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## **Gelbvieh Juniors Meet the Challenge in Eastern Regional Contests**

The AGJA Eastern Regional Tennessee Classic featured a day of contests, as well as a cattle show at the event held June 21-22 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The Tennessee Gelbvieh Association and Tennessee Gelbvieh Junior Association joined forces with the American Gelbvieh Junior Association to host this event at Middle Tennessee University Livestock Center.

One day featured a variety of contests for AGJA members to compete in. The goal of contests is to teach junior members skills they can use throughout life like public speaking and creativity.

Following is a summary of the winners in the various contests. AGJA competitions feature three age divisions, with all ages based on January 1, 2008: Junior, 8-11 years; Intermediate, 12-15 years; and Senior, 16-21 years.

**Poster Contest** (*Competitors build a poster to promote Gelbvieh or Balancer cattle.*)

**Junior Division:** Halee Allen, Hillsboro, Ohio, Champion; Clark Worley, Black Mountain, N.C., Reserve

**Intermediate Division:** Kelsey Sheeley, Hillsboro, Ohio, Champion; Justin Teeter, Mt. Ulla, N.C., Reserve

**Senior Division:** Katie Sullivan, Robertsdale, Ala., Champion; Kyleigh Barbour, Cantonment, Fla., Reserve

**Photo Contest** (*Contestants can enter up to three photos containing Gelbvieh or Balancer cattle.*)

**Junior Division:** Austin Teeter, Mt. Ulla, N.C., Champion; Grace Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., Reserve

**Intermediate Division:** Justin Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., Champion; Justin Teeter, Mt. Ulla, N.C., Reserve

**Senior Division:** Katie Sullivan, Robertsdale, Ala., Champion; Garrett Teeter, Mt. Ulla, N.C., Reserve

**Advertising Contest** (*Contestants are given a scenario to build an advertisement using provided materials.*)

**Junior Division:** Halee Allen, Hillsboro, Ohio, Champion; Janie Peery, Fayetteville, Tenn., Reserve

**Intermediate Division:** Kale Kendrick, Palmyra, Mo., Champion; Carson Hall, Cleveland, N.C., Reserve

**Senior Division:** Jennifer Newcomb, Batesville, Miss., Champion; Kyleigh Barbour, Cantonment, Fla., Reserve

**Sales Talk** (*Contestants are given a scenario and four animals to evaluate. Their goal is to sell the animal that best fits the scenario to the potential buyer.*)

**Junior Division:** Kyle Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., Champion; Janie Peery, Fayetteville, Tenn., Reserve

**Intermediate Division:** Lucas Waters, Maryville, Tenn., Champion; Justin Teeter, Mt. Ulla, N.C., Reserve

**Senior Division:** Cameron Burns, Pendleton, S.C., Champion; Allison Baker, Bristol, Ind., Reserve

### **Showmanship**

**Junior Division:** Whitnie Thompson, Sardis, Miss., Champion; Hunter Sheeley, Hillsboro, Ohio, Reserve

**Intermediate Division:** Justin Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., Champion; Kelsey Sheeley, Hillsboro, Ohio, Reserve

**Senior Division:** Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind., Champion; Cameron Burns, Pendleton, S.C.

**Rookie of the Year** (*first year participant with the most total points*): Clark Worley, Black Mountain, N.C.

**All-Around Winners** (*recognizes the individuals that earned the most overall points by placing in the contests*)

Justin Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., Champion; Halee Allen, Hillsboro, Ohio, Reserve; Katie Sullivan, Robertsdale, Ala., third; Justin Teeter, Mt. Ulla, N.C., fourth; and Kelsey Sheeley, Hillsboro, Ohio, fifth

For more information on the American Gelbvieh Junior Association and its activities, visit the website at [www.gelbvieh.org](http://www.gelbvieh.org) and click on the Junior page. American Gelbvieh Junior Association hosts two regional shows and one national show each year.

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