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Contests Challenge Gelbvieh Juniors at Western Regional Event

The Colorado Gelbvieh Association joined with the American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) to host the AGJA Western Regional Columbine Classic in Sterling, Colo. The two-day event held June 13-14 featured several contests and a cattle show. The goal of the contests is to teach junior members skills they can use later in life.

Grant and Pat Thayer of Jumping Cow Gelbvieh near Ramah, Colo., donated a bred heifer to be presented to the youth that earned the most points by placing in contests over the weekend. The competition was exceptionally close with only one point separating the winner from the runner-up. Wyatt Taylor of Kiowa, Colo., earned the most points during contest competition and for his efforts won the heifer donated by Jumping Cow Gelbvieh.

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. Contestants without a state listed are from Colorado.

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

Junior Division: Kacie Jurgens, Miller, Neb., Champion; Ariana DeLaGarza, Centennial, Reserve

Intermediate Division: Tricia Goes, Odell, Neb., Champion; Taylor Harless, Sterling, Reserve

Senior Division: Kaisha Jurgens, Miller, Neb., Champion; Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Reserve

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

Junior Division: Ariana DeLaGarza, Centennial, Champion; Kacie Jurgens, Miller, Neb., Reserve

Intermediate Division: Tiana Garcia, Las Animas, Champion & Reserve

Senior: Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Champion & Reserve

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

Junior Division: Ariana DeLaGarza, Centennial, Champion; Mitch Garcia, Las Animas, Reserve

Intermediate Division: Tricia Goes, Odell, Neb., Champion; Emily Knapp, Bonner Springs, Kan., Reserve

Senior Division: Cole Buffo, Lansing, Kan., Champion; Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Reserve

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

Junior Division: Ariana DeLaGarza, Centennial, Champion; Mitch Garcia, Las Animas, Reserve

Intermediate Division: Tricia Goes, Odell, Neb., Champion; Tiana Garcia, Las Animas, Reserve
Senior Division: Kaisha Jurgens, Miller, Neb., Champion; Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Reserve

Judging Contest (*Contestants evaluated and placed three classes. Intermediate and Senior gave oral reasons*)

Junior Division: Chandler Ladner, Argonia, Kan., Champion; Mitch Garcia, Las Animas, Reserve

Intermediate Division: Lance Gilbert, New Raymer, Champion; Emily Knapp, Bonner Springs, Kan., Reserve

Senior Division: Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Champion; Cole Buffo, Lansing, Kan., Reserve

Showmanship

Junior Division: Ariana DeLaGarza, Centennial, Champion; Mitch Garcia, Las Animas, Reserve

Intermediate Division: Matt Raile, St. Francis, Kan., Champion; Tricia Goes, Odell, Neb., Reserve

Senior: Cole Buffo, Lansing, Kan., Champion; Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Reserve

For more information on the American Gelbvieh Junior Association and its activities, visit the website at 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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