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GJCA FAIR SOCIAL

Friday, October 6, 2006

Come join the GJCA officer team for refreshments and socializing following showmanship on Friday.

Each member who attends the social will receive a free GJCA koozie.

For those who are not current GJCA members but would like to join, please stop by and sign up and receive a complimentary koozie for joining your fellow junior cattlemen.

We look forward to seeing you there!



“ROCKIN’ TO SUCCESS”

My name is Casey Allen, the newly selected Chairman for the Georgia Junior Cattlemen’s Association. Back in August, the 2006-2007 GJCA Officer Team met for the annual officer training meeting. I am very privileged to be working with such a fine group of individuals. This year is going to be the beginning of a new direction for the association.

First off, I would like to introduce my fellow officers. Victoria Hill is from Tifton County and is serving as Convention Coordinator. Jason Thrasher is from Oglethorpe County and serving as Field Day Coordinator. Mandy Elliott from Bibb County, Shannon Irwin from Jones County and Michael Goodman from Tift County are serving as Chapter Relations officers.

Our new theme, “**Rockin’ to Success**” is exactly what we hope to do this year. As the year goes by, you must keep your eyes open because you will never know where the **Rockin’** GJCA Officer Team might be. We will be traveling around the state to different events. A hint to one location we will be at this year involves fun rides and lots of cotton candy. You guessed it, Georgia National Fair. At the fair, we will be hosting a meet and greet social for you, the junior members. It will be held on Friday, October 6th.

Several of our events have changed this year. We hope to have the opportunity to host the Stockman’s Quiz competition across the state at regional shows. At the State Show in February, we hope to host a Team Sales Talk. Both events will replace some of what has taken place at the Annual GJCA Field Day. By moving the events to different times of the year, we hope to reach more of our junior membership. Although you can look



forward to the Barnyard Olympics at the Futurity. We will continue to host the Beef Industry Scholarship Challenge in the spring. All of the changes mean a lot of time and opportunities for each of you to compete and have fun meeting other junior members.

Keep in mind that we have the Sweepstakes Contest. I know each of you would like to experience hauling

a successful new year. The team encourages each of you to review the list of events and be prepared to make this a successful year for GJCA. The desire of the GJCA officer team is for each of you to gain more through your



your show cattle around the state in a 20-foot aluminum trailer. By attending the events, competitions and other industry related meetings you can build up points to win the trailer. Remember, every point adds up.

As most of you know, the Annual GCA Convention and Trade Show will be held in conjunction with the Beef Expo in Perry on April 4-7, 2007. I encourage each of you to join us throughout that weekend at the events and competitions. Be sure to get your teams ready. As many of you can tell, there are going to be a lot of changes throughout the year. The officer team believes these changes will have our junior cattlemen’s association “**Rockin’ to Success**” with a fun-filled, jam-packed year!

- Casey Allen, Chairman

The 2006-2007 GJCA Officer team is excited about the upcoming year. The officer training/planning session was held on August 25-26 in Macon, Ga. At the meeting, new ideas were discussed to make this

experiences as a GJCA member. The team encourages each of you to get “Rockin’ to Success”. “Rockin’ to Success” will serve as the GJCA theme for the 2006-2007 year. JAS

2006-2007 GJCA OFFICER TEAM



Pictured left to right: Casey Allen, Chairman; Victoria Hill, Convention Coordinator; Jason Thrasher, Field Day Coordinator; Mandy Elliott, Chapter Relations; Michael Goodman, Chapter Relations; Shannon Irwin, Chapter Relations.

Casey Allen is a freshman at ABAC. She has served as a GJCA officer for three years and is currently serving as the 2006-2007 chairman. Casey has many recognitions, achievements and awards which include the Farm Bureau Scholarship, Society of High School Scholars, Heart of Georgia Tech Prep Consortium Tech Prep Champion, GJCA Sweepstakes Contest, 2006 BCHS Honor Graduate, delegate to the 2004 Washington Youth Tour and ABAC Ag Alumni Scholarship. Her future plan is to return home to the school system and start a middle school FFA chapter.

Victoria Hill is a junior at Tift County High School. She has served as TCHS FFA Sophomore Representative, Area V FFA President and Tift Area Academy 4-H President. Victoria has many achievements and awards which include 2005 Star Greenhand Award, FFA Quiz - 5th State, FFA Creed - 4th State, Jr. Prepared Public Speaking - 3rd State, FFA Jr. Livestock Judging Team - 5th State, Sr. Prepared Public Speaking - 3rd Area and Tift Co. 4-H Livestock Judging Team - 1st State. Her future plans include attending college to receive her DMV and start her own practice.

Jason Thrasher is a freshman at ABAC. He has served as the Vice President of both his FFA chapter and of Skills USA. Jason has received many awards and recognition including Augusta Fair, Broad River Soil and Water Conservation, Local Farm Bureau, and Washington Area Steer and Heifer Show scholarships; Star Animal and Plant Sciences student; 2006 OCHS Honor Graduate and GNF Showmanship Winner - 11th grade division. His future plan is to locate a high school where he can work towards development of a strong agriculture classroom.

Mandy Elliott is a freshman at ABAC. Last year Mandy served on the GJCA officer team as she continues this year. Mandy was an FFA member for four years and a chapter officer for two of those years. She is a member of the American Cancer Society and recently received an American Cancer Society scholarship to go towards her college education. Her goal is to finish her Agricultural Education degree and start an ag program at a school that does not currently have the program. Through her teaching she hopes to make a difference in lives of her students.

Michael Goodman is a junior at Tift County High School. He has served as Tift Co. High FFA Sophomore Representative and Tift Co. High FFA Secretary. Michael has many awards and achievements which include Blue and Gold Award,;Parliamentary Procedure Team, 6th State; Pork Project, 2nd Area; Beef Project, 1st Area; FFA Livestock Judging, 3rd High Individual, 2nd Team; and 4-H Livestock Judging, 1st State. His future plan is to attend college and receive his DVM.

Shannon Irwin has been an active member of GJCA and FFA through the years. Her many achievements and awards include FFA State Degree, Teen Leader, Shotgun Team member, DPA participant in 4-H. She has also received many awards for her competitions in Tae Kwon Do tournaments. She has been an active junior member of the Georgia Limousin Association and the North American Limousin Association. Her future plans are to attend college to become a Law Enforcement Park Ranger and later study landscaping.



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