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Schedule of Events

2024 AIJCA JUNIOR NATIONAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

8 AM Cattle Barns Open for Move-in – Earliest Arrival of Cattle
2 - 4 PM Cattle Check-In – *Show Office*

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8 - 8:30 AM Board Member Candidate Meeting – *Champions Club*
8 AM -12 PM Cattle Check-In – *Show Office*
9 AM - 12 PM Leadership Conference Check-In – *Champions Club*
12 PM All Cattle must be on the grounds
1:30 - 2 PM Adult, Chaperone & Advisor Meeting – *Champions Club*
2 - 3 PM Peer Mentor/Mentee Introductions – *ELC*
3:30 - 5 PM Leadership Conference Session: Hypnotist – *ELC*
5 - 6 PM Miss Charolais USA Meet and Greet – *Champions Club Conference Room*
6 PM RockChar Kickball Tournament – *ELC*
Evening on your own

MONDAY, JUNE 24 - SURE CHAMP T-SHIRT DAY! **SURE•CHAMP**

7:30 - 8 AM Weigh Steers - *Northwest Corner of Stalling West*
8 - 9 AM AIJCA General Caucus & Area Meeting – *ELC*
10 AM Cook-off Contest Presentations – *Assembly Hall*
1 PM Quiz Bowl Contest – *Holding Area: ELC Stands*
Contest Rooms: Champions Club & Special Events Room
4:30 PM Group Pictures – *ELC*
5:30 PM Opening Ceremonies – *ELC*
6:30 - 7:30 PM Conference Welcome Dinner – *Champions Club*

**ELC - Equine Livestock Center*

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 8 AM Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech, Interview Contests
– *Meet in the Champions Club*
- 10:30 AM Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Clinic – *ELC*
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM RockChar Lunch – *Champions Club*
- 12:45 PM Team Sales Contest – *Show Ring Entryway*
Begin with Intermediate & Junior Divisions
Senior Division follows completion of Senior Team Fitting
- 1:30 PM Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Team Fitting Contest – *ELC*
Order: Senior Division, Intermediate Division, Junior Division
- 6:30 - 9:30 PM Pool Party and RockChar Dinner – *Summer Fun Waterpark*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- 8 AM Weaver Livestock Showmanship Contest – *ELC*
Begin with Senior & Intermediate Divisions
Followed by Junior Division and PeeWee Clinic
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM RockChar Lunch – *Champions Club*
- 2 - 2:45 PM Legacy Livestock Imaging Conference Session
– *Champions Club Conference Room*
- 2:45 - 3:30 PM Sure Champ Prep to Win Workshop – *ELC*
- 3 PM Adult 9-Hole Golf Scramble – *Sammons Golf Course, Temple*
- 3:30 - 4:30 PM Area Meetings & Director Elections – *ELC Stands*
- 5 PM Talent and Skit Contest – *Special Events Room*
Evening on your own

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- 8 AM Bred & Owned Heifer Show, Bull, Steer and Percentage Heifer Shows – *ELC*
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM RockChar Lunch – *Champions Club*
- 3 - 4 PM Conference Awards Program – *ELC (Bring your chairs)*
- 4 - 5 PM AIJCA Annual Membership Meeting – *ELC (Bring your chairs)*
- 4 - 5 PM Meet and Greet with Maggie Smithee – *Champions Club Conference Room*
- 6:30 PM AIJCA Annual Award Banquet Dinner – *Assembly Hall*
- 7 PM AIJCA Annual Award Ceremony – *Assembly Hall*

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- 8 AM Owned Heifer Show – *ELC*
Cattle released at the conclusion of the show
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM RockChar Lunch – *Champions Club*

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- 12 PM Cattle must be off the grounds

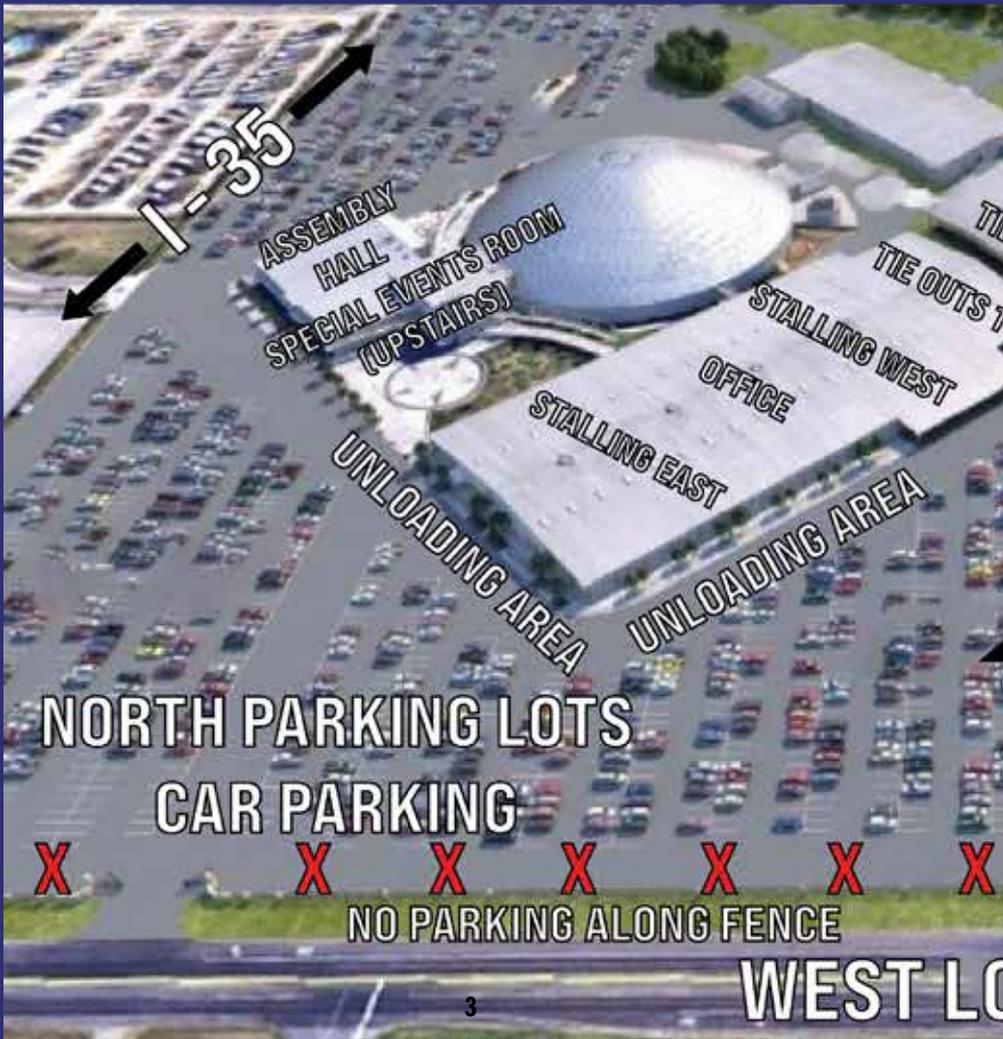
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Cadence Bank Center TRADESHOW VENDORS

Aces Wild Ranch
 Charolais Association of Texas
 Elite Show Supply - Weaver Livestock
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HydraStat
 Priefert
 Sullivan Supply
 Tracer Minerals

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A CLOSER LOOK

The Equine Livestock Center (ELC)



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ROCKCHAR

Meal Ticket Menu

MONDAY, JUNE 24TH

CONFERENCE WELCOME DINNER

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

BRENDA'S CATERING

Mesquite Fired Beef Tenderloin, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Seasoned Green Beans, Homemade Rolls, Garden Salad, Texas Sheet Cake, Peach Cobbler, Tea, Water, Lemonade

Sponsored By: PIBB Cattle Co.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH

ROCKCHAR LUNCH

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

HECHO EN TEXAS BBQ & CATERING

Brisket Plate with Trimmings, Beans, Potato Salad, Tea

Sponsored By: Priefert

ROCKCHAR DINNER

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

SUMMER FUN WATERPARK

Pizza Party

Sponsored By: Charolais Association of Texas & Texas Junior Charolais Association

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH

ROCKCHAR LUNCH

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

HECHO EN TEXAS BBQ & CATERING

Hamburger Steaks with Trimmings, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Tea

Sponsored By: Bar J Charolais

THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH

ROCKCHAR LUNCH

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

BRENDA'S CATERING

Loaded Brisket Nachos, Cilantro Lime Rice, Pinto Beans, White Texas Queso, Mixed Lettuce, Assorted Cookies and Brownies, Tea, Water, Lemonade

Sponsored By: Cactus Land & Cattle

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET DINNER

6:30 PM

JOHNNY'S STEAKS AND BAR-BE-QUE

Ribeye, Hot Buttered New Potatoes, Corn, Salad with Fixings, Rolls, Dessert, Tea

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH

ROCKCHAR LUNCH

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

THE G WAGON BBQ

Grilled Hamburgers, Chips, Banana Pudding, Tea

Sponsored By: TransOva Genetics

Conference Meal ticket only includes the Welcome Dinner and the Banquet Dinner



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AJCA

The AJCA Junior Board would like to welcome you to the 2024 AJCA Junior National Show and Leadership Conference! We hope you are ready for a fun-packed week of meeting new people, seeing old friends, and learning new skills. We have conference sessions, contests, and social events planned for you to expand your knowledge and demonstrate your strengths. Make sure to check out the schedule for a complete list of dates, times and locations for all the activities.

Make note of your group name on your conference/meal ticket. These will be used to divide into small groups.

The General Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, June 24th in the show ring in the Equine Livestock Center. We welcome new ideas on how to improve and expand our organization; however, in order to be included in the agenda for the Annual Membership Meeting, those ideas must be presented in writing at the General Caucus. The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27th in the show ring. Items properly presented will be discussed during the General Caucus Report & Action portion of the meeting.

We hope that everyone enjoys this week to the fullest. Participating and meeting new people will make your week a long lasting memory. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please find an AJCA Board of Director. We would be happy to help!

Good luck and have a great week!

AJCA Board of Directors

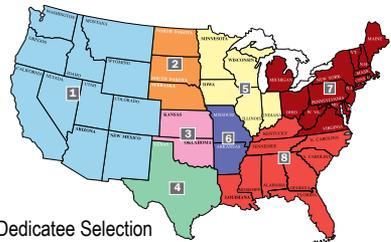


AJCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

June 27th, 2024 • 4 p.m. • Belton, Texas

Call to Order – President, Weston Schrader
Roll Call – Secretary, Ethan Shoemake

1. Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Membership Report
4. General Caucus Report & Action
5. 2025 Junior National Update
6. 2026 Junior National Bid
7. Future Junior National Bids
8. 2025 Conference Honoree & Show Dedicatee Selection
9. Other Business



MEET YOUR 2023-2024 JUNIOR BOARD MEMBERS

AIJCA PRESIDENT • WESTON SCHRADER, KANSAS



Hello! My name is Weston Schrader, President of the American International Junior Charolais Association. I grew up on a ranch near Wells, KS where my family raises Charolais and SimAngus seedstock. While our primary focus is generating bulls for the commercial cowman, we also market a handful of show projects to juniors across the Midwest. Currently, I'm a Junior studying Animal Sciences at Kansas State University where I have been a part of the livestock judging and National Champion Meat Animal Evaluation teams.

AREA 1 • MADDY ROHR, COLORADO



My name is Maddy Rohr and I serve as the Area 1 Director. I am from Elbert, Colorado where my family runs Lazy H Ranch, a registered Angus and Charolais operation. I will graduate in May from Kansas State University with a degree in agricultural communications and journalism, hoping to pursue a communications and journalism position with a livestock or equine breed association.

AREA 2 • TREASURER - JAYCEE LITTLETON, TEXAS



Hey Y'all, my name is Jaycee Littleton and I am currently serving as your Area 2 Director! My hometown is Simms, TX, but I currently reside in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where I am in pharmacy school. I realize neither one of these states is located in Area 2, so some may wonder how in the world I am in this position - I am just filling in until someone runs for the board! Although I am not familiar with many of you, I hope to get to know y'all better this summer in Belton!

AREA 3 • NISSA OLSEN, KANSAS



Hey guys! My name is Nissa Olsen and I am so excited to be serving as your Area 3 Director this year! As an area we have stayed very busy over the past few months with the conclusion of fall majors and winter shows. It was great to see a large turnout at Cattlemens Congress, and I hope we can keep that involvement up into the summer. I am looking forward to seeing you all at Junior National this summer, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions!

AREA 4 • LEXI HUSE, TEXAS



Hey everyone! My name is Lexi Huse and I am currently serving as your Area 4 Director. I am from Elm Mott, Texas where my family runs H3 Charolais where we raise registered Charolais and crossbred cattle. As an area we have been staying busy over the last few months with Texas majors. I am excited to see how we progress into summer and I can't wait to see all of y'all in Belton! Let me know if you have any questions and always PARTY LIKE A ROCKCHAR!

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AREA 5 • CARTER HOGE, ILLINOIS



Hey Guys! I am currently your Area 5 Director. I am from Good Hope, IL and have grown up showing and raising livestock. I enjoy spending all my free time in the barn or at shows with friends and family. I am a sophomore at Black Hawk East College, and I compete on the livestock judging team. I hope everyone is excited for Junior National and is getting ready to party like a RockCHAR in Texas!

AREA 6 • TANNAH CASSATT, MISSOURI



Hello everyone! I am your Area 6 Director. I am from Webb City, Missouri, where my family has a small Charolais cow-calf operation. I am a sophomore at the University of Missouri, studying Animal Science and Spanish. I am so excited for Junior National in Texas this year. I hope to see some new and familiar faces! Always feel free to reach out to me with any questions!

AREA 7 • REAGAN DUNN, PENNSYLVANIA



Hi! My name is Reagan Dunn, and I am from Cochranton, Pennsylvania where my family has a cow-calf operation, running Charolais, Hereford, and Hereford-influenced cattle as well as backgrounding feeder cattle. I'm nineteen years old and a junior at Oklahoma State University. Although the Charolais membership in Area 7 may not be large, I am honored to be both an encourager and empowerer of Charolais youth and breeders in our area. There are some exciting things coming within the next few months!

AREA 8 • MARIE DOWNEY, ALABAMA



Hey y'all! I am your Area 8 Director, and I am so excited to be a part of this Junior Board! I am a junior at Mississippi State, studying Chemical Engineering. I am from Prattville, Alabama, where my family raises Charolais bulls for our annual sale and heifers for my sisters and me to show. This summer in Texas will be great, but I am even more excited for CharFocus! We had quite a few participants from Area 8 last summer, and it was a blast!

AT LARGE • VICE PRESIDENT - SHADE BUNKER, WISCONSIN



Hey everyone! My name is Shade Bunker, and I am from Sparta, WI. My parents are Jeff and Angela Bunker, and with my younger sister, Breeze, we own and operate J&A Charolais. This is my fourth year on the AJCA Junior Board of Directors, and Party Like A Rock Char will be my 13th Charolais Junior National! I am a junior at Iowa State University majoring in Agriculture Business and Economics!

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AT LARGE • SECRETARY - ETHAN SHOEMAKE, OKLAHOMA



Hey y'all! My name is Ethan Shoemake and I'm from Porum, OK. My family and I run a small cow-calf operation at home consisting of Angus, composite and purebred Charolais cattle. This is my second year on the AIJCA Junior Board, and Party Like a RockCHAR will be my 4th Charolais Junior National! I am a junior at Oklahoma State University and recently graduated from Eastern Oklahoma State College majoring in Agricultural Communications and a part of the livestock judging team.

AT LARGE • AUSTIN ALEXANDER, ALABAMA



Hey everyone! I'm Austin Alexander, one of the AIJCA At Large Directors. I live in the great state of Alabama. I've been showing Charolais cattle since I was nine years old. This Junior National will mark my 11th Junior National to participate and show in. I am excited to see everyone in Belton!

AT LARGE • MASON LEIFESTE, TEXAS



Hey guys!! I'm 18-year-old Mason Leifeste from Cameron, Texas, and I'm serving as one of your At-Large Directors. I'm a 5th generation cattleman from a small town in Central Texas where I live on a commercial cow-calf operation with my family, and we own and operate Leifeste Show Cattle, a purebred Charolais and club calf operation. I've been around the Charolais breed my entire life. I recently graduated high school and plan to attend Texas A&M University after I graduate in the spring. As president of the Texas Junior Charolais Association, we have been hard at work planning the highlight event of the summer... the AIJCA National Show in Belton, Texas.

EX-OFFICIO • DEVON BENES, NEBRASKA



What's up Charolais enthusiasts! My name is Devon Benes and I was the 2022-23 AIJCA President! I am the son of Mitch and Andrea Benes. I graduated college with a degree in graphic design and now have my own design business, DB Designs. I live in Valparaiso, Nebraska and work on the family farm where we produce crops and raise beef cattle. I am a fourth generation Charolais breeder and my family has been in the Charolais business for over 55 years.

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MISS CHAROLAIS USA 2024

Bella Parker



Bella Parker is the 17 year-old daughter of Phillip Parker and Nicole Vasquez, and the granddaughter of Gary and Christel Biggs, all of Godley, Texas. Bella and her grandpa, Gary Biggs, run Buddy's Charolais, a purebred cow/ calf operation in North Central Texas. Bella has been attending production sales across the country since she could walk. Bella showed for the first time at the Minnesota Junior National in 2015 and has been to every Junior National since. Bella is the President of the Lake Granbury 4-H Club, Hood County 4-H Ambassador, Tolar FFA Sentinel, officer of the Texas Junior Charolais Association, and previously Miss United States Agriculture for Hood County. During her years of high school

and middle school, Bella has been a part of the National Honor Society, past basketball and volleyball captain, and Honors and Dual Credit program and still maintains a spot in the top 10% of her class. Bella is heavily involved in livestock judging through both 4-H and FFA, and this year she led her FFA team to state and placed high individually in the state. She is also deeply involved in community service she gives over 25 hours each year towards serving her community, county, and state. She plans to graduate high school in May of 2025 and attend a junior college in the fall to judge livestock. Bella plans to pursue an Animal Science degree, with hopes of getting her Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine license after graduation. She loves working with the younger and older generations of Charolais breeders and hopes to be the mentor that she looked up to as a kid. Bella has dreamed of being Miss Charolais since 2015 when she attended her first Junior National and met Miss Charolais USA.

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Join Miss Charolais USA 2024

Bella Parker

For a Meet and Greet on Sunday, June 23rd
at 5pm in the Champions Club

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Sunday, June 23rd

Leadership Conference Session: Hypnosis: Subconscious Success

3:30- 5PM - ELC

Sponsored by: Raymond Hicks Leadership Fund



Hypnotist Jonathan Yeager's comedy hypnosis show is non-stop laughter from beginning to end. This show is designed to wow and amaze every audience, keeping you on the edge of your seat laughing for more. Jonathan is a world class entertainer who has performed all over North America. He began his career as a comedy hypnotist in 2015 and since then has quickly become one of the nations top entertainers.

Not only does Jonathan use hypnotism to entertain, he also utilizes the power of the subconscious mind to help people overcome challenges in their life.

Jonathan was born in Kansas and grew up in Tennessee, before joining the United States Marine Corps in 2003. After serving four years with the Corps, he moved to Texas where he met his wife. They have been married for 18 years and have two boys.

Kickball Tournament

6 PM - ELC

Back again this year by special request! Get ready to make some new friends and kick off the week with some friendly competition! Meet us in the show ring!

Monday, June 24th

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Tuesday, June 25th

Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Clinic

10:30 AM - ELC



Stock Show University © is heading to the 2024 National Junior Charolais Show for a "Ready, Set, Grow" and Livestock Loot on Tuesday, June 25th at 10:30am. Professors Wesley Walker, Jason Lyman, and Trent Bertsche will be teaching participants the valuable tips and tricks of growing hair, maintaining a healthy hide, and other daily care essentials for your cattle in the barn. Be sure to make plans to join in on the fun and learn

from these talented Stock Show University® Professors. Livestock Loot and a T-Shirt Cannon is happening at the clinic along with a drawing for a Sullivan Supply Electric Scooter and a pair of BeSpoke Andis clippers for two lucky participants!

Tuesday, June 25th

Sullivan Supply/ Stock Show University Team Fitting Contest Judges

Judge: Kirby Eaves

Texas native, Kirby Eaves, along with his wife Kelsi and their daughters Lennyn and Shaefer reside in his hometown of Stephenville, TX. He grew up showing pigs, but always had an affinity for cattle. Finally, in his junior year of high school he showed his first steer, and his passion grew from there. He and his family own and operate Eaves show cattle where they primarily trade, but raise a few show steers and have had some amazing success in the past years. Most recently selling the Grand and Reserve Grand at the 2024 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Wednesday, June 26th

Weaver Livestock Showmanship Contest Senior Division

Judges: Jennifer Ann and Andy Scasta



The Scastas live in Bryan with their son, Bo Scasta. No strangers to the livestock industry, Jennifer Ann & Andy grew up raising and exhibiting registered Angus & Brangus show heifers, respectively, and have numerous national showmanship championships between the two of them. Jennifer Ann serves as the Assistant Vice President for Development at the Texas A&M Foundation, leading a team of fundraisers who raise \$25M annually to support Texas A&M. She holds two degrees from Texas A&M University and one from Oklahoma State University. Andy owns and operates Texas Ag Outfitters where he primarily sells and installs flatbeds and feeders for ag and utility trucks. He holds a degree from Texas Christian University. Together, they also operate Box S Ranch, JA Cattle, and Box S Beef where they focus on raising high quality cattle and beef for producers and consumers.



Weaver Livestock Showmanship Contest Intermediate Division

Judge: Jennifer Parker

Jennifer is from Chilton, Texas and a graduate of Texas A&M University earning a bachelor's degree in animal science. Jennifer grew up raising and showing Brahman cattle and show steers across the United States. She was born and raised on a cattle operation where she and her family have taken over the daily operations of the family ranch. Their operation was primarily a stocker operation where Jennifer's family has backgrounded and fed cattle in the feed yards for years. She and her family have raised registered Brahman cattle for over 45 years, and they also raise and sell show steers. They have raised and exhibited numerous national and international champion bulls and females. You will also find her in the showing showing many Brahman cattle for her family's ranch.



Jennifer and her husband Mark own and operate Parker Photography. They have photographed livestock shows since 1987, from county level to national shows. Jennifer has also consulted for numerous ranches over the years as well.

Her judging experience is both on the national and international level. Jennifer has been an approved Brahman judge for many years and is also on many breeds approved judges lists. Jennifer has judged cattle and showmanship at the local, state, and national levels for many years. Her

Leadership Conference Session: Legacy Livestock Imaging: Heidi Anderson

2-2:45 PM - Champions Club Conference Room

Sponsored by: Legacy Livestock Imaging

Charles and Heidi Anderson are the owners of Legacy Livestock Imaging. Their company photographs 50+ livestock shows across the nation annually. Heidi has been a professional photographer since 2002 and has studied across the country on various forms of photography and design. Their passion for youth and education is one of the highest priorities in their business. Along with Legacy Livestock Imaging they are part owners of Anderson Farms which focuses on raising elite Limousin cattle. They are from Topeka, KS and have five kids. Their favorite part of their job is educating youth and preserving the rich history of the agriculture industry.



Leadership Conference Session: Sure Champ Prep to Win Workshop

2:45-3:30 PM - ELC

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Wednesday, June 26th

Adult 9-Hole Golf Scramble: Sammons Golf Course

2727 W. Adams Ave., Temple, TX 76504

Shotgun start beginning at 3 pm.

4-player, 9-hole Golf Scramble offered for adults.

Entry Fee: \$50 per player

Scramble Fee Includes: greens fee, cart, goodie bag, snacks and prizes to the winning team.

*Please sign up online or in the Show Office by Noon, Monday, June 24th

Sign up using the QR Code!



Thursday, June 27th

Bred & Owned Heifer & Bull Shows, Steer & Percentage Heifers Shows

Judge: Chris Cassady



Dr. Chris Cassady grew up on a diversified, family-owned purebred Angus and grain farm in North Central Illinois. He attended Black Hawk East and Texas A&M University and received a B.S. in Animal Science. While in college, Chris was on numerous champion livestock judging teams and served as the Vice Chairman for the National Junior Angus Association board of directors. He then went on to receive a PhD in cow-calf nutrition and management from the University of Illinois in 2016. Currently, Chris is the Director of Beef Technical Solutions at Biozyme, Inc. He has judged shows in over 35 states, including: the Houston Livestock Show, Fort Worth Stock Show, National Western, the North American International Livestock Exposition, Arizona National, San Antonio Stock Show, and several Junior Nationals. Aside from his consulting role, Chris is heavily involved in the promotion and exhibition of the family herd, C-5 Angus, in which they market show heifers to junior members through an annual sale in the fall and an online sale in the spring. Chris currently resides in St. Charles, IL with his wife Katie and 3 children.

Maggie Smithee: AICA Registry and DNA Session

4-5 PM - Champions Club Conference Room



Parents and breeders, buckle up for an exciting and informative session all about what our Recording Secretary, Maggie Smithee does! The AICA Registration department is the memberships main tool to register cattle, process memberships, record weigh data, DNA and so much more. Come by ask Maggie any questions surrounding the AICA Registry and DNA. With over 20 years of experience she has seen it all and is excited to share her wisdom and experience with all of you!

All AICA Members and Show Spectators Recommended to Attend

Friday, June 28th

Owned Heifer Show

Judge: Tyler Cates

Associate: Kyle Shoufler

Tyler Cates hails from Indiana as a third generation cattle breeder. Tyler, his wife, Cortney, and their daughter, Piper run Shorthorn and Angus cattle in Modoc, Indiana. Today Cates Farms has exhibited over 20 National Champion or Reserve National Champion Females, and more than 15 National Champion or Reserve Champion Bulls. An avid agriculturist, Tyler is the epitome of loving this industry because even though raising cattle is technically Tyler's job, it is also something that he considers to be one of his favorite pastimes.



Originally from Fortville, Indiana, Kyle now resides with his wife, Lauren and their son, Hudson in Modoc, Indiana. Kyle is the longtime friend and employee of Cates Farm, working as their herdsman. Kyle is no stranger to the showing. He and his family raise competitive show lambs and Shorthorn cattle. Kyle graduated from Purdue University with a degree in animal science and has judged multiple national shows.

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Tom Sonderup

By: Emma Richards

Tom Sonderup is remembered for pioneering a multigenerational operation and for his overwhelming generosity, still, it's clear that his legacy is immeasurable, not even by his yellow yardstick suspenders.

The Sonderup cattle operation at Fullerton, Nebraska started with Tom Sonderup's father, Vern, who made his living as a farmer and commercial cattleman. However, it was Tom who took the cattle operation to new heights. He was among the first to introduce the Charolais breed to Central Nebraska when the Sonderup family purchased their first purebred bull in 1962 and Tom started to build his cow herd.

After graduating from college in 1976, Tom knew he wanted to return to the cattle industry and started his career by managing the Tri R Cattle Co. herd. After growing the herd in numbers, he and his wife Sandy eventually took over operations to form Sonderup Charolais Ranch Inc. Through Tom's leadership, the ranch was known for being one of the earliest to adopt AI and ET as common practice. In the 80's, he began using a linear measurement system which coincided with his focus on practical cattle that could perform. Tom and his family frequented cattle shows as exhibitors including the Nebraska State Fair, Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic, Husker Harvest Days, and the National Western in Denver where his presence in the yards represented a friendly face and his participation in the carload and pen shows reinforced his commitment to uniformity.

Working with several cooperators in Nebraska, Tom managed and marketed calves from over 1000 cows annually. His focus remained constant, profitability for cow-calf producers through to

the packing floor. Though Tom and Sandy dispersed their cow herd in 2022 and held their final bull sale in 2023, the goal of their breeding stayed true through it all, to raise and sell the most useful product for seedstock cattlemen, commercial producers, and youth alike.

“My first Junior National was in Rapid City, South Dakota, and I had a class winner. My last Junior National was in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and I had another class winner. He was always so excited about that. He was such a big proponent of kids participating in agriculture and saw Charolais cattle as a good fit for kids learning about the cattle industry and getting kids involved with cattle that would work in the pasture, show ring or not.”

- Kelly Hale, Oldest Daughter

No doubt, Tom Sonderup is easily recognized within the cattle industry, but many know him also for Papa Tom's BBQ. Since 2010, Papa Tom's has set up shop alongside the cattle barn at the Nebraska State Fair. He was originally asked to serve exhibitors breakfast and was offered a booth outside the barn to do it, but Tom had other plans. He recognized exhibitors and their families needed short lines and affordable, delicious food while exhibiting their livestock. So, he established a food truck and returned each year after that. As Papa Tom's BBQ grew popular, Tom helped cater countless events, including Charolais Junior Nationals and other regional and national livestock events.



In fact, Tom Sonderup once again demonstrated his commitment to Charolais youth and AICA when he advocated hosting Junior National for the first time in decades at the brand-new Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand Island. He served on the planning committee in 2012, 2017, and 2022 and always offered to prepare or coordinate the meals for each day. Tom was always glad to focus his time and efforts on AICA, AIJCA, and the Charolais breed. In return, he has been recognized as the 1991 AICA Seedstock Producer of the Year, a nominee for the 1991 BIF Seedstock Producer of the Year, 2011 Nebraska Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Day, and this year's AIJCA Junior National Show Dedicatee.

Tom Sonderup passed away last year, and is survived by his loving wife Sandy, his four daughters Kelly, Jamie, Tracy, and Heidi, and his six grandchildren. To know Tom was to know a pioneer raising Charolais cattle but his true pride and joy was always his family. His kindness and willingness to serve others live on with them.



Conference Honoree

Larry Ludeke

By: Brighton Lane

Full circle moments are rare and often rewarding. To fully appreciate these moments takes reflection on the turning points that changed the trajectory of our future lives. Nobody appreciates these full circle moments more than Larry Ludeke of Liverpool, Texas. And fortunately for current American International Junior Charolais Association (AIJCA) members, Larry's full circle moment involves the Charolais breed.

This story started in 1966, Larry was an FFA member and attended the Calf Scramble at the San Antonio Stock Show. His agriculture instructor gave him a set of simple instructions: "Get that calf on the ground, get the halter on him, and guide him into the chalk circle like you're driving a boat." Larry did just that and was rewarded with a \$200 Calf Scramble Certificate to be used to purchase a calf.

Just by sheer luck, Larry was introduced to the Charolais breed. The breed was still relatively new in the United States, but Larry's father knew a man in the area who raised purebred Charolais. That fall, with the calf scramble certificate in hand, Larry visited that breeder and came home with a fullblood Charolais bull calf for \$500. This was the next step in this full circle story resulting in the AICA and AIJCA gaining a tremendous leader and benefactor.

Larry was admittedly "absolutely head over heels for agriculture" at this stage of his life. He added to his herd by attending sales and buying bottle calves to raise. That first Charolais bull was the center of his herd and was used to breed those calves. The AIJCA was not established yet, so Larry took this bull and showed in the Open Show at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. That experience cemented his love of showing cattle and the Charolais breed, as well as an understanding of how beneficial a formal junior program could be for the youth and for the blossoming Charolais breed.

Following college, Larry took a step away from the breed and focused on his professional life. But that interest and love was rekindled when he and his wife purchased land just south of Houston. Larry, along with his wife Beth, started Bar J Charolais on that property in Liverpool, Texas, and his passion was reignited. Today, they run over 1,000 head of cattle, far more than the twenty-two head he had initially purchased. Since his return to the breed, Larry has volunteered untold time and energy to the AICA, AIJCA, and the American Charolais Foundation (ACF). Larry has served in numerous positions on the AICA Board. Bar J Charolais provided the National Sale ACF Heifer at the 2020 Cattleman's Congress. He has always been an avid supporter of Junior Nationals.

The Russell W. Ludeke – Harold Christopher Truax II Memorial scholarship is an example of his dedication to the future of this industry and our country. This scholarship offers a great financial benefit to either a Veterinary or Medical professional student, allowing these Charolais youth to pursue a dream, and ease the financial weight that these degree programs require.

Among his contributions, one of the drawing awards offered at this year's Rock Char Junior National will be a choice of Bar J Charolais 2023 open heifers. This is an incredible offering and a generous donation by Larry and Beth. When asked what motivated him to step out to make such great donations, Larry was very clear---that Beth's support of him and the Junior program, and the support he received when just a young man is the driving force behind his generosity. "That Charolais breeder did it for me. He didn't have to sell that bull to me for \$500. I know that this breed will not survive if we don't encourage younger people to be involved."

Larry Ludeke truly sees it as a blessing that he is in this position and takes great pleasure in doing all he and his wife can to support the AIJCA. Furthermore, the AIJCA members are fortunate to be the recipient of the closing of this full circle story of a young man blessed with a mentor who helped develop that love for the Charolais and now is returning that blessing as best he can.



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The first annual Russell W. Ludeke – Harold Christopher Truax II Memorial scholarship being awarded in 2019. Photo from left to right: Miss Charolais USA Madison Voet, Bar J Charolais: Beth and Larry Ludeke, Recipient Tara Fountain, JVS Cattle Co: Evelyn Gay Lawton Duhon and Rod Smith.

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Justin Boots
JWC Marketing
Lane Livestock Services
Lehman Charolais
LG Herndon Jr Farms
Link Charolais
Little W Farm
James McCartney
Outfront Cattle Service
Pfeifer Farms
RAMRO LLC/RJ Cattle Co
Schrader Ranch
Security State Bank & Trust
Shepherd Charolais
Thomas Ranch
Tyler Davis Farms
Jeannie Wanhainen
We Protect Farms
Wild Indian Acres

BRONZE \$500+

2H Cattle Company
4M Land & Cattle
Aristo Farms

Attoe Acres II
Barnard Farms
Benes Cattle Company
Big Creek Charolais
Bovine Elite
Buddy's Charolais
C. Dalton Livestock
Charolais Chatter
City View Farms
Greg & Tina Clifton
Coudron Charolais
Brian Courtney
Creasey Charolais
Cross Mountain Cattle
Eli Dehan
Elite Imagery
Fox Hollow Farm
H3 Charolais
Harris Livestock Farms
Hayden Farm
Chris Hughes
Hoag Diesel Repair
Janssen Beefmasters
Johnson / Oakes Genetics
Lafraise Farms
Laserworks & Sew Shop
Livestock Nutrition Center
McCurdy Cattle Co
Rod McDowell
Missouri Junior Charolais Assn
Brandi Mears
Jose Luis Mendiola
Nicole House Photography
NRS
O'Campo Cattle Company
Pat Peavler
Greg Peck
Plyler & Son Charolais
Scott & Kelly Porter
Ridder Farms
Rockin W Ranch
Stout Auction Service
Suhr Livestock
Peyton Taska-Genzer
Sid & Jessica Thayne
Tonne Cattle Company

Zehnder Waage Partnership

FRIENDS

\$250+

3G Farms

4520 Customs/M2 Charolais

5MC Show Cattle

Dutton & Deuce Amos

Brandon Ashcroft

Adam Charolais

Beavers Charolais

Becky Greer Family

Bina Charolais

Bullard Cattle Co

Jeff & Karen Bonacker

Carson Carter

CJ Creative

Clift Livestock

Conway Charolais

Dennis Charolais Farms

Double C Ranch

Fancy Creek Charolais

Harrod Farms

Hat Creek Cattle Co

Iowa Junior Charolais Association

J Bar T Cattle

Jason Haywood Cattle

Jeffries Charolais

Kansas Charolais Association

Kansas Junior Charolais Association

BJ Keppen

Lazy H Ranch Colorado

Kevin Lightfoot

Long Hall Cattle

Catherine Mahlmann

Mid Plains Mobile Vet

Mitchell Management

ML Lewis Charolais

N&N Services

Nebraska Junior Charolais Association

Bella Parker

Randall Ranch

Red River Valley Farm

Samsel Cattle Co

Sherman Heights Farm

Showtimes Magazine

Stalcup Farms Charolais

Aaron Strittmatter

Thurnau Charolais Cattle Service

Walker Farm

Wal-Mar Engraving

Wienk Charolais

FRIENDS

UP TO \$250

4 Groom Ranch

4D Charolais

4N Cattle Company

5J Charolais

Arrowhead Ranch

B7 Charolais

BCR Cedar Fiber

Jamie Bodford

Brent Charolais

Broberg Charolais

Broken Box Ranch

Carmon Bruner

C & S Cattle

C Squared Cattle Company

Cannon Charolais Ranch

Chateau Cattle Co

Clark Charolais

Cobb Charolais

Cory Davis

DeBruycker Charolais

DeMoss Show Cattle

DESCO Charolais Farm

Deutsch Charolais

Doll Charolais Ranch

Double R Dees Charolais

Logan Downey

Eggleston Charolais

Kim Evers

Filippo Family Farms

Fountain Charolais

Full Circle Cattle Company

Kim Fulp

Geyer Cattle Company

Glenn SESCO

Hankins Farms

Hargrave Cattle Company

Harward Sisters

Hassebrook Charolais Farms

Heritage Cattle Co

Hermes Cattle Co

Chris Hess

High Caliber Creative & Consulting

Carter Hoge

Hubert Charolais Ranch

HYDRA-STAT

J & S Ranch

Lindsey Jackson

J-MAR Genetics

John Polhemus Family

K&D Cattle

KB Charolais

Keahey Charolais

Melinda Kidd

Lacie Cameron

Lafrentz Cattle

Larson Cattle Company

Oscar & Connie Liebelt

LubriSyn HA

Lyman Livestock

Mead Farms

Meadows Creek Farms

Nebraska Classic

Omnicrobe Natural Solutions

Owens Charolais

Paradise Acres

Prairie Valley Farms Inc

R Lazy B Ranch

Rennert Ranch

Rogers Bar HR

Roster Charolais

RSD Charolais

Sandmeier Charolais

Ben & Connie Schnuelle

Schnuelle Ranch

Simmons Charolais

Teanna Simpson

Soreide Charolais Ranch

Sparkman Cattle Company

Austen & Laura Stewart

Stewart Charolais

Greg Straughter

T & S Strnad Charolais

Testerman Charolais

Trinity Valley Community College

Twisted V

Vedvei Charolais

Wagner Charolais

Wagonhammer Ranches

Wakefield Farms

West Fork Ranch

White Wheel Charolais Ranch

Windy Hill Charolais Farms

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