

The Line-Up

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- Joanna Stewart - At Large (not eligible to re-run)
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- 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

Holiday Greetings Juniors~!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing great. This past year was a good one for our breed and junior association. Throughout the year each of us is extremely busy, be it taking care of our Santa Gertrudis projects, football, cheering or academics; however take the time out this year and reflect on what you have been given and the support you have received from family, friends and others. We are all so busy that we sometimes forget to thank those that have gone out of their way to make our lives a little better.

I am enjoying my holiday break visiting with friends and family. This year with classes, cheerleading and work it was hectic, but I survived it all and I am working on NJSGA activities and events for the coming year.

As you will see this is our Winter edition of The LineUp. We hope that the information inside will be useful to each and every one of you. You will notice there are some important deadlines and information about director positions. Please read them carefully and if you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the directors or the SGBI office.

I hope that your holiday has been filled with fun and relaxation.

Always,

Joanna

Joanna Stewart
NJSGA President



Joanna Stewart
Woodland, Alabama
At-Large Director



Behind the *Blue Blazers*

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

Jeremy McMillian, District 3

Hometown- Perdue Hill, AL



Education- Currently a senior in high school

Why are you a director?- I became a director in order to help the younger juniors in the show ring.

Hobbies- Hunting, fishing, riding 4-wheelers, and showing cattle

Favorite Cut of Steak- Prime Rib

Favorite Song- "She Ain't Right" by Lee Brice

Biggest Fear- Spiders

Most Embarrassing Moment- Falling down in the gym at a pep rally

Favorite Gert Memory- Meeting Katy Wampler

Allyson Hughes, District 4

Hometown- Christmas, FL



Education- Currently a junior in high school

Why are you a director?- I became a director, because I have a passion for Gerts.

Hobbies- Weight lifting, theatre, and FFA

Favorite Cut of Steak- Sirloin

Favorite Song- "Livin' Our Love Song" by Jason Michael Carrol

Biggest Fear- Frogs

Most Embarrassing Moment- Ripping my pants while trying to show off at a boys weight lifting meet by doing a round-off backhand spring

Favorite Gert Memory- My first GOALS in Stone Mountain, GA (the world of Coca Cola!)

Logan Streadl, District 1

Hometown- Orange Grove, TX



Education- Currently a sophomore at Tarleton State University

Why are you a director?- I became a director, because I wanted to give back to the breed that has given so much to me.

Hobbies- Hunting, fishing, and riding horses

Favorite Cut of Steak- T-bone

Favorite Song- "This Cowboy's Hat" by Chris Ledoux

Biggest Fear- Not having a biggest fear

Most embarrassing moment- Falling asleep in class and yelling something out while I was still asleep

Favorite Gert Memory- My first NJSGHS in Waco, TX

Dakota Smith, At-large Director

Hometown- Cartwright, OK



Education- Currently a junior at Colbert High School

Why are you a director?- I became a director in order to help the juniors and to help this great breed flourish.

Hobbies- Showing, giving speeches, and acting

Favorite Cut of Steak- Porterhouse

Favorite Song- "International Harvester" by Craig Morgan

Biggest Fear- Failing at something that I love

Most embarrassing moment- I have too many to recall.

Favorite Gert Memory- My first NJSGHS in Little Rock, Arkansas

Texas Tech Judging Team Wins National Title

NJSGA Member, Brett Wheeler, Part of Team

The Texas Tech University Livestock Judging Team was named national champion at the 2007 North American International Livestock Exposition, held Nov. 12 in Louisville, Ky. "It's an awesome experience," said Jeff Berry, a member of the team and senior animal sciences major from Cheyenne, Wyo. Texas Tech claimed four of the top 10 individual rankings in the competition and earned first place in the cattle and oral reasons divisions, second in sheep, and third overall in swine to win the national championship for the first time since 1985.

In addition, the team set an all-time record in the oral reasons division, scoring 1,881 points. Ryan Rathmann, livestock judging coach and an instructor in Texas Tech's Department of Animal and Food Sciences, said team members committed tremendous amounts of time to achieve their goal of winning the national contest.

"Their work ethic and determination finally persevered," he said. The competition, which featured teams from across the nation – including Kansas State University, Texas A&M University, Colorado State University and Oklahoma State University – tested the students' knowledge of cattle, sheep and swine, as well as their oral reasons for ranking animals.

Along with the national championship, three team members were named to the All-American Livestock Judging Team at the event. The students included Landi Woolley of Grandview, Amber Harris of Pearland and Matthew Stolz of Brenham. Other members of the team were Jordan Hicks of Hereford, Brett Wheeler of Plant City, Fla., Greg McNeil of Rosharon, Clint Halfmann of Wall, Jonathan Hisey of Rule, Andrew Hokanson of Dumas and Garrett Holder of Andrews.

According to North American International Livestock Exposition officials, the annual event is the world's largest all-breed, purebred livestock exposition. Ten different types of livestock compete, and the purebred beef and sheep events are the largest in the world. "We've got a program that recruits outstanding students and training programs capable of taking them to the highest level," said Kevin Pond, chairman of Texas Tech's Department of Animal

and Food Sciences. "If you take great students and train them appropriately, you can expect them to excel. This adds to the 20 previous national championships our departmental teams have won."

Donated Heifer Program

By: Dakota Smith

As many of you know, I show several different breeds of cattle. However, one thing is for sure, the Santa Gertrudis Junior Nationals is the *only* one where a junior member can receive a donated heifer for every single purebred class and three other champions. The Santa Gertrudis breed is known for their breeders' support of the junior members. As one donor simply stated, "I love these cows, especially when I know I gave the kid a chance to compete one more year!" I know many of the donors love to hear about how you are doing, how the heifer is doing, and sometimes, just to hear "Thank You!" We, as juniors, need to thank our fellow breeders for doing all they do in helping us in the small, everyday events but also in donating a prize animal! I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the donors for the 2007 NJSGHS in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The next time you see these fine people don't hesitate to say "Thank You" for all that they do!

Double TT Ranch: Wylie and BJ Taliaferro

O/X Ranch: Stacy and Debbie Montano

DuBois Cattle Co.: Tom and Debbie DuBois

San Jose Cattle Co: Felix Serna

Minix Cattle Co.: Donny and Joy Minix

Cherokee Ranch: Raphael Miranda

Snodgress Cattle Co.: Randy Snodgress

Vesper Ranches: Kelly Vesper

Strait Ranches: Y.N. Strait

Olivarez Ranches: Ben Olivarez

4B Cattle Ranch: Shane Broussard

NAF - Cattle Division: Dexter and Jan Joyner

Double G Farms: Gilbert Garza

Jerome Urbanosky

Liberty Ranch: Ira Barrow

Red Doc Farm: Dr. Roland and Elia Sanchez & Family

Caney Creek Cattle Co.: Harry Marett

Wendt Ranch: Dan and Jane Wendt

Lazy E Ranch: John Wilson

Arrow W Ranch: Dr. Carl, Vince & Mary Westbrook & Family



Retraction

In the last issue of *The Line Up*, several of the printed articles did not have the authors noted next to them. We would like to recognize the following people for contributing articles to our newsletter: Scott Sherrill wrote the "NJSGA Pass Revisions to Constitution and Bylaws", Allison Grainger wrote "Ethanol Production: Friend or Foe to American Farmers", and Logan Streadl wrote "Honorary Junior Members".

We also accidentally left out some very important people that made 2007 Goals at Stephenville, Texas possible. A big "thank you" goes to the Pitchford family and the Wampler family for donating the participant survivor bags. Another huge "thank you" to the Preston and Lyness families; they donated the meat and cooked an amazing meal for us to enjoy at the Boots and Boxers Dance. Harris Farms and the Thompson family made us feel very welcome with a wonderful meal and support for our Waddle Olympics. All of our chaperones this year deserve a great round of applause, as well, for putting up with all of us.

Last but not least, a big thanks to Mr. Randy Harp and Jerrod Jackson for coordinating our judging seminar. Thank you so much for all of your support!

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Junior Social in Fort Worth, Texas

Round up all of your friends and join us for a Social during the Fort Worth Junior Livestock Show!

Meet new people, chow down on snacks, and learn more about the NJSGA and its many programs. There will be door prizes and fun and games.

If your friend is showing Santa Gertrudis but not a member then bring them along. If you have someone in your AG chapter or 4-H club that is looking at a breed...bring them along.

The social will take place on **Friday, January 18, 2008 in the Barn 1 Dormitory. The time will be from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Notices will be given during heifer check-in as well.

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 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

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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*Message From
SGBI President...
Jane Wendt*

Dear Junior. Members,

What a great time to be a Santa Gertrudis Junior member and breeder! You are definitely on the threshold of an exciting future. I am very encouraged not only by the high, high quality of the Santa Gertrudis cattle you exhibit in *all* the show rings, but also in the overall knowledge and leadership skills you have achieved.



I have had the privilege to see more than two generations of junior members. Our two daughters, Kathy and Nancy, were members in the 1970. They both developed life long skills and lasting friendships from being Santa Gertrudis Junior members. This program and opportunities it offers has also made a big influence in our grandchildren's lives, Daniel and Jenna Kubecka. Both are now in college and count other NSGJA members as best friends. There is no doubt, this association offers even more than immediate benefits, and I encourage you to take advantage of them.

So I congratulate you for choosing to be today's junior members and thank you for representing our Santa Gertrudis breed. All SGBI members and staff are very proud of you and look forward in seeing you progress through future generations.

My best wishes to you all,

Jane Wendt
SGBI President



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Affiliate News

Arkoma Junior Affiliate

Junior Officers:

President: Kassy Conners

Vice President: Amber Barrow

Secretary/Treasurer: Shelby Barrow

Reporter: Dakota Smith

Princess: Morgan Barrow

Major Events and Activities:

Annual Meeting in December

Annual Sale at the Tulsa State Fair in October

Field day and tour

Interesting Facts:

Chartered in 1953 as the *Oklahoma Santa Gertrudis Association*. In the 1980's, the name was changed to the *Arkoma Santa Gertrudis Association* to reflect the large number of members from Arkansas.

Premier Junior Affiliate

Junior Officers:

President: Luke Lyness

Vice President: Tyler Lucas

Secretary: Ishley Elmore

Treasurer: Olivia Grounds

Historian/Reporter: Michael Preston

Queen: Amy Akins

Princess: Hollyann Roach

Major Events and Activities:

Premier Show Circuit: Premier members who exhibit Gerts at any of the shows that are listed on the *Premier Show Circuit* earn points for each animal shown and the placing of that animal. Points are tallied throughout the year and awards are given at the annual sale in West, Texas.

Annual Summer Sale: Premier hosts a sale each July at the sale barn in West, Texas. Premier members can consign Purebred and Star 5 cattle to the sale.

Annual Meeting: The Premier Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Southwestern Exposition in Fort Worth, Texas each January.

Interesting Facts:

The Premier Affiliate is home to 55 junior members.

NJSGA

Member News!

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 application will be available **March 15, 2008**. 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: two (2) from District 1; one (1) from District 2 and one (1) from District 3. 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.

NJSGA Director Application Deadline:

May 15, 2008
Originals Only - No Faxes

**What do you get from an Alaskan cow?
Cold cream!**

Big Brother Program: Gert Style

By: Katy Wampler

Get ready for the first ever NJSGA Big Brother: Gert Style! This year the membership committee of the National Junior Board has decided to try and help our newcomers to feel more welcome at the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Show.

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.

To those who are interested in becoming a mentor at the 2008 NJSGHS, we ask that you get in contact with a member of the membership committee or Patti @ SGBI. There will be a brief training session at the beginning of nationals.

For those wishing to have a mentor please indicate so on the form that will be included in the NJSGHS entry packet. 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 Santa Gertrudis Association.

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!




Dates To Remember

January 2008

- 1/1/2008 SGBI Office Closed in Observance of New Years!
1/12 SGBI Youth Activities Committee Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, Barn 1 Dormitory
1/12 Cowtown Social & Cowtown Elite Video Sale, Fort Worth, Texas, Fort Worth Zoo
1/12-1/13 SGBI National Open Santa Gertrudis Show, Fort Worth, Texas
1/14 SGBI Board of Directors Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas
1/18 Junior Heifer Check-In, Fort Worth Stock Show, Fort Worth, Texas
1/18 NJSGA Exhibitor Social, Fort Worth, Texas, Barn 1 Dormitory, 2:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
1/20 Junior Santa Gertrudis Show, Fort Worth, Texas
1/25 South Florida Open Santa Gertrudis Show

February

- 2/4 San Antonio Stock Show Open Santa Gertrudis, San Antonio, Texas
2/7 Junior Santa Gertrudis Show, San Antonio Stock Show, San Antonio, Texas
2/7 Florida State Fair Open Santa Gertrudis Show, Tampa, Florida
2/8 Junior Santa Gertrudis Florida State Fair, Tampa, Florida
2/12 Dixie National Livestock Show Open Santa Gertrudis Show, Jackson, Mississippi
2/14 Valentines Day 



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