot aluminum Eby trailer for one year.



Juniors participated in the Georgia Beef Expo Judging Contest on Saturday. Following the contest, awards were presented for winners of the judging contest as well as the photography contest and beef jeopardy.

## Allen & Lance take Top Sweepstakes Honors

The fourth annual GJCA Sweepstakes Contest came to a close at the GCA Annual Convention & Trade Show April 4-7, 2007, in Perry.

Taking home this year's top honor was Casey Allen of Laurens County. Casey is the daughter of Bobby and Jan Allen of Dudley. Casey is currently attending ABAC and has been an active member and officer in GJCA. Allen took home \$1000 for winning the senior division. She was the winner the previous year, therefore had to forfeit use of the 20 foot aluminum Eby stock trailer to the second place winner, Melissa Lance.

Lance is from Union County. She is the daughter of

Bobby and Janice Lance of Blairsville. Melissa is currently in 10th grade and is also an active member of GJCA. Lance took home \$750 for winning second place in the senior division.

Both have been active in the GJCA in various events throughout the year which include beef industry events, the Beef Expo judging contest, Field Day activities, showmanship, livestock shows, local chapter meetings, the Beef Ambassador contest and convention activities.

For more information on the GJCA Sweepstakes Contest, visit [www.gabeef.org/gjca/](http://www.gabeef.org/gjca/) and click on Sweepstakes.

## Count Your Blessings

“Come on Mom, just this one toy. I promise I will not ask for anything else, just PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!” I’m sure this statement is one each and every one of us has used at least once as a kid. However, we should stop and count our blessings for what we *do* have.

Many times in our daily lives we seem to forget about the things we *already have*, and focus more on what we *want*. I’m sure that the majority of these “things” are materialistic items that we don’t need to survive or complete a task, but they are “things” we want or desire.

I know that the bulk of Georgia’s cattle-producing families do or have lived on a farm. To live on a farm isn’t “just a place to live”; it is a magnificent lifestyle that teaches responsibility, hard work, and trustworthiness to the whole family. The rural lifestyle,

opposed to the city lifestyle, is so different from what we as “farm kids” really stop and consider.

The number of American kids and adults that don’t know where their food comes from is completely shocking. Over and over again in middle and high school, I have heard agriculture teachers discussing the number of students who have not been taught the basics of the agriculture industry. As farm kids, we should be thankful for the opportunity to experience the simple things in life.

We should also be thankful for what our parents or guardians have provided - whether it be the clothes on our back, house we live in, our way of transportation, our cattle projects... the list goes on and on. In times where you just have to have something or just have to go somewhere, simply stop and look at

what you already have been provided and the places you have already been. Since I was very young, I have been taught to be thankful for what I have and not to contemplate over what someone else has. I, as an individual, am so thankful to have parents that are concerned about how I live my life.

As I close, I would like to invite each of you to join us for our annual GJCA Field Day to be held on July 18 in Perry. Look a complete application on page 5 and more details in the June issue of the *Georgia Cattleman*.

I leave you with this quote, “*It is always wise to stop wishing for things long enough to enjoy the fragrance of those now flowering,*” - Patrice Gifford.

— *Michael Goodman,*  
*Chapter Relations Director*

**Ask someone to join GJCA!**

**Get them involved in Sweepstakes contest, field day, convention and more!**

*Membership is \$15 for one year!*



## 2007 Georgia Beef Ambassador

During the state show in Perry, a new beef ambassador was chosen to represent Georgia at the National Beef Ambassador Contest in Louisiana October.

Ward Black of Commerce was chosen as the winner of the senior division and Casey Allen of Dudley earned second place. Ward will represent Georgia at the national contest.

Emilee Brinton of Newnan was the junior division winner. Sydnee Weaver of Sylvania placed second, and Chandler Akins of Nashville placed third.



## 2007 Showmanship Winners

At the 2007 Georgia Junior National Livestock Show, GJCA members took home extra cash. First place winners in showmanship classes who were current members of GJCA were presented with a \$50 savings bond sponsored by GCA.

### Heifer showmanship

- 5th grade, Hannah Bius
- 6th grade, Kari Dylong
- 8th grade, Taylor Gazda
- 10th grade, Melissa Lance

### Steer showmanship

- 5th grade, Kathryn Smith
- 9th grade, Hunter Grayson
- 10th grade, Melissa Lance
- 11th grade, Cameron Clark
- 12th grade, Josh Thompson

# GJCA Local Chapters

## ABAC

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## Clarke-Oconee

Anna Savelle  
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Briana Bryant  
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## Tift County

Michael Goodman  
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## Tri-State

Christy Bryan  
(706) 397-8219

## UGA

Katie Smith  
(229) 220-3017

**Keep us updated!**  
**Forward your list of newly  
elected officers today!**  
*Call, email or mail to Julie Sims.*

GJCA  
Attn: Julie Sims  
P.O. Box 24510  
Macon, GA 31212  
478-474-6560  
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## Want to start a local chapter?

Contact the GJCA office today  
for more details and a  
leadership notebook with  
information on how to get  
started!

# GJCA Award Winners



Sweepstakes Junior Division: Callie Akins, 1st place.



Sweepstakes Senior Division (l to r): Casey Allen, 1st place; Melissa Lance, 2nd place; and Chandler Akins, 3rd place.



Scholarship Winners (l to r): Katie Rosenbalm, Caroline Black, Regina Holliday, (Dr. Jim Strickland), Kellis Johnson and Katie Smith and Christy Bryan (pictured below with Dr. Frank Thomas).



## Sweepstakes Results

### Junior Division

1. Callie Akins
2. Kayla Bryan
3. Breann Pritchett
4. Haley Throne
5. Lori Edwards
6. Natalie Rosenbalm
7. Taylor Gazda
8. Gibson Priest
9. Meredith Franks
10. Kari Dylong

### Senior Division

1. Casey Allen
2. Melissa Lance
3. Chandler Akins
4. Shelly Patton
5. Dava Biles
6. Jason Thrasher
7. Katherine Throne
8. Christy Bryan
9. Timmy Smith
10. Zach Pritchett

**Overall Points:** Casey Allen

## 2007 GJCA Beef Jeopardy Winners

### Champion Junior Team:

Natalie Rosenbalm and Callie Akins

### Champion Senior Team:

Ward Black and Chandler Akins



Girls and guys alike enjoy the dessert reception held during the Beef Jeopardy contest.



## 2007 Georgia Beef Expo Judging Contest Results

### Junior Division

**Place Name**

1. Callie Akins
2. Natalie Rosenbalm
3. Kaylynn Phillips
4. Gibson Priest
5. Julia Ann Williams
6. Becky Shirley
7. Seth Harbuck
8. Meredith Williams
9. Brett Babcock
10. Seth Robinson

### Senior Division

**Place Name**

1. Jacob Holmes
2. Derek Webb
3. Tyler Turnquist
4. Jaren Jeffers
5. Stephen Vaughn
6. Katie Rosenbalm
7. Trent Shirley
8. Casey Allen
9. Chandler Akins
10. Jodey Boss

### Winning Teams

**Junior Division**

- 1st: Dade/Berrien 4-H  
 2nd: Carroll/Jackson  
 3rd: Mary Parsons  
 4th: Bartow 4-H

**Senior Division**

- 1st: Gordon 4-H  
 2nd: Berrien 4-H  
 3rd: GJCA  
 4th: Monroe 4-H KY



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Get involved! **Ask a friend to join GJCA today!** Tell your fellow junior cattle enthusiasts about the many activities offered through GJCA each year! For an application, go to [www.gabeef.org/gjca/membership.html](http://www.gabeef.org/gjca/membership.html)

## GJCA Annual Field Day

July 18, 2007

Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry

### Schedule of Events (Tentative)

- |            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 10:00 a.m. | Registration & Ice Breakers |
| 10:30      | Welcome                     |
|            | Introductions               |
| 11:00      | Stack-n-Pack Activity       |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch                       |
| 1:00       | Team Sales Talk             |
|            | Stockman 101                |
|            | Stockman's Quiz             |
|            | Coloring Contest            |
| 4:00       | Barnyard Olympics           |
| 6:00       | Dinner                      |
|            | Award Presentations         |

Cattle will be allowed in the barn the morning of the field day for field day participants only. If you are not participating in the field day activities, your cattle will not be allowed in the barn.

# GJCA Field Day Registration

Georgia National Fairgrounds, Perry

July 18, 2007

(Please use a separate form for each individual registering.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of adult(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fees (GJCA gift item included)

### Postmarked by July 1:

\_\_\_\_\_ GJCA Member.....@ \$5 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member.....@ \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 for membership, \$5 for field day)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adults.....@ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### After July 1:

\_\_\_\_\_ GJCA Member.....@ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member.....@ \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 for membership, \$10 for field day)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adults.....@ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total amount enclosed.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### For GCA use only:

Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts will NOT be provided. Place your order in advance by filling out the information below or purchase onsite at the field day. **T-shirt orders must be in prior to July 1.** Please check one of the following sizes:

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Small    \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Medium

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Large    \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Small

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Medium    \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Large

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult XL    \_\_\_\_\_ Adult XXL

**\$10**

### Mail to:

**Georgia Junior Cattlemen's Assoc.  
P.O. Box 24510  
Macon, GA 31212**

Please indicate if you are interested in participating in the following contests: (This will not be considered an entry form. It will only be used to determine the level of interest.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Team Sales Talk    \_\_\_\_\_ Stockman 101    \_\_\_\_\_ Stockman's Quiz    \_\_\_\_\_ Barnyard Olympics

## Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge

The 2007 Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge was held on May 5, 2007, at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Agricultural Sciences Building in Tifton, Ga. High school juniors and seniors from Georgia and Florida competed in ten station exercises for scholarships. The first place team was Jr. Florida Cattlemen A, Kelli Hamilton, Heath Huesman and Shawna Newsome. The second place team was Oconee Team, Anna Savelle and Katie Gazda.

Placing third was North Georgia team, Caroline Black, Laura Hatcher and



Kelly Tawzer. The fourth place team was South Georgia, Ben Scott, Samantha Tankersley and Austin Taylor. Placing fifth was the Jr. Florida Cattlemen B team, Parker Capparelli and Andrew McWilliams. The sixth place team was the Wilcox Beef Team, Cameron Clark, Colton Farrow and Matthew Studstill. Placing seventh was the Oglethorpe FFA, Melissa Dove, Bobby Dyer and Kylie Foster. Congratulations to all the teams!

A special thank you to the sponsors who made this event possible!

### Scholarship Sponsors:

1st place \$1,000 each: GCA Foudation  
2nd place \$700 each: Georgia Allied Industry Council  
3rd place \$500 each: Georgia Angus Association  
4th place \$300 each: Three Trees Ranch  
5th place \$250 each: UGA College of Vet. Medicine  
6th place \$200 each: Salacoa Valley Farms  
7th place \$150 each: MM Cattle Co. / Collins Farms

### General Sponsors:

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Reproduction: Reproductive Management Services  
Beef Management Challenge: SE GA Cattle Marketing Association  
Credit & Finance: GA Farm Credit Associations

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## State 4-H & FFA Record Book Winners

The 2007 state record book winners were recognized at the Georgia Junior National Livestock show in Perry, February 23, 2007. Junior and senior division awards were presented in five categories including market steer, breeding heifer, commercial dairy heifer, market lamb and market hog.

The junior breeding heifer category: first place, Shelby Edison, Oglethorpe Co. 4-H; second place, Kari Dylong, Newton Co. 4-H; third place, Sydnee Weaver, Screven Co. 4-H and FFA; fourth place, Meridith Williams, Carroll Co. 4-H; and fifth place, Samantha Strickland, Houston FFA.

The senior breeding heifer category: first place, Caroline Black, Jackson Co. FFA; second place, Shelly Patton,

Madison Co. FFA; third place, Mary Porter, Wayne Co. 4-H; fourth place, Hallie Graham, Wayne Co. 4-H; and fifth place, Katie Gazda, Oconee Co. 4-H.

The junior market steer category: first place, Ben Duncan, Carroll Co. 4-H; second place, David Kissinger, Carroll Co. 4-H; third place, B. J. Townson, Tift Co. 4-H; fourth place, Sawyer Lane, Carroll Co. 4-H; and fifth place, Cole Brogdon, Laurens Co. 4-H.

In the senior market steer category: first place, Samantha Tankersley, Tift Co. 4-H; second place, Caroline Black, Jackson Co. FFA; third place, Melissa Lance, Union Co. 4-H; fourth place, Michael Goodman, Tift Co. 4-H; and fifth place, Benjamin Kissinger, Carroll Co. 4-H.

**Congratulations to all winners!**

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## 2007 GJCA Photography Contest Winners

At this year's convention and expo, GJCA hosted it's fifth annual photography contest. The contest consisted of three age divisions and four categories. The contest was sponsored by the *Georgia Cattleman*.

### 13-UNDER AGE DIVISION (below)



### 14-17 AGE DIVISION (below)



### 18-21 AGE DIVISION (below)



**AG & CONSERVATION** (left to right): Kayla Bryan, Natalie Rosenbalm and Christy Bryan

**FUNNY** (left to right): Haley Throne, Katherine Throne and Christy Bryan

**LANDSCAPE** (left to right): Haley Throne, Natalie Rosenbalm and Christy Bryan

**LIVESTOCK** (left to right): Cole Rowland, Mary Porter and Christy Bryan

### ***Interested in becoming a GJCA officer?***

GJCA officer applications are due June 15, 2007. Six positions are available and juniors will participate in an interview as part of the selection process. The new officers will be announced at the GJCA field day July 18, 2007. If you will be 16 years of age by September 1, 2007, and are interested in applying, please contact Julie Sims at [juliesims@gabeef.org](mailto:juliesims@gabeef.org) or 478-474-6560.

Applications are also available online at [www.gabeef.org](http://www.gabeef.org) by clicking on the junior website.

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## GJCA Officers in Action



GJCA Officers at the 2007 Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge. Pictured left to right: Jason Thrasher, Mandy Elliott, Casey Allen, Victoria Hill and Michael Goodman.



GJCA Officer Meeting in Tifton. Pictured left to right: Shannon Irwin, Michael Goodman and Casey Allen.

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE

2

**State 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Athens**

8-9

**Southern National Jr. and Open Angus Show, Perry**

13-17

**Eastern Regional Jr. Simmental Show, Lawrenceville**



### JULY

18

**GJCA Field Day, Perry**

19-21

**Georgia Junior Beef Futurity, Perry**

24-27

**State 4-H Congress, Atlanta**

### AUGUST

17-18

**GA Young Farmer Show, Perry**