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Schedule of Events

2023 AIJCA JUNIOR NATIONAL

SATURDAY, JULY 1

8 AM Cattle Barns Open for Move-in – Earliest Arrival of Cattle
Move-in west side of Cattle Barn and Annex

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8 AM Board Member Candidate Meeting – **MOBC – FFA Chapter Room**
 8 AM–12 PM Cattle Check-In – **Cattle Barn Office**
 9 AM–12 PM Leadership Conference Check-In – **MOBC**
 12 PM Noon All Cattle must be on the grounds
 1:30 PM Adult, Chaperone & Advisor Meeting – **MOBC**
 2 PM Peer Mentor/Mentee Introductions – **Covered Exercise Ring**
 4 PM Group Pictures/State Pictures – **Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum**
 5:30 PM Opening Ceremonies – **Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum**
 6:30–8 PM Conference Welcome Dinner – **Food Trucks**
 6:30 PM Char Spangled Banner Kickball Tournament –
Meet at Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum

MONDAY, JULY 3

7:30–8 AM Weigh Steers – **Covered Exercise Ring**
 8:30 AM AIJCA General Caucus & Area Meeting – **Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum**
 11:00 AM Cook-off Contest Presentations Begin – **MOBC**
 11:30 AM–1 PM Char Spangled Lunch and Mentor/Mentee Get Together – **MOBC**
 1:30 PM Leadership Conference Keynote – **Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum**
Keynote Speaker, Holly Hoffman
 3:00 PM Quiz Bowl Contest – **Starting Area: Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum**
Competition Rooms: FFA Chapter Room & Compeer Arena
 5:30–7 PM Char Spangled Dinner – **MOBC**
 6 PM Miss Charolais USA Meet & Greet Dinner – **MOBC**
 6 PM Sure Champ Formula 4 Success – **MOBC**

TUESDAY, JULY 4

8 AM Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech, Interview Contests – **MOBC**
 10:30 AM Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Clinic – **Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum**
 11:30 AM–1 PM Char Spangled Lunch – **MOBC**
 1 PM Team Sales Contest – **Compeer Arena**
Begin with Intermediate & Junior Divisions
Senior Division follows completion of Senior Team Fitting

TUESDAY, JULY 4 CONTINUED

- 1:30 PM Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Team Fitting Contest – *Warner Coliseum*
Order: Senior Division, Intermediate Division, Junior Division
- Evening on your own

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

- 8 AM Weaver Livestock Showmanship Contest – *Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum*
Begin with Senior & Intermediate Divisions
Followed by Junior Division and PeeWee Clinic
- 11:30 AM–1 PM Char Spangled Lunch – *MOBC*
- 1:30 PM Leadership Conference Breakouts
Raptor Center – Coliseum Recommended for ages 12 and under
University of Minnesota Meat Lab – Meet in Coliseum Entryway for ages 13 and up
- 3 PM Adult 9-Hole Golf Scramble – *Como Park Golf Course*
- 3:30 PM Area Meetings & Director Elections – *Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum*
- 4:30 PM Char Spangled Snack and Talent Show – *Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum*
- Evening on your own

THURSDAY, JULY 6

- 8 AM Bred & Owned Heifer Show, Bull, Steer and Percentage Heifer Shows
– *Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum*
- 11:30 AM–1 PM Char Spangled Lunch – *MOBC*
- 2:30 PM Conference Awards Program – *Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum*
- 3 PM AIJCA Annual Membership Meeting – *Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum*
- 6:30 PM AIJCA Annual Award Banquet Dinner – *North End Event Center*
- 7 PM AIJCA Annual Award Ceremony – *North End Event Center*

FRIDAY, JULY 7

- 8 AM Owned Heifer Show – *Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum*
Cattle released at the conclusion of the show
- 11:30 AM–1 PM Char Spangled Lunch – *Concession Stand Ticket*

SATURDAY, JULY 8

- 12 PM Noon Cattle must be off the grounds

*MOBC = Miracle of Birth Center



Grounds Map

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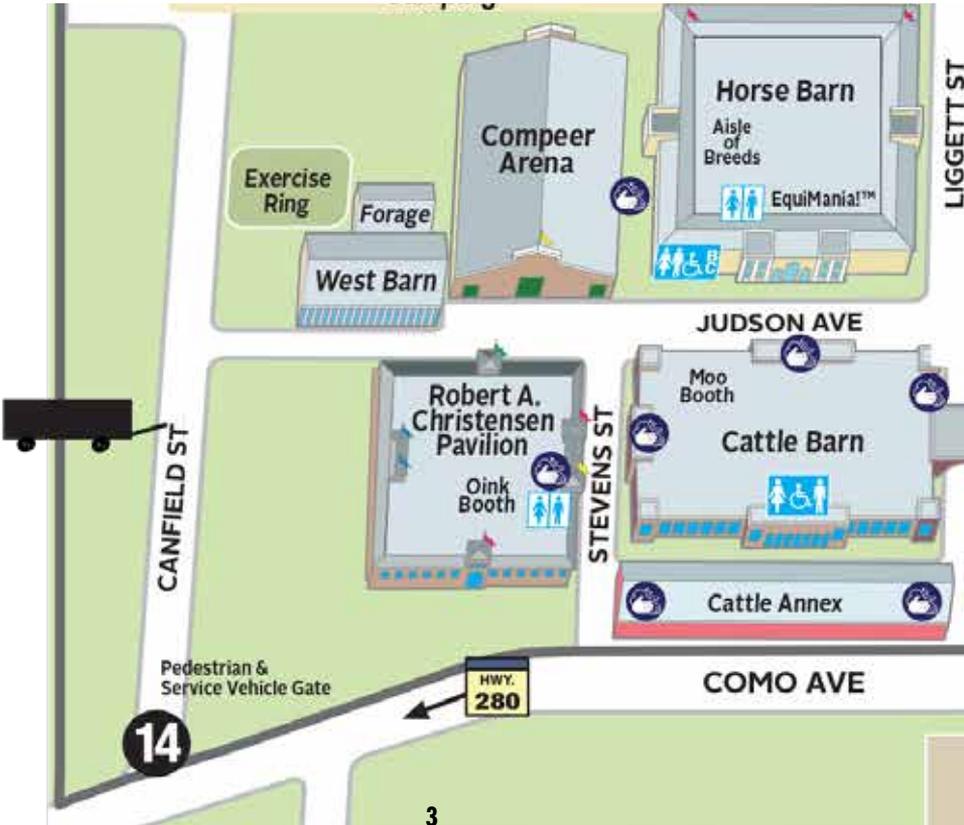
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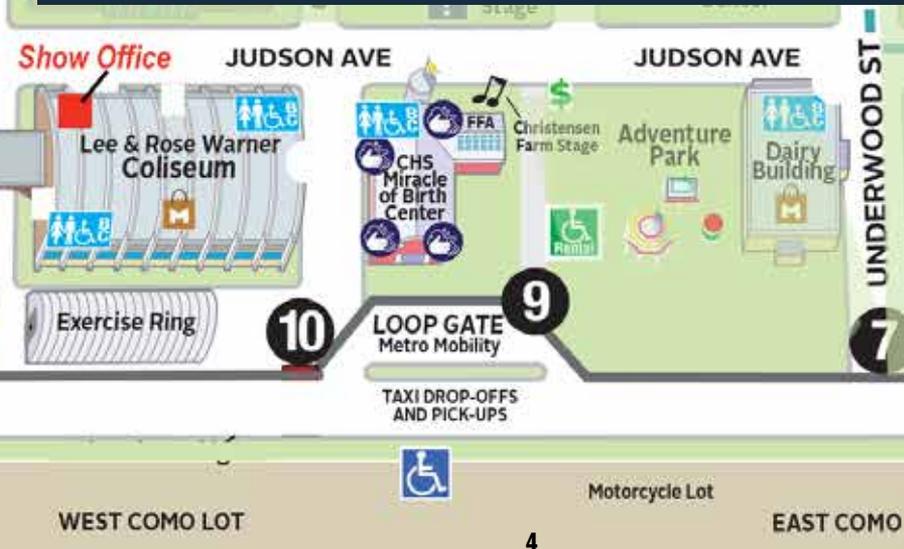
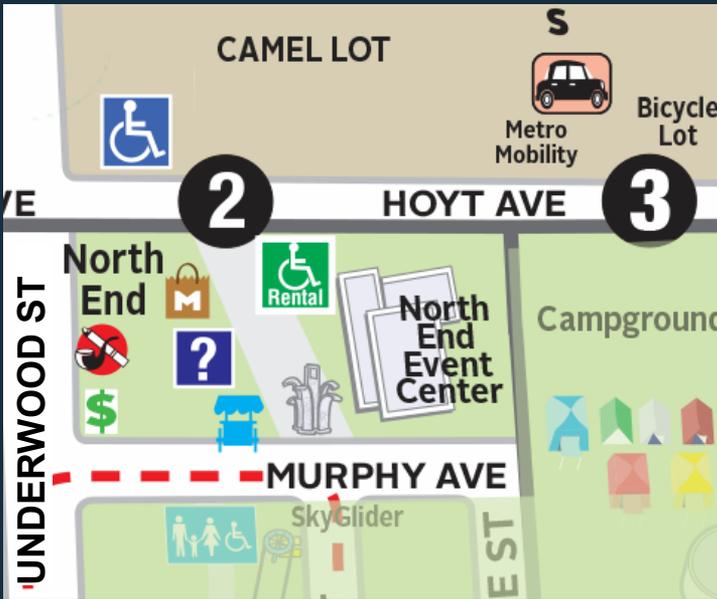
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Char-Spangled Banner Meal Ticket Menu

SUNDAY

CONFERENCE WELCOME DINNER 6:30 - 8:00 PM AT FOOD TRUCKS

Choice of BBQ Sandwich: Brisket, Pulled Pork or Chicken and Chips, Root Beer, Thelma's Snickerdoodle Ice Cream Sandwiches

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MONDAY

LUNCH 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich, Chips & Cookie, Bottled Water

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DINNER 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Taco Bar: Ground Beef or Shredded Chicken, Soft or Hard Shell Tortillas, Toppings, Spanish Rice, Chips & Salsa, Iced Tea & Lemonade

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LUNCH 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Subway Sandwich Box Lunch: Ham, Turkey or Club, Chips, Cookie, Bottled Water

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WEDNESDAY

LUNCH 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Pizza: Pepperoni, Sausage or Cheese, Caesar Salad, Bottled Water

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SNACK 4:30 PM

Thelma's Snickerdoodle Ice Cream Sandwiches

THURSDAY

LUNCH 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Portillos Hot Italian Beef Sandwich or Chicago Style Hot Dogs, Chips, Bottled Water

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ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET DINNER

6:30 PM

Prime Rib Hand Carved to Order, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Cookie or Brownie, Iced Tea & Lemonade

FRIDAY

LUNCH 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Concession Stand Ticket: Choice of Hamburger, Cheeseburger or Chicken Sandwich and Fries

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Welcome Juniors!

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The AIJCA Junior Board would like to welcome you to the 2023 AIJCA 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 exhibitor number on your conference/meal ticket. These will be used to divide into small groups.

The General Caucus Meeting will be held on Monday, July 3rd in the Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum. 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, July 6th in the Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum. 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 AIJCA Board of Director. We would be happy to help!

Good luck and have a great week!

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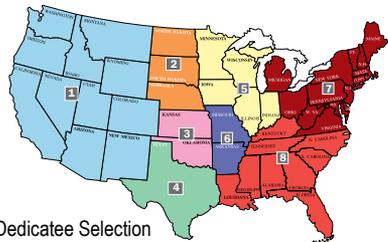


AIJCA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

July 6th, 2023 • 3:00 p.m. • St. Paul Minnesota

Call to Order – President, Devon Benes
Roll Call – Secretary, Shade Bunker

1. Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Membership Report
4. General Caucus Report & Action
5. 2024 Junior National Update
6. 2025 Junior National Bid
7. Future Junior National Bids
8. 2024 Conference Honoree & Show Dedicattee Selection
9. Other Business



MEET YOUR 2022-2023 JUNIOR BOARD MEMBERS

AIJCA PRESIDENT • DEVON BENES, NEBRASKA



What's up Charolais enthusiasts! My name is Devon Benes and I am your 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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AREA 1 • MADDY ROHR, COLORADO



Hi, my name is Maddy Rohr and I am your AIJCA Junior Board Area 1 Director. I am from Elbert, Colorado where my family raises registered Charolais and Angus cattle. I am currently a senior at Kansas State University where I am studying agricultural communications and journalism, with a minor in animal science.

AREA 2 • DILLON BORG, NEBRASKA



Hello everyone! My name is Dillon Borg and I am your AIJCA Junior Board Area 2 Director. I am the son of Mark and Angie Borg, and I currently live in Concord, Nebraska. This past spring I graduated from college with a degree in Mechanized Agriculture. Currently, I am working on the family farm where we run a row crop operation while also raising cattle.

AREA 3 • VICE PRESIDENT - WESTON SCHRADER, KANSAS



Hello juniors! My name is Weston Schrader, and I am from Wells, Kansas where my family raises Charolais and SimAngus seedstock. We market spring bulls through our Schrader Ranch Annual Bull sale, as well as show heifers and steers via private treaty across the Midwest. I will be a sophomore at Kansas State University in Animal Science, while also competing on the livestock judging team. This spring, I was a member of the National Champion Meat Animal Evaluation team.

AREA 4 • JAYCEE LITTLETON, TEXAS



Hey everyone, my name is Jaycee Littleton and I am your AIJCA Junior Board Area 4 Director. I grew up in Simms, Texas where I was involved in our small-town community and family ranch, -L Charolais. I live in Norman, Oklahoma currently and plan on starting pharmacy school in the fall!

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AREA 5 • CARTER HOGE, ILLINOIS



Hello! I am Carter Hoge from Good Hope, Illinois and I am your AIJCA Junior Board Area 5 Director. I have enjoyed showing all species of livestock, but have found a strong fondness for the Charolais breed. I will be attending Black Hawk East Junior College this fall while also participating on the livestock judging team. I am looking forward to a great week at Charolais Junior Nationals!

AREA 6 • LUCAS CRUTCHER, MISSOURI



What's up Char gang? I'm Lucas Crutcher and I am serving as your AIJCA Junior Board Area 6 Director. I live in Fair Grove, Missouri where I help operate Crutcher Cattle Company where we raise purebred Charolais cattle. I am currently a sophomore at Butler Community College where I am pursuing a degree in Agriculture Business as well as participating on the livestock judging team.

AREA 7 • SECRETARY - SHADE BUNKER, WISCONSIN



Hi! My name is Shade Bunker and I am your Area 7 Director and Secretary from Sparta, Wisconsin. My parents are Jeff and Angela Bunker, and with my younger sister, Breeze, we own and operate J&A Charolais. This is my third year on the AIJCA Junior Board of Directors, and the Char Spangled Banner will be my 12th Charolais Junior National! I am a sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in Agriculture Business and minoring in Animal Science.

AREA 8 • TREASURER - MATTIE HARWARD, NORTH CAROLINA



Hello, my name is Mattie Harward, and I am your AIJCA Junior Board Area 8 director and AIJCA Treasurer. I am from Richfield, North Carolina where I help with my family's cattle marketing businesses as well as our commercial and purebred beef cattle operations. I recently graduated from Iowa State University where I majored in Agricultural Studies. This will be my last junior nationals as a junior and marks my 15th year showing livestock.

AT LARGE • AUSTIN ALEXANDER, ALABAMA



Hey everyone! I'm Austin Alexander, one of the new 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 nationals will mark my 10th junior national to participate and show in.

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AT LARGE • NISSA OLSEN, KANSAS



Hey everyone! My name is Nissa Olsen and I am one of your AJICA At-Large Directors. I grew up around Manhattan, Kansas where my family runs a small Charolais seedstock operation. In addition, I have been showing cattle for the past 12 years, and this will be my 10th Junior National. In the fall I plan to attend Kansas State University to major in Animal Science.

AT LARGE • ETHAN SHOEMAKE, OKLAHOMA



Hey Charolais family, I'm Ethan Shoemake, and I currently serve as one of your AJICA At-Large Directors. The Char Spangled Banner will be my fourth Junior National. I live in the small town of Porum, Oklahoma where my family runs a 50+ cow/calf purebred Angus and percentage and purebred Charolais operation. I'm currently a sophomore at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, Oklahoma where I'm pursuing my associates degree in Agricultural Communications. I am also a member of the livestock judging team and agricultural ambassadors program. Go 'Neers!

AT LARGE • JENNA TLACH, IOWA



Hi all! My name is Jenna Tlach and I am from a small town in south central Iowa. This year I'm serving as one of your at-large directors. My family includes my parents Barry and Amy, and my younger sister, Abby. As a family we operate City View Farms in Prole, Iowa. We work to produce elite heifers that are capable of producing offspring that can compete at various levels. It's been fun to find success in the show ring and watch our genetics accumulate success. This fall, I will be a junior at Iowa State University in Agricultural Education/ Communications.

EX-OFFICIO • MOLLY SMITH, TEXAS



Howdy ya'll! I was the 2021-2022 AJICA President. I am the daughter of Doris and Roger Smith, originally from Lockhart, Texas. Being on the Charolais Board has played an enormous impact on who I am. I am currently attending Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas where I am pursuing my masters degree in Physiology of Reproduction.



Miss Charolais USA 2023



EMMA HANKINS

is the 18 year-old daughter of Jason and Pam Hankins of Springfield, Mo. Emma has been showing cattle since she could walk. Her first Charolais Junior National was in Kansas City, Missouri and she was only six! Emma competed in a variety of contests her first few years until she was eight and showed for the first time in Texarkana, Texas. She has been to every Junior National since then and loved every second of it. Emma is the president of the Missouri Junior Charolais Association as well as a past regional vice-president of the Missouri Junior Cattleman's Association. She is a member of Greene County Cattleman's, Republic FFA, and the American International Junior Charolais Association. During her years of

high school, Emma has been a part of the Republic Ambassador program, the Agriculture program, Advisory Council, and Honors program. Emma was a lead ambassador, Area 12 FFA Vice-President, Junior Advisory member, and high ranking in the National Honor Society. Emma graduated from high school in December of 2022 and began attending Ozark Technical College in January 2023. Emma is pursuing a Business and Finance degree, with hopes to get her appraisals license after graduation. She loves working with the younger generation of Charolais breeders and hopes to be a mentor like those she looked up to as a kid.

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Sunday, July 2nd

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

6:30 PM - Meet at Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum

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Monday, July 3rd

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SESSION: KEYNOTE SPEAKER, HOLLY HOFFMAN

1:30 PM - Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum

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Holly Hoffman was the last remaining member of the Espada Tribe and the last woman standing on season 21 of CBS' hit reality show "Survivor Nicaragua". Through that experience, and others throughout her life, Holly was inspired to share her message of survival.

A professional motivational speaker and the author of *Your Winner Within* and *Write Yourself a Note*, Holly acknowledges that life is made up of challenges, and we are oftentimes faced with situations that seem insurmountable. Within each of us is an ability to focus our thoughts, emotions, and energy to succeed- if only we have the knowledge, tools, and discipline to do so.

A native of South Dakota, Holly's writing and speaking not only offer encouragement and optimism, but a roadmap for self-discovery and spiritual enlightenment. Readers and audience members alike walk away inspired to light the fire of successful living within themselves.

Today, Holly is a recipient of the Certified Speaking Professional designation, and travels across the country and internationally, speaking to a wide variety of corporations, associations, universities, schools, and women's organizations. Holly inspires her audience to take opportunities and focus on faith, attitude, determination, confidence, desire, and perseverance.

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6:00 PM - Miracle of Birth Center

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Tuesday, July 4th

SULLIVAN SUPPLY/STOCK SHOW UNIVERSITY CLINIC

10:30 AM - Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum



Sullivan Supply hosts, Kevin Doonan, Clayton Boyert, and Wess Richey will teach exhibitors importance and tips in their Fitting Trifecta Clinic. Throughout this clinic, the three hosts will specialize in the demonstrations using product and fitting areas of the Top Line, Belly, and the Back Leg.



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Wednesday, July 5th

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SESSION: UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MEAT LAB

1:30 PM - Meet in Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum Entryway

Sponsored by: Nebraska Junior Charolais Association & Char-Cation Planning Committee

* Recommended for ages 13 & up

The Meat Science Laboratory, located in the Andrew Boss Laboratory of Meat Science (ABLMS), is a modern meat processing facility capable of processing both red meat and poultry species. In addition to the extension, research, and teaching capacities that the laboratory serves, fresh and processed meats products are also made available for purchase by the university community and interested parties, and some products may be featured in other universities dining venues and events.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SESSION: THE RAPTOR CENTER

1:30 PM - Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum

Sponsored by: Nebraska Junior Charolais Association & Char-Cation Planning Committee

* Recommended for ages 12 & under



Raptors, also called birds of prey, have existed in some form for 50 to 75 million years. There are approximately 482 species of raptor worldwide, 304 diurnal (day-active) species and 178 nocturnal (night-active) species. Find out more about raptor species found in North America, from how to spot them, where they live, and what they eat. Come see the raptors up close!

Wednesday, July 5th

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Tee Times stagger beginning at 2:56 PM

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

*Please sign up in the Show Office by Noon, Monday, July 3rd



Meet The Judges

SULLIVAN SUPPLY/ STOCK SHOW UNIVERSITY TEAM FITTING CONTEST

Michael Brual

A Minnesota native, Michael Brual grew up in West Concord, Minn. where he began to work for seedstock producers across the midwest. Today, Michael lives in Watertown, South Dakota and works for Midwest Veterinary Service. Aside from Midwest Vet, Michael works with Simmental and Angus producers as well as raises his own cattle.



Grady Ruble

Growing up in Albert Lea, Minn. Grady Ruble helped his parents and brother run their Simmental and Angus cattle operation. Today, Grady, his wife, and children all reside in Canby, Minn. Grady works as a beef cattle nutritionist for Purina.



Zach Wangen

Zach Wangen resides in Ellendale, Minn. where he farms and raises Red Angus cattle. After graduating from Iowa State University in 2014, Zach returned home to work alongside his dad, mom, and brother at Wangen Cattle Company.



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Meet The Judges

WEAVER LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST SENIOR DIVISON

Ed and Bret Cody

Ed Cody is a 3rd generation cattleman and owner of Cody's Cattle Service in Menomonie, Wis. Shortly after college, Ed and Lynn founded Cody's Cattle Service, where they began by buying and selling elite show stock while also running a cow-calf operation. He and his wife, Lynn, raised three children Nate, Bret, and Jessie. Ed has also been blessed to work and judge livestock shows all across the country.

Ed's son, Bret Cody owns Cody's Cattle Service (Texas) and resides in Tolar, Texas with his wife, Kasey, and two sons. As a family, they focus on raising and marketing elite show cattle of various breeds. Bret loves to travel to shows with his family and customers.



Both Ed and Bret enjoy working alongside youth in agriculture to provide excellent customer service and tailored guidance throughout feeding and breeding seasons of cattle.

WEAVER LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Ennis and Kip Wallace

Ennis Wallace currently resides in Emerald Wisconsin, where he, his wife Karen, and his son, Kip, own and operate Kip Wallace Cattle Company. For the past 15 years, the family operation focuses on raising high quality Red Angus and Simmental cattle through an extensive embryo transplant program. Ennis has managed several prestigious cow herds over the years and has raised and fed, champions at all of the major livestock shows in the country.



Kip Wallace is a graduate of Black Hawk East and Western Illinois University, where he was a member of the livestock judging teams. Kip then returned to Black Hawk and served as the Agribusiness Instructor and Assistant Livestock Judging Coach. Currently, he and his family own and operate "Kip Wallace Cattle Company" a progressive Red Angus and Simmental seedstock operation that markets cattle and genetics across the globe.

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Will Coor

Will Coor, originally from Selma, North Carolina, attended Black Hawk East Junior College where he was a member of the 2013 National Champion Junior College Livestock Judging Team. After his time at Black Hawk, he went on to attend Western Illinois University where he completed his senior collegiate livestock judging career and received a B.S in Agricultural Business. Will, alongside his wife Lauren and two sons, Stokely and Bowen, now reside in Greefield, Ohio where they own and operate Coor Cattle. Coor Cattle's main focus is raising and selling high-quality show cattle in multiple breeds that are offered in their various sales biannually.



OWNED HEIFER SHOW

Ty Bayer



Ty Bayer attended Junior College at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois, where he was an active member of the livestock judging team. After junior college, Ty transferred to Colorado State University where he graduated in 2015 with a degree in Animal Science. While attending CSU Ty was a member of a successful livestock judging team that had many top 5 finishes including being named champion team at the American Royal in Kansas City. After graduation from Colorado State University, Ty returned home to the family farm in Ringle, Wis. Ty and his family currently operate TC Reds, a 140 head operation including Angus and Red Angus cattle. The Bayer's have bred and shown many state and national champions.



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Don Olsen

By: Reagan Dolan

Patient, genuine, kind; few of many notable ways to describe Don Olsen and his lasting impression on those whom he surrounded.

The valued importance of cattle was taught to Don at an early age. Growing up on his family's dairy and Hereford cattle operation, Don could be seen as a passionate rancher and leader. Thanks to his involvement as president for Colorado FFA and the Colorado Junior Hereford Board, Don would continue his professional career as a cattleman throughout life. Influenced by his brother Jim, Don grew a fond interest of the Charolais breed and was intrigued by Charolais genetics. Together, the family established Yuma Colorado Charolais (YUCO), and soon after Don created Fancy Creek Charolais. Even today, Don's cattle company is still run and operated in Randolph, Kansas.

Much of Don's success has been closely accompanied by his wife, Charlotte Olsen. Don and Charlotte were married in September of 1975 in Mulvane, Kansas. Together, they had two children and one granddaughter. Their relationship was often spent ranching, travelling, and being involved in their community. Charlotte most enjoyed Don's curiosity, as they would frequently take day trips to visit new places and people.

Being an Agricultural Economics enthusiast, Don took a visionary perspective on Charolais genetics and the industry's marketing approach. He believed passionately in the importance of cattle shows to promote the Charolais breed. Don was involved on AICA committees such as Breed Improvement and Affiliate Committees where he also served as Vice Chairmen of the Affiliate Committee.

While Don harbored a devotion to the cattle industry, he also offered strong ties to youth in his community. Whether he was leading 4-H clubs or coaching little league teams, Don was eager to assist in helping his children's teams and youth organizations. He was invested in helping young people learn and grow, and often mentored college kids on his ranch. Because of Don's passion for youth and agriculture, memorials have been established in Don's name for the Kansas Junior Charolais Association, Riley County 4-H Foundation, and the Randolph United Methodist Church.

As an esteemed alumni, Don dedicated much of his free time to Kansas State University athletics. Don was an avid football fan and as a season ticket holder, he dedicated time to cheer on the Wildcats whenever he could. This passion for K-State drove his family members to join the support of the university, but Don's love for the college especially impacted his granddaughter.



One of Don's favorite people to guide within youth organizations was his own granddaughter, Nissa Olsen. Many who had the honor of knowing Don could see that he enjoyed the time spent with his ranch buddy. Living only 20 miles apart, Nissa was able to spend much of her childhood growing up and learning the passion that Don had grown for Charolais cattle. Today, Nissa has carried forth Don's Charolais legacy. Numerous summers and countless hours of time spent working in the barn on show cattle instilled a bond between the two that he cherished greatly. While they spent much of their time working, Don and Nissa also made sure to have fun. Whether they were attending football games, driving to town for ice cream, or bonding on Sunday mornings, Don was proud of Nissa and the relationship they shared.

"I would describe my grandpa as a servant leader. He was the type of person who always went out of his way to help others. I sat next to him every Sunday at church, it was just us two in the pew most mornings, but it was often the highlight of my week."

- Nissa Olsen, granddaughter.

Don Olsen passed away on August 6, 2019, at his home. To know Don was to know the true compassion and dedication that a cattleman possesses. Even today, Don's legacy as a rancher, husband, grandfather, and friend will not be soon forgotten. Don was an authentic man with big dreams, as described by his wife, Charlotte.

"Have fun, be fair, help others, and do your part to create a better world."

- Charlotte Olsen, wife.



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Sue & Harlin Hecht

By: Reagan Dolan

A legacy that began over 55 years ago- Harlin and Sue Hecht planted roots in the heart of Minnesota where they formed two of their greatest accomplishments: their family and Double-H Charolais.

Sue and Harlin were married in August of 1967 and began their story in a small apartment in Evansville, Minnesota. Sue was working as an extension economist, and Harlin was an instructor of vocational agriculture. As they grew an interest for Charolais cattle, they decided to rent land on a small farm to establish their herd. The first product of Double-H Charolais was purchased in 1968 when Harlin and Sue decided to buy their first cow, D E Lora, from a dispersal sale. In their early days of ranching, the Hecht's were successful. Lora went on to produce the very first AICA Sterling Dam of Distinction, Double-H Laura. Today, Double-H Laura hangs on the wall in the AICA office alongside Sue and Harlin's plaque in the AICA Hall of Fame.

Together, Sue and Harlin had three sons. Howard, Mark, and Dale followed alongside the leadership of their parents, and each of the boys found success in showing at various Charolais Junior Nationals. As junior members, Mark and Howard both had the honor of serving as AIJCA President. Dale served on the AIJCA board and was awarded Junior Herdsman of the Year. Currently, Double-H Charolais continues to operate as a family affair, and the Hecht grandchildren compete at Junior National shows each year.

As Minnesota natives, Harlin and Sue have devoted countless years as exhibitors at the Minnesota State Fair. For over 50 consecutive years, the Hechts have shown their Charolais cattle at the state fair. Beginning with their involvement in the Minnesota Charolais Association, the

couple learned to utilize leadership and create relationships with others in the industry. In 1996, Harlin Hecht was the inaugural Charolais breeder inductee to the Minnesota Livestock Hall of Fame.

The Hecht family has been dedicated to the Charolais cattle business for many years. Harlin served as the AICA President from 2011-2012, and still actively serves on AICA committees. Sue is an active member of Charolais Dees, as well as an active member of various AICA committees. Harlin and Sue have been honorees at the 40th National Charolais Show at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, as well as the 1990 AIJCA Conference Honorees. Altogether, Sue and Harlin's involvement, contributions, and leadership abilities earned them an even greater accomplishment; being inducted into the AICA Hall of Fame. Harlin and Sue are fortunate and grateful for each award they receive, especially one with such high prestige.



“Our favorite memory for us was to be inducted into the AICA Hall of Fame. We never expected something like this, but it was an amazing honor.” -Harlin and Sue Hecht

The Charolais business has created lifelong lessons for the Hechts. As servants in the industry, Sue and Harlin have flourished on personal levels, which helped them to earn leadership roles. For Sue, those leadership roles and AIJCA events initiated their children's involvement in the industry.

“You need to get involved and join committees on all levels. Travelling to shows and leadership conferences helped our kids to learn communication and networking skills. Today we have made lots of friends and our close circle has been formed through the Charolais family,” – Sue Hecht.

Those who interact with Sue and Harlin see the true passion they carry for the Charolais industry. Their honest and reliable dedication to the breed is observed by many.

“Harlin and Sue have done well because they believe in their product and love to promote Charolais with everyone. They have been very successful with Charolais, but even more so with their family. They have raised a great set of sons!”

– Dennis Adams, Outfront Cattle Service



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