

## **You Should Read This!**

*By Tara Krajewski, AGJA Director*

Hello, I am Tara Marie Krajewski. I am currently serving as a director on the American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA) Board. I am the daughter of Chuck and Linda Krajewski. You may have seen them around at different activities. My Dad is usually lending someone a helping hand and my mom is never too far behind. I have three wonderful siblings. Well, sometimes they are wonderful. Just kidding, they really are great. Brian and Elizabeth are also junior Gelbvieh members, while my older brother, Brandon, farms with my parents. Brian is a sophomore at Perkins County High in Grant, Neb. Go Plainsmen! And Elizabeth is a sixth grader. Both of them are great kids and I love spending time with all three of them.

I was born and raised on a farm in Venango, Neb. I have never moved, unless you count the occasional switch of bedrooms to get “my own room,” or the big trek to college. Yep, I am a freshman at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan. It seems that college doesn’t bother me because I have a double major in elementary education and psychology. And if that is not enough I have a minor in special education. I love children so this seems to be the perfect profession for me.

Several people joked with me at the National Western Stock Show, saying that I was getting educated in those things just so I could work with my Dad. I love you Dad. After school, whenever that may be, I would like to settle down and have a family on a small farm somewhere. There, I would have to raise my Gelbvieh cattle while teaching. That is the only thing that makes sense. If God allows, I would love to have a large family so they too can show Gelbvieh cattle.

I have many memories with my siblings, and I would like to share one with you. I hope it adds a smile to your day. Once upon a time there was a Brian and a Tara riding a four-wheeler. Actually, it was last year. We were checking fence. We saw something running on the hill beside us. It happened to be a coyote. It was so much fun to race through the stubble field while chasing the poor thing. I was driving, being the older and much more responsible one, and Brian was riding behind me holding our portable CD player. I had to catch up with the little devil, so I told Brian to hold on real tight with his spare hand. He was yelling, “hit him,” while I was saying, “No! Are you kidding? We will flip this thing and become the hunted.”

Remember, I am the mature “adult.” I looked pretty grown up in my coveralls, screaming, laughing, and torturing that poor coyote. I about lost Brian twice, and my CD player doesn’t work anymore. The coyote ended up lying down from being so worn out. Then, our fun was over...back to the fence.

That is one of the most memorable times I had with Brian. I have so many more stories that involve my awesome family. From being taken by a day old calf (really cute), to playing basketball with the cow dog, to “nine-year-old ninja” with Brandon and some sticks, to putting on costume make-up with my 12-year-old sister who’s going on 20, to school activities and graduation. They have been with me the whole time.

I hope that family is important to you also. Your Dad isn’t there just to give you money or to teach how to shoot a basketball just right. And your Mom isn’t there just to clean the house and make your supper. Your parents are there to talk to and most importantly to listen to. They were once your age and they need your help too.

And your siblings are great to pick on, but they are even better for loving. I guess when I started writing this piece I was just going to explain my life thus far. It finally turned into something meaningful. Don't take for granted the people you have around you. This is true for every person in your life. Even the person you have never met, be kind to others and you can live with no regret. That was good, did you like my rhyme? I didn't even plan that. Thanks a bunch for reading this. I hope I meet you if I haven't already.

### **AGJA Member Excels at Livestock Judging**

Zack Bulter of Milton, Tenn., son of Michael and Barbi Butler, finished in top spots at the World Beef Expo and the American Royal livestock judging contests. Butler is a part of the Black Hawk College–East Campus livestock judging team. Butler also serves at AGJA Vice President.

Butler finished fourth overall, seventh in beef, and ninth in reasons at the World Beef Expo held in Milwaukee, Wis., on September 29, 2007. The team finished second overall.

Butler finished first in reasons, sixth overall, fourth in sheep, and eighth in swine at the 2007 American Royal held October 20, helping to lead the team to a first place finish overall.

### **Hoosier Beef Congress**

**December 2007**

**Indianapolis, Ind.**

**Judges: Carrie Lewis and Clint Sexton, heifers; Chris Mullinix, steers**

Champion Gelbvieh Heifer  
GGGE 3G Tiger Lilly 712T  
Alison Baker, Bristol  
Sire: GGGE 3G Private Eye 449P

Reserve Gelbvieh Heifer  
GGGE 3G Touch of Silver 750T ET  
Emily Griffiths, Kendallville  
Sire: SLC Freedom 178F ET

Champion Gelbvieh Steer  
Cassie Rink, Goshen  
Sire: 3G Ranger 551R  
Show day weight: 558 lbs.

Reserve Gelbvieh Steer  
Kelsie Waitt, Sheridan  
Sire: 3G Liquid Smoke 114L  
Show day weight: 654 lbs.

**National Western Gelbvieh Heifer Show**  
**January 13, 2008**  
**Denver, Colo.**  
**Judge: Steve Patton, Frankfort, Ind.**

Ashley Skeels of Boerne, Texas, earned top honors in the Junior Gelbvieh Heifer show at National Western Stock Show. Her entry, JDPD Sonador 46S, is an April 2006 daughter of RTRM Headline. Emily Griffiths of Kendallville, Ind., slipped into the Reserve Champion Heifer slot with GGGE 3G Cowgirl Star and her four-day-old calf. Star is a March 2006 daughter of JRI Extra Exposure 287L71 ET.

Following are the class results from the National Western Junior Gelbvieh Heifer Show. The listing includes animal name, exhibitor's name, exhibitor's hometown, and animal's sire.

**Class 1: March 18 to April 15, 2007**

1. RTRT Temptress 168T ET, Michael Rea, Berthoud, Colo., BTI Extra 2106K ET; 2. VLK T70 Theda ET, Britney Volek, Highmore, S.D., BTI Extra 2106K ET

**Class 2: March 1 to March 7, 2007**

1. GGGE 3G Cowgirl Tango 756T, Emily Griffiths, Kendallville, Ind., SLC Freedom 178F ET; 2. JDPD Ashley Ashby 23T1 ET, Tahanee Embry, Priddy, Texas, BTI Extra 2106K ET

**Class 3: Feb. 12 to Feb. 24, 2007**

1. GGGE 3G Touch of Silver 750T ET, Emily Griffiths, SLC Freedom 178F ET; 2. EBY Bennett 7041T, Tyler Beenken, Buckingham, Iowa, KCF Bennett K503 ET

**Class 4: Jan. 30 to Feb. 8, 2007**

1. RTRM Temptation 160T ET, David Rea, Berthoud, Colo., XXB Titus 880K; 2. RID R Ms Lilly 712R, Wyatt Taylor, Kiowa, Colo., RID R Collateral 2R

**Class 5: Jan. 14 to Jan. 20, 2007**

1. RID R Lady Collateral 701T, Wyatt Taylor, RID R Collateral 2R; 2. REMC Tanya 701T, Chandler Ladner, Argonia, Kan., JTSD Mr. Form One 464P

**Class 6: Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 2006**

1. JTV Noel 2S, Justin Vehige, Bonnots Mill, Mo., TGV T Bar S Free Style; 2. JDPD Brandy Alexander 515S, Chase Tabor, Columbus, Kan., JDPD Rolex 151M

**Class 7: Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, 2006**

1. BAG Miss Kali 262S ET, Van Tucker, Portis, Kan., PMG Maxum 22M

**Class 8: Sept. 1 to Oct. 31, 2006**

1. WLT Ima Lady 662S ET, Wyatt Taylor, JCGR Bar GT Louie 2J; 2. LCC Tina S3, Chandler Ladner, VAA Leachman New Day

**Class 9: May 1 to May 31, 2006**

1. GGGE 3G Shez Hot 690S, Emily Griffiths, SLC Freedom 178F ET; 2. LBFM Halo's Jewell 34S ET, Megan Helle, Edinburg, Texas, SLC Freedom 178F ET

**Class 10: April 1 to April 30, 2006**

1. JDPD Sonador 46S, Ashley Skeels, Boerne, Texas, RTRM Headline; 2. PCCI Sapphire 6132S, Justin Ringkob, Springfield, S.D., TAU T G Ty 313L

**Class 11: March 5 to March 31, 2006**

1. GGGE 3G Cowgirl Star 644S, Emily Griffiths, JRI Extra Exposure 285L71; 2. VLK Remedy ET, Britney Volek, SLC Freedom 178F ET

**Class 12: Feb. 28 to March 1, 2006**

1. CRAN Butterscotch S493 ET, Andrew Arnold, Minot, N.D., TJB Jagermeister 229M ET; 2. JMLR Mary's Pride 008S, Kale Kendrick, Palmyra, Mo., XXB Titus 880K

**Class 13: Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 2006**

1. JDPD Wildfire 18S3, Ashley Skeels, JDPD Rolex 151M; 2. PIX MTR Dream of Me 923S, Lauren Rives, Buffalo, Wyo., SLC Freedom 178F ET

**Class 14: Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2005**

1. ELC Verona 13R, Tahanee Embry, SLC Freedom 178F ET; 2. JTKD 539R, Kelsie McEndaffer, New Raymer, Colo., TALS Titan Two