

## **Oh the Places You'll Go**

*By Carrie Tilghman*

*“Congratulations! Today is your day, you're off to great places; you're off and away. You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own and you know what you know and you are the guy who will decide where to go.” — Dr. Seuss*

With the National Western Stock Show behind us, we have the 2008 show season straight ahead. It is unreal to think another year has come and gone. Looking back, 2007 was an amazing year for the AGJA. We had many unforgettable times.

I can't reminisce about the Gateway Classic in Missouri without remembering the 'mud'. Yes, not only the mud all over the back of our farm trucks, but the mud globs, for lack of a better word, caked in our hair. And what can I say about the luau! (Cowboy hats and grass skirts?) Most of all, when I look back, I cherish all the amazing people that I had the opportunity to meet and fellowship with. Like all the past junior nationals – so many friendships scattered across so many states. What a way to meet great people!

You know, at times it's hard to even remember how my cattle placed in the show or the reasons the judge gave. It is much more than that. We are young people that are learning how to develop into young Gelbvieh breeders for the future of our breed and the cattle industry. With the dawn of 2008, I have nothing but great expectations.

It is time to open the many doors of opportunity. Whether you are just getting into the Gelbvieh business, have shown for years but never had the opportunity to attend the junior nationals, or if you are one of those members that would never miss the show, you should definitely be making plans to join us. Here is your chance to grow. Don't miss out!

With our recent junior board meeting, your Directors are in the process of planning an unforgettable year. We are excited about what is in store. The North Carolina Junior Gelbvieh Association and the North Carolina Gelbvieh Association are crossing their "t's" and dotting their "i's" for the best southern hospitality you've ever seen. This upcoming Blue Ridge Junior Classic will certainly be worth your drive!

Don't forget about the Eastern and Western Regionals, either. Those are great weekend shows to prepare you for the Blue Ridge Classic.

I look forward to seeing you all this summer and let's have some fun! The only thing standing in your way is you!

### **Junior Show Information**

**Blue Ridge Classic Headquarters Hotel**

**July 6-11, 2008**

**Waynesville, N.C.**

Maggie Valley Inn & Conference Center

70 Soco Road (Hwy 19)

Maggie Valley, NC 28751

Toll Free 866-926-0201 . Local 828-926-0201

stay@MaggieValleyHotel.com

Ask for the Gelbvieh Jr. National Block, Rates are \$59 per night plus tax.

**Western Regional Headquarters Hotel**

**June 12-14, 2008**

**Sterling, Colo.**

Ramada Inn

\$73 per night (\$77.23 with tax) that is per room, per night (Regular room rate is \$95.00)

970-522-2625

\*\*The Western Regional All-Around Champion will receive a donation heifer courtesy of the Colorado Gelbvieh Association. Details to be on the AGA website.

**Eastern Regional**

**June 20-22, 2008**

**Murfreesboro, Tenn.**

\*Hotel yet to be determined.

Please check the AGA Website ([www.gelbvieh.org](http://www.gelbvieh.org)) for Entry Forms, Schedules, and all the details for both the Eastern Regional and Western Regional. Packets will also be mailed to all active junior members (2008 dues and Herd Assessments paid).

**San Antonio Junior Livestock Show**

**February 9, 2008**

**San Antonio, Texas**

Reserve Supreme Junior Beef Heifer/Champion Gelbvieh Heifer

JDPD Sonador 46S

Ashley Skeels, Boerne

Sire: RTRM Headline 101P

***\*\*Ashley earned a \$12,000 scholarship for her Reserve Supreme Champion Female win.***

Reserve Gelbvieh Heifer

JDPD Brandy Alexander 515T1 ET

Menzi Spiller, Fredericksburg

Sire: JDPD Rolex 151M

**Thank You Blue Ridge Classic Sponsors**

*The following individuals and farms have stepped up to sponsor awards for this summer's AGJA Blue Ridge Classic set for Waynesville, N.C. We still need many more sponsors to make the event successful. If you are interested in sponsoring an award or supporting the 2008 Blue Ridge Classic, please contact Dana Stewart at the AGA office or email [danastewart@gelbvieh.org](mailto:danastewart@gelbvieh.org)*

*Sponsors are still needed for:*

*All Around Champion Awards (\$500)*

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*Junior or Senior Judging Individuals (\$75)*  
*Gelbvieh Show Division Awards (\$150)*  
*Gelbvieh Show Class Winner (\$100)*  
*Balancer Show Division Awards (\$150)*  
*Balancer Show Class Winner (\$100)*

**Grand Champion Gelbvieh Female**  
Crawfish Creek Farm, Georgia

**Reserve Champion Gelbvieh Female**  
Emily Griffiths, Indiana

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Thorstenson Gelbvieh, South Dakota

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**Reserve Champion Balancer Female**  
Schafer Farms, Minnesota

**Grand Champion Bred & Owned Balancer Female**  
Thorstenson Gelbvieh, South Dakota

**Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Balancer Female**  
Butler Creek Gelbvieh Farm, Tennessee

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Triple K Gelbvieh, Kansas

**Intermediate Showmanship**  
A&C Gelbvieh, South Dakota

**Junior Showmanship**

Leonhardt Cattle Company, South Dakota

**All-Around Individual**

Wilkinson Gelbvieh, Colorado

**Rookie of the Year**

Crawfish Creek Farm, Georgia

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EZS Cattle, Missouri

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**Intermediate Champion Judging Individual**

Gelbvieh Bar None, Florida

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