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Kansas Junior Tops Gelbvieh All-Around Competition

The competition and the weather were hot for the 2005 American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) Rocky Mountain Classic in Greeley, Colo., July 10-15. More than 150 youth from 15 states gathered to compete in contests and cattle shows throughout the week.

The top ten in the All-Around Competition earned embroidered chairs sponsored by Flying Y Cattle Company of Wyoming. The top five earned fitting equipment, while sixth through tenth place won engraved scotch combs, all sponsored by Colorado Gelbvieh Association.

Kara Cavalli of Lincoln, Kan., earned the most points in competition during the week to take top honors in the All-Around competition. Kara is the daughter of Tom and Gelane Cavalli. Kara placed first in Junior Showmanship, Junior Poster and Junior Impromptu Speaking, second in Junior Advertising, fourth in Junior Livestock Judging, and eighth in Junior Sales Talk. Kara was also a member of the Champion Junior Quiz Bowl Team. For her efforts, Kara earned a belt buckle sponsored by Crawfish Creek Farm and a heifer calf donated back to the AGJA Heifer Chain by previous all-around champion, Kaisha Jurgens of Nebraska.

Emily Griffiths of Kendallville, Ind., put in another strong performance for the week. Emily placed first in Intermediate Impromptu Speaking and Intermediate Showmanship, second in Intermediate Advertising, third in Intermediate Poster and Intermediate Sales Talk, and ninth in Intermediate Judging. She was also a member of the Champion Intermediate Quiz Bowl Team and the Champion Junior/Intermediate Team Fitting team. Griffiths also exhibited the Grand Champion Bred & Owned Bull and the Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Female in the show. Emily is the daughter of Carl and Rebecca Griffiths.

In third place for the all-around in Jenni Blackwell of Gibson, N.C. In her last year of junior competition, Blackwell posted her strongest placing ever in the All-Around competition at the national level. Jenni is the daughter of Jim and Beth Blackwell. Jenni placed first in Senior Sales Talk, second in Senior Poster, third in Senior Showmanship and seventh in Senior Photo. Jenni also exhibited the Champion Senior Female and Champion Senior Bred & Owned Female in the cattle show. Jenni also served this year as the 2004-05 AGJA Senior Ambassador.

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A brother-sister combination placed fourth and fifth in the All-Around competition. Kaycie Shearer earned fourth place in the all-around over her younger brother, Johnny Shearer. Kaycie earned first in Intermediate Advertising, second in Intermediate Impromptu Speaking, fourth in Intermediate Showmanship and seventh in Intermediate Judging.

Johnny Shearer took fifth place all-around honors by earning the following placings: first Intermediate Photo, third Intermediate Judging, fifth in Intermediate Showmanship and seventh Intermediate Impromptu Speaking. Johnny was also a member of the Reserve Champion Junior/Intermediate Team Fitting team. Kaycie and Johnny were both members of the Reserve Champion Intermediate Judging Team. Kaycie and Johnny are the children of John and Carla Shearer.

Justin Taubenheim, son of Mike and Renee Taubenheim of Amherst, Neb., took sixth place honors in the All-Around contest. Justin placed second in Intermediate Sales Talk, third in Intermediate Showmanship, fourth Intermediate Judging, ninth Intermediate Photo and tenth in Intermediate Poster. Justin was also a member of the Champion Intermediate Judging Team and the Reserve Champion Intermediate Quiz Bowl Team. He exhibited the Reserve Champion Market Steer as well.

Justin Teeter of Mt. Ulla, N.C., earned seventh place in the All-Around. Justin is the son of Walter and Lee Teeter. Teeter earned first in Junior Sales Talk, third in Junior Advertising, sixth in Junior Judging and eighth in Junior Photo. Justin was also a member of the Reserve Champion Junior Quiz Bowl Team.

TaylorAnn Ruppel of Keenesburg, Colo., took eighth place honors in the All-Around. TaylorAnn is the daughter of Corey and Lisa Ruppel. TaylorAnn earned first in Junior Advertising, third in Junior Judging and fourth in Junior Impromptu Speaking.

Hillary Schlake, daughter of Kevin and Shari Schlake of Courtland, Neb., earned ninth place in the All-Around. Hillary placed third in Senior Advertising, fourth in Senior Poster, sixth in Senior Photo and Senior Impromptu Speaking.

Kaisha Jurgens of Miller, Neb., rounds out the top ten all-around. Kaisha is the daughter of Brad and LeAnn Jurgens. Kaisha earned first in Intermediate Judging, fourth in Intermediate Impromptu Speaking, sixth Intermediate Poster and ninth Intermediate Showmanship. Kaisha is also a member of the Champion Intermediate Judging Team and the Reserve Intermediate Quiz Bowl Team

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Photo Caption: These ten individuals earned top ten honors in the All-Around Competition at the American Gelbvieh Junior Association Rocky Mountain Classic in Greeley, Colo. Seated from left: Kara Cavalli, Kansas, first; Emily Griffiths, Indiana, second; Jenni Blackwell, North Carolina, third; Kaycie Shearer, Kansas, fourth; and Johnny Shearer, Kansas, fifth. Standing from left: Justin Taubenheim, Nebraska, sixth; Justin Teeter, North Carolina, seventh; TaylorAnn Ruppel, Colorado, eighth; Hillary Schlake, Nebraska, ninth; and Kaisha Jurgens, Nebraska, tenth.