

The Line-Up

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Terms Expiring at the 2008 NJSGHS:

- Joanna Stewart - At Large (not eligible to re-run)
- Shelby Barrow - At Large (eligible to re-run)
- Luke Lyness - At Large (eligible to re-run)
- BJ Ozuna - District 1 (not eligible to re-run)
- Logan Streadl - District 1 (not eligible to re-run)
- Amber Barrow - District 2 (eligible to re-run)
- Jeremy McMillan - District 3 (eligible to re-run)

From The President



Joanna Stewart
Woodland, Alabama
At-Large Director

The end is near. We're on the home stretch. This seems to be the busiest time of year, yet also the most wonderful. I am taking a plant identification class this semester, so each week I get to walk through the University of Tennessee's world renowned botanical gardens. Seeing the new growth from day to day gets me excited about everything that is to come. I attended my first pool party of the season last week, so I know the long awaited summer break is just around the corner! Just a few more days until finals are a thing of the past! I know that beautiful sound in the distance is a band of angels singing "The Hallelujah Chorus". Never again will I have to endure "The Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals" (It's brutal, trust me!). For you, it may be calculus or biology, but you all share these feelings, and I know you are equally as eager as I to end this semester of school. Just keep on keeping on. We will all make it!

During this time of year, many choices must be made. For you seniors, it may be finalizing where you go to college. For others it might be if you're going to work this summer or what classes you will take in the fall. For me, it is a combination of all of these mixed in with the option of trying out for cheerleader again. I know I harp on this with each Line Up, but seriously, it is time for NJSGHS! Talk about being on the home stretch! There's just over a month to go! If I'm not mistaken, it is only seven weeks away from now, so by the time you're reading this, it will be even closer! Get excited! So, as you make choices throughout the next few weeks, make some that pertain to junior nationals as well. Choose to compete in a new competition. Choose to work hard to do better in those you normally participate in. Even more importantly, choose to meet someone new. Choose to leave the wood stack a little higher than you found it. Choose to make this organization yours and do all you can to participate and help it grow. Although many things are coming to an end right now, NJSGA certainly is not. Let us all take pride in that fact. I hope you enjoy the last few days of the school year and even more so, the fun that is to come. I cannot wait to see you all in Louisville!

In everything the ends well defined are the secret of durable success.

Victor Cousins

Joanna Stewart
NJSGA President



Behind the *Blue Blazers*

- Each newsletter we'll share with you more information on your elected leadership.

Katy Wampler, District 1



Hometown- Terrell, TX

Education- Currently going to college to become an RN

Why are you a director? I became a director, because I love being able to help people. I enjoy meeting new people and serving the breed.

Hobbies- Dancing, singing (when no one can hear me), and being with my friends

Favorite Cut of Steak- Filet

Favorite Song- "Sick" by Fly Leaf

Biggest Fear- Snakes and clowns

Most Embarrassing Moment- Kicking my boot off in the middle of our drill team's half-time performance...at least I met a cute football player in the process!

Favorite Gert Memory- Winning showmanship at Nationals in Springfield, MO

Tana Townsend, District 1



Hometown- Louise, TX

Education- Currently a sophomore at Louise High School

Why are you a director? I became a director, because I wanted to make a difference and be a leader to younger junior members.

Hobbies- Basketball, softball, cheerleading, showing cattle, riding horses, and hunting

Favorite Cut of Steak- Ribeye

Favorite Song- "That's the Way" by Eli Young Band

Biggest Fear- Spiders

Most Embarrassing Moment- Asking the other directors how far Washington was from D.C.

Favorite Gert Memory- Whooping up on all the guys during the Survivor game at the National show in Mercedes

Kaycee Riley, 2007-2008 NJSGA Queen



Hometown- McIntosh, NM

Education- Currently in nursing school at New Mexico State University

Why did you run for Queen? I wanted to represent the breed and the state of New Mexico (New Mexico has never had a National Queen before). I also wanted to have the opportunity to promote all of the advancements that have been made by the Gert breed, serve as a role model to the younger members, and make some unforgettable memories with the rest of the association.

Hobbies- Showing cattle, playing sports, and just having fun

Favorite Cut of Steak- Sirloin

Favorite Song- "We Rode in Trucks" by Luke Bryan

Biggest Fear- Snakes (I can't even watch them on tv)

Most embarrassing moment- Going to shake the other team's hand after a volleyball game and falling flat on my face in front of the entire gym

Favorite Gert Memory- Meeting all of my friends and getting to spend time with them at the shows

Emma McCormick, 2007-2008 NJSGA Princess



Hometown- Sealy, TX

Education- Currently attending Sealy High School

Why did you run for Princess? I wanted to lead our breed into a brighter tomorrow.

Hobbies- Track, Cross-Country, Picking dewberries, and, of course, raising and showing Gerts

Favorite Cut of Steak- T-bone

Favorite Song- "Bleeding Love" by Leona Lewis

Biggest Fear- Zombies

Most Embarrassing Moment- I've had a few! The most recent was hiding under a table during a food fight- I thought it was a good idea!!

Favorite Gert Memory- Being crowned National Princess

NJSGA Director Application Deadline:

May 15, 2008
Originals Only - No Faxes

Charles "Charlie" Wilson



Charles "Charlie" William Wilson, III passed away in a car accident on April 5, 2008 in Carrizo Springs, Texas. Charlie was born in San Antonio, Texas on August 16, 1989, and was a member of both Santa Gertrudis Breeders International and the Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association from the time

he began his show career until his death.

Charlie never met a stranger and was a great friend to everyone he knew. He was often seen walking around the show barn with a huge grin plastered across his face, often laughing about his latest act of mischief in the show barn.

This past year, as a senior at Carrizo Springs High School, Charlie exhibited the Champion Charlois steer and the Grand Champion Beefmaster Female at the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Along with his love of the show ring, Charlie enjoyed steer roping, hog and deer hunting, working the family ranch, and spending time with his friends. He was a Director on the Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association Board and the President of the Dimmit County 4-H club. Charlie touched the lives of many people involved within this organization. He was truly one of the most giving people one could ever meet. He never failed to carry a hay bale or help feed cattle- regardless of whether or not you asked him to. Please keep the Wilson family in your prayers, as his giving nature and carefree spirit will truly be missed.

Brain Bowl Tips

By Luke Lyness

1. Study every question - making flash cards can be very helpful!
2. Get with your teammates to study.
3. Be fresh on the day of the contest.
4. Be quick on the buzzer, but make sure you don't click the buzzer too soon.
5. Remember to relax and enjoy yourself.



Public Speaking Tips

By Allison Grainger

When writing your speech:



- 1) Find a topic that interests you- it can be ANYTHING! Be creative!
- 2) Talk to people that work in a field related to your topic to get a better insight
- 3) RESEARCH- the internet is a great tool!
- 4) Come up with a creative introduction that ties into your speech and that will catch the judges' attention- again, BE CREATIVE!

- 5) Make sure it fits the appropriate time length (4-7 minutes)

When presenting your speech:

- 1) Practice, practice, practice- stand in front of the mirror and say your speech. It will give you an idea of what you will look like to the audience.
- 2) Come up with questions that the judges could ask about your speech
- 3) Ask family members and friends to give you advice on ways to improve
- 4) Experiment with ways to keep yourself calm
- 5) RELAX and don't be nervous!

All Things Nationals...Louisville, Kentucky

2008 NJSGHS Class Breaks & Ownership Deadlines

Classes 1 through 5

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2008

- Class 1 November 1, 2007 and Later
- Class 2 September 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007
- Class 3 July 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007
- Class 4 June 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007
- Class 5 May 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007

Classes 8 through 2

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2007

- Class 8 April 1, 2007 to April 30, 2007
- Class 9 March 1, 2007 to March 31, 2007
- Class 10 February 1, 2007 to February 28, 2007
- Class 11 January 1, 2007 to January 31, 2007
- Class 14 November 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006
- Class 15 September 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006
- Class 16 July 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006
- Class 17 May 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006
- Class 20 March 1, 2006 to April 30, 2006
- Class 21 January 1, 2006 to February 28, 2006
- Class 22 October 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005
- Class 23 July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005

If you should have any questions please contact the SGBI office by phone or email.

Gerts R' Great 2008!

Louisville, Kentucky

Watch for more details in Santa Gertrudis USA, www.santagertrudis.com and this newsletter

REMINDER

Please remember ALL heifers 24 months of age or older to be eligible to show must have produced a calf or be safe in calf as verified by a graduate veterinarian. Veterinarian must indicate on health certificate how far along female is bred. If animal is open due to being in an embryo transfer program this fact must be verified by a written statement signed by a licensed embryo technician

2008 National Santa Gertrudis Junior Heifer Show

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Noon Grounds Available for early arrival to Tie Outs

Sunday, June 8, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Early Cattle Check-in/Tie Outs
Stalls available for affiliate setup

5:00 p.m. NJSGA Mentor Meeting (Show Office)

Monday, June 9, 2008

8:00 a.m. - noon Cattle Check-in Continued
*All Cattle Checked-In by Noon

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Check-In Yearbook, PowerPoint & Photography

*All Above Entries Checked-In by 3:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Queen/Princes Brunch/Interview (Holiday Inn)

11:30 a.m. NJSGA Director Interviews **TIME CHANGE**

12:30 p.m. NJSGA Mentor Meeting (Show Office)

1:00 p.m. Brain Bowl (West Hall-Kentucky Expo Center)

6:00 p.m. Welcome Dinner - Bluegrass & Barbeque
Louisville Male High School

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

8:00 a.m. Cattle in Barn

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Herdsman Contest

9:00 a.m. Sales Talk (West Wing Show Arena)

2:00 p.m. Public Speaking (West Hall-Kentucky Expo Center)

6:00 p.m. Need for Speed Cookout
Go-Cart Track - Shepherdsville

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

8:00 a.m. Cattle In Barn

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Herdsman Contest

9:00 a.m. Showmanship (Sr., Interm, Jr, Pee-Wee)

2:00 p.m. Livestock Judging/Cattleman's Contest (West Hall)

6:00 p.m. Scholarship Interviews (West Hall)

Thursday, June 12, 2008

8:00 a.m. Cattle in Barn

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Herdsman Contest

8:00 a.m. NSGJHS Purebred Female Show
NJSGA General Membership Meeting

1 hour after selection of Champion Female
6:00 p.m. SGBI Youth Activities Gathering (West Hall)

Friday, June 13, 2008

8:00 a.m. NSGJHS Special Classes Judging
(Bred&Owned; Best of Polled; Donated Heifer & Star Five)

6:00 p.m. NJSGHS Awards Banquet (Holiday Inn South)
Cattle Released After Banquet

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Cattle must be off Grounds before NOON

2008 National Santa Gertrudis Junior Heifer Show Important Dates & Reminders

2008 NSGJHS Packets

NSGJS Packets have been mailed to those juniors that have paid their 2008 membership dues and outstanding balances. If you did not receive a packet please contact the SGBI office at (361) 592-9357 or sgbi@sbcglobal.net to see if you dues have been paid.

2008 NSGJHS Entry Deadline

The 2008 NSGJHS Entry Deadline is **May 15, 2008**. Entries **MUST** be complete with **NO PENDING** animals. Payment **MUST** accompany entries; if no payment they **WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**. Entries will be processed at the SGBI office in Kingsville, Texas

NO LATE ENTRIES

There will be no late entries accepted for the 2008 NSGJHS. The entry deadline is May 15, 2008, any entries postmarked after that deadline will not be accepted.

2008 Graduating Seniors

For those graduating seniors that are members of the NJSQA, the National Santa Gertrudis Youth Foundation provides scholarship for college educations. If you are a graduating senior and would like to apply for a scholarship; please contact the SGBI office in Kingsville, Texas to request an application. The Polled Santa Gertrudis Association also provides a scholarship. The same application is used. In order to be eligible for the Polled scholarship you must be a member of their association as well.

2008 NSGJHS Lodging Information

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn South

2715 Fern Valley Road Louisville, Kentucky 40213
(502) 964-3311 Rate: \$75/night

2008 National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Show

RV Information

Reservations can be made by sending a check or money order to amount of \$45 to: Parking Admissions Office - KFEC

P.O. Box 37130 Louisville, Kentucky 40233

Daily Rate: HookUps \$45 No HookUps \$25

2008 NSGJHS Donations

Donations are still in need for the 2008 National Santa Gertrudis Junior Heifer Show. The show is still seeking monetary donations and in-kind donations. If you are interested in contributing please contact:

Billy & Connie Meredith
(270) 358-9735

Pat & Beverly Heath
(270) 358-4820

Norvall & Anna Sells Hardluck

Each year at the National Jr. Heifer Show, the Hard Luck award is given to an individual that just hasn't had things go their way. One thing that makes this award so unique is that every winner has a story. In the past some have been funny, some sad, and, still, others pretty tragic.

The Hard Luck award is given in memory of Norvall and Anna Sells. The Sells were strong supporters of the junior association for many years, with Anna continuing after her husband passed away. Many will remember Ms. Anna coming to the shows each summer to calculate the Byron Thoms award. After her passing it was only fitting to rename the award the Norvall & Anna Sells Hardluck Award. They each had a piece of advice to share with a junior member or were there to offer support.

There is a **maximum of one nominee** for each affiliate. So, talk to your affiliate advisor, president, etc. and fill out the form explaining your 'hard luck'. Applications will be available at the show office beginning on Monday, June 9th. They will need to be turned in by Wednesday, June 11th by 4:00 p.m. to the show office.

This award lets the receiving winner know that we, as an organization, do care and are supportive of them, just as the Sells were of the junior association.



We Want to Hear From You!

That's right! We know there are a lot more junior members out there competing and being successful in several areas, so send us your news so we can get it in The Line-Up. Let us know what is going on in your area, in your affiliate and in and around your state.

You can send your affiliate or member information to The Line-Up Committee via email, fax or mail.

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Sales Talk Tips

By Allison Grainger

Here are some ways to make sure that you are successful when competing in the Sales Talk competition:

- 1) Know the bloodlines of your animal
- 2) Come up with a price that you are willing to sell the animal for and why are asking for that price
- 3) Be prepared to talk about why they should buy your animal for 5-7 minutes. Talk about everything that you like about her. These things may be ANYTHING that would get them to buy her: She doesn't kick; She is muscular; She is safe in calf, etc.
- 4) If you don't know the answer to a question, DON'T WORRY! Remain calm and answer honestly.
- 5) Always seal the deal! Your objective is to sell your calf. At the very end, always ask how they would like the calf to be delivered to them or when they would want to pick her up.
- 6) Remember to shake the judge's hands at the end!



Showmanship Tips

By Katy Wampler

Basic Showmanship Tips

By Katy Wampler

With the National Junior Heifer Show approaching fast, we thought that a few explanations of proper show ring etiquette would be helpful. Here is your show ring checklist:

- 1) Hat- If you choose to wear a hat, please make it a cowboy hat. Ball caps, visors and any other kind of casual hat are a big No, No!

Showmanship cont'd

2) Button up shirts are preferable to most judges-They can be long sleeved or short sleeved, but they must be TUCKED IN!

3) Nice jeans or khaki pants

4) Boots or some kind of sturdy footwear-Tennis shoes, flip-flops, and sandals are a definite NO!

5) Remember your first priority: your heifer! -Your heifer is the whole reason that you are even in the ring.

Your one job is to make her look the best that you can.

6) Always know where the judge is! You want the judge to look at your heifer as much as possible.

Do everything that you can to get your heifer set perfect and watch where the judge is at all times. Even if you have to circle out of your spot to get your heifer back to the desired position, make it look good for the judge.

7) Pay attention! Keep a sharp eye on your surroundings, other heifers, and where the judge might ask you to go. Paying attention in the ring will save you from a lot of accidents.

8) When turning around, always push the halter OVER the heifer's nose to turn right.

9) Do NOT pick at your heifer's feet. Get her close and leave her.

10) Darrell Pitchford once told me, "Quick set, loin, look." He meant that you should set your heifer up quickly and efficiently. Check to see if she needs to be loined (To loin a heifer is to use the tip of your show stick to stroke the heifer's back in order to flatten her top- Not every heifer needs this!). Then, look for the judge.

Everyone is different in showmanship, but maybe these tips will help you! Remember you junior board is in the ring at all times, and we are there if you need any assistance.



NJSGA Director Elections

Make a difference within the junior association- **BECOME A JUNIOR DIRECTOR!** This past year, the NJSGA passed an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws regarding the election of junior directors. Rather than relying solely on popular vote, **both district and at-large directors** must now go through an election process.

This process will consist of several percentages that will effect the total score of each candidate- **40% Popular Vote, 30% Interview by panel, and 30% Application.**

Those juniors wishing to run for a NJSGA director position will need to request an application from the SGBI office. The applications are available now. The completed application will need to be returned to the SGBI office **no later than May 15, 2008.** Faxed copies will not be accepted, only original documents.

The following positions are available: three (3) at-large positions and four (4) district positions. The district positions are:

Three (3) from District 1 - 2 two year terms; 1 one year term

One (1) from District 2 - Two Year Term

One (1) from District 3 - Two Year Term

At-Large Positions - 3 all two year terms

All juniors that have an interest in being a leader within the association should apply. If you have questions please contact a junior director or the SGBI office.

Director Interviews will take place on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. on the Kentucky Expo Center Grounds. Room will be announced. This is an interview appropriate dress is suggested.

NJSGA Mentoring Program

By: Katy Wampler

As nationals approaches the NJSGA will embark on a first - the first NJSGA Mentoring Program. Members attending Nationals for the first time can request to have a mentor assigned to them to ensure they understand each contest, to encourage participation in activities, and to introduce them to new people. This mentor will not be from the same affiliate and must have attended at least three National Junior Heifer Shows.

If you have received your packet for nationals you can sign up for the mentoring program or to be a mentor right on the heifer show entry form.

This is open to all ages. If you're 14 and just getting involved you can have a mentor. The object of this program is to ensure that all junior members know what is available to them as a member of the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association.

There will be a NJSGA Mentor meeting, for those wishing to have a mentor and those wanting to be a mentor on **Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the show office.** If you are not arriving on Sunday then we will meet again **Monday, June 9th at 12:30 p.m. in the show office.** You must attend the meeting to pick up your mentor book.

If you are new to the association and are not quite sure what affiliates are and all that...then give us a call and we will send you information on affiliate activities or put you in contact with an affiliate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dakota Smith, Allison Grainger, or myself!

The barn in Louisville may be cooler than what we normally are use to so be prepared.

May 2008

- 5/10 Santa Roundup Sale, Athens, Texas
- 5/15 2008 NSGJHS ENTRY DEADLINE**
- 5/17-18 Premier Affiliate Warm-Up Show, Athens, Texas
- 5/25 ARKOMA Affiliate Warm-Up Show, Cave City, Arkansas
- 5/26 SGBI Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- 5/29 ABC Cow/Calf Clinic, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 5/31 ABC Cow/Calf Clinic, Fayetteville, Arkansas

June 2008

- 6/6 Five Oaks Ranch Drive-Up Junior Show, Clifton, Texas
- 6/7 18th Annual Five Oaks Ranch Production Sale, Clifton, Texas
- 6/7 2008 NSGJHS Kentucky Expo. Center Grounds Available for Arrival after 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- 6/8 2008 NSGJHS Early Cattle Check-in 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. (in tie-outs)
- 6/9-13 2008 NSGJHS, Louisville, Kentucky
- 6/25-27 Independent Cattleman's Association Convention, Galveston, Texas
- 6/26-27 SGBI Director, Committee Chair, Affiliate President Retreat, Kingsville, Texas
- 6/27 Santa Gertrudis Foundation Brand Wall "Branding Party", Kingsville, Texas (after Retreat close)
- 6/28 SGBI Board of Directors Meeting, Kingsville, Texas

July 2008

- 7/4 SGBI Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 7/12 Premier Affiliate Summer Sale, West, Texas
- 7/18-19 Kentucky National Show & Sale, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dates To Remember



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