

Halter Breaking News

Safety Tip

The heat of the summer can be tough for both exhibitors and cattle, especially this year. However, there are ways to help keep you and your cattle comfortable until the cooler weather of fall.

At home, make sure you and your cattle both stay hydrated. Cattle may need to drink more often than at every feeding. Hydration is important to not only help the cattle stay cool, but it also helps to keep them healthy and eating. It is also essential for you to stay hydrated when dealing with your animals. If an owner is going to be out washing, walking, or just out with their animals, they must stay cool as well as their animals. Make sure that whether your animals are in a barn or turned outside, they have plenty of shade and water.

Most exhibitors will not have access to a cold room. If this is the case, fans help to circulate air throughout a barn. It is very beneficial to either rinse your calves a couple of times a day, or have a misting system in the barn. The cool water combined with the breeze generated from the fans helps the animals stay cool in a stuffy barn.

At a show, it is advisable to bring fans and some method of misting or fogging to keep your calves' stress level down in the hot weather. Don't forget to bring a cooler along for personal use as well, filled with cold drinks. Show day is a high stress and high work time for the exhibitors and parents as well as the show calves.

Many fairs at the county and other levels occur when the weather is still hot. While those can be a shower's favorite time, precaution should be taken for the health of the family and the cattle. Katie Williams Area 9 V.P.



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Breed News—Simmental

Whether they are red and white or black and white or just plain black. The Simmental breed has been one of the fastest growing breeds of this century..

Although they might not have always been the most "popular" breed, they have still always been one of the most profitable breeds in the U.S. One of the Simmental breed's biggest advantages is its adaptability. Breeders around the world have created animals that uniquely suit their environment or purpose. From the heat-tolerance of Simbrahs, the superior milk production of Fullbloods, the exceptional beef production of SimAngus, to the heterosis boost of SimGenetics, the Simmental influence generates value at all levels of production. In addition to high value

purebred cattle, Simmental genetics' flexibility allows operations to capture genetics from unique British and Continental sources in order to produce specialized animals for cattle exhibitors and other markets in the beef industry. The next time you're having a tough time deciding what to breed your herd to, consider Simmental bulls to better your cow herd."

Arkansas Junior Simmental Association



2011 Junior National Results

AJCA members had a busy summer traveling all across the country to different breed junior nationals!!! Memories and friends were made, and success was taken!! Here are some of the results of the summer of fun!!

The AJCA is also proud to highlight 3 of our members that are currently serving on their respective breeds junior boards!!

Simmental—Sedalia, MO

Kylee Sigmon—7th Junior Showmanship, 1st Junior Quiz, 7th Junior Sales Talk, 2nd Junior Judging, 2nd Junior Skill-a-thon, 3rd Junior Public Speaking, 2nd Overall Junior Division, 5th and 6th in % Simmi Class, 1st in Purebred Simmi Class

Kelsey Hockaday—10th Junior Showmanship, 5th in Purebred Simmi Class

Katy Tunstill—20th Intermediate Showmanship, 13th Intermediate Judging, 8th Intermediate Skill-a-thon, 5th place in Division IV Purebred Simmi

Logan Sigmon—15th Junior Quiz, 2nd in % Simmi Class, 8th in Purebred Simmi Class

Tandy Kidd—11th Intermediate Sales Talk, 14th Intermediate Public Speaking, 1st in % Simmi Class, Silver Merit Award

Audrey Foster—17th Intermediate Sales Talk, 4th and 6th in % Simmi Class

Olivia Foster—16th Senior Judging, 9th Senior Sales Talk, 11th Senior Public Speaking, 19th Overall Senior Division

Katie McNinch—9th Overall % Simmi Born and Bred Heifer



National Junior Board Member—Limousin Eric Birkner

Eric is in his second term as a national board member of the North American Limousin Junior Association (NALJA). Their terms are two years each. Once he was selected for a second term, he was nominated for president and later in the week was elected president. He will serve for the next year and then the following year will remain as Ex-officio on the board. He won in a landslide receiving 78% of the vote. He has become the first NALJA president from Arkansas. Eric is 19 years old and attends the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is pursuing an accounting degree and plans to attend law school. His parents are Carl Birkner and Dr. Linda Birkner from Solgohachia, Arkansas. NALJA board members are responsible for planning the leadership events, regional shows, award banquets and the Jr. National show and satellite events. The board conducts many fundraising events throughout the year. Eric will work the Limousin shows at the NAILE, American Royal and National Western. In his first two year term on the board, Eric traveled over 15,000 miles! As president, Eric will meet with the NALF (North American Limousin Foundation) board of directors, representing the junior members. Eric is a past president of the Arkansas Junior Cattleman's Association and credits much of his success on the national level to the leadership skills he gained here in Arkansas. AJCA is an excellent training ground for young leaders. If someone is interested in pursuing a leadership role on the national level, Eric thinks it is important for them to work at home and gain the skills necessary. The AJCA board is a great place to learn money management, fundraising, parliamentary procedure and just working with people. Serving on a national board is a major commitment, of both time and money. Check out the board you are interested in before deciding to apply. Make sure you understand the commitment and would be able to perform the duties if selected. In addition to traveling to board meetings across the country, you may be called on to speak in a moments notice. It is important that you are very knowledgeable about your breed and the beef industry in general. Also work on your speaking skills! You become a role model. That is an essential quality of a good board member on both the state and national level. Set good examples because you never know when someone might be watching you! NALJA is a youth organization with members across the country. The purpose of the North American Limousin Junior Association is to develop knowledgeable, motivated beef industry leaders while promoting the Limousin breed through fellowship, leadership and education. Eric has been able to work with beef leaders from around the country. The NALJA board members are a select group made up of outstanding leaders. Many of them are now moving on to bigger things. There are two members who will be attending vet school in the future, one currently in law school and a second getting ready to start. The board members work so closely together for several years that they form a very strong bond. Many of them will be lifelong friends. Eric has been a NALJA member for 14 years and this was his 12th consecutive Junior Nationals.



2011 Junior National Results cont.



Maine Anjou—Kansas City, MO

- Chancee Clark**—1st Junior Showmanship, Senior Calf Division Champion (Maine Anjou)
- Cody Salmon**—4th Intermediate Photography, 5th Intermediate Public Speaking, 7th Cattleman's Challenge, 3rd Spring Yearling Heifer (Maintainer)
- Tate Salmon**—6th Junior Showmanship, 7th Cattleman's Challenge, 6th Heifer Show (Maine Anjou)
- Mason Walker**—4th Junior Salesmanship, 9th Junior Showmanship, 4th Team Grooming, 7th Cattleman's Challenge, Champion Maintainer She's A Lady Futurity, 1st place heifer (Maintainer)
- Whitney Walker**—Elected Maine-Anjou Princess, 6th Junior Poster, 5th Team Grooming, Grand Champion Maintainer—National Owned Show

National Junior Board Member - Charolais Matt Loggains



Matt Loggains is currently serving on the junior board of the American International Charolais Association. An AICA Junior Board member is responsible for serving the AICA is



ferent the breed younger members. Matt has AJCA and credits his time



many dif-ferent events throughout the year. They are also advocates for the and help serve as a role model for all been a long active member of the with the association as a huge step-

ping stone to his time on the AICA Junior Board.

Shorthorn—Indianapolis, IN

- Matthew Wise**—3rd Promotional Poster, 2nd Extemporaneous Speech, 3rd Team Sales, High Point Overall Senior Division, 1st Bred and Owned Bull Class
- Katie Williams**—2nd Digitally Enhanced Photo, 3rd Prepared Public Speaking, 3rd Team Sales, 4th Overall Senior Division, 1st Bred and Owned Shorthorn Plus Class
- Coty Bell**—2nd Promotional Poster, 5th Arts and Etc, 5th Overall Senior Division, 4th in Purebred Class
- Landon Bolin**—3rd in Shorthorn Plus Class
- Holly Harvill**—Division 1 Champion Bred and Owned Shorthorn Plus
- Luke Bolin**—Elected to a 3 year term on AJSA Board of Directors
- Hannah Cotter**—2nd in Shorthorn Steer Class, Funding the Future Art Donor
- Arkansas** members Matthew Wise, Coty Bell, Holly Harvill, and Baylee Mangrum were 1st place in Beef Cook-Off and were also awarded Best Presentation in the contest!!
- Arkansas** was 1st in State Booth and 5th in Slideshow.
- Arkansas** had 3 of the top 5 senior high point individuals as well as having a member elected to the Jr. Board for the first time!!!



2011 Junior National Results cont.



Angus—Harrisburg, PA

Katy Tunstill—Intermediate Graphic Design Winner, 5th Overall Photo, Top 3 in two poster divisions, 3rd in both Owned Female Classes

Eastern Regional Angus Show—West Monroe, LA

Connor Cole—4th in Junior Showmanship

Katy Tunstill—Bred and Owned Division Calf Champion



National Junior Board Member—Shorthorn Luke Bolin



Luke Bolin of Harrison, Arkansas was elected to the American Junior Shorthorn Association Board of Directors at the 2011 National Junior Shorthorn Show in Indianapolis, Indiana. Luke is the 20 year old son of Terry and Becky Bolin and will be a junior at the University of Arkansas, majoring in Animal Science. By being elected to a 3 year term, Luke joins other members on the board from Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Georgia, and Ohio. Luke is the first person from the state of Ar-

kansas to ever run and be elected to the Jr. Shorthorn Board. The AJSA Board consists of 9 directors from across the country and they help serve the over 4,000 members of the American Junior Shorthorn Association. Some duties of an AJSA board member include; assisting with check-in and ring work at the American Royal, NAILE, National Western, and Junior Nationals, as well as traveling the AJSA office in Omaha, Nebraska for quarterly board meetings.

AJSA Board members will also attend the KEY Conference and YBIC (Youth Beef Industry Congress). The main job of the AJSA Board; however, is to be a positive role model for the youth of the Shorthorn breed,

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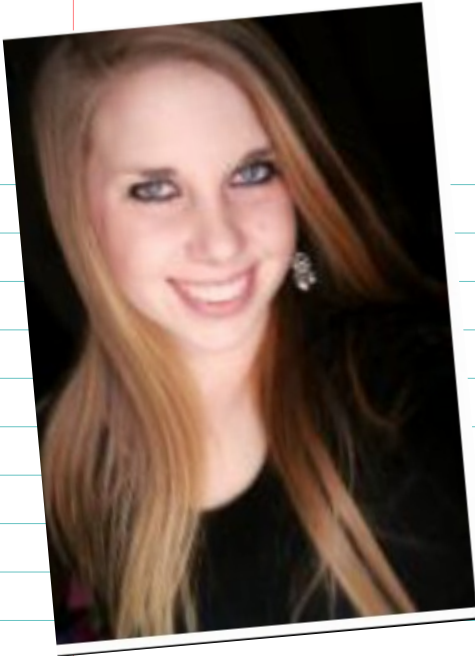


as well as, work as a advocate for the Shorthorn breed. Luke like the experience and knowledge he has gained from the Ar-Junior Cattleman's Association definitely prepared him for his within the American Junior Shorthorn Association. When what advice he would give to younger AJCA members Luke "Never give up on your dreams, if you work hard enough one will see it and it will pay off, because crazy dreams DO true."



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Note from Your President—Caitlin Haley



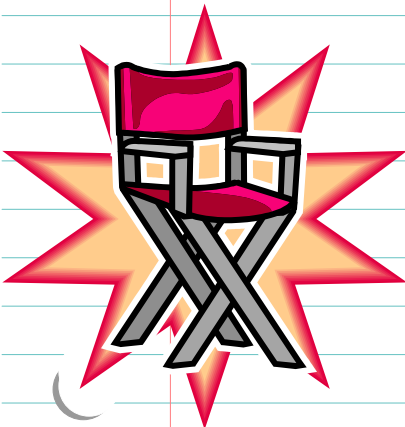
Wow! I cannot believe that summer '11 has only a few days left. However, this summer has been one of the best. As I look back on this summer I realize how God has truly blessed me. He has provided me with the essentials needed to show cattle. When 6 a.m. rolls around, I am usually thinking, "Why can't I just be a *normal* teenager and sleep in every day of summer?" Well once I get up and out to the barn, every thought of sleeping in goes away. Not very many people have the ability or opportunity to spend time doing a hobby that all of us in the AJCA have gotten the chance to do. Whether it's watching the baby calves run and buck with each other, or washing

calves while the sun comes up, it makes the sweat, early mornings, late nights, and frustration when a calf is not cooperating completely worth it. Showing cattle has allowed me to meet many amazing people that will be life long friends, while getting the chance to come closer to my family. I would never trade the experiences or opportunities that I have come across with showing cattle for anything. When you're out at the barn late at night, frustrated because your calf isn't cooperating, think about how lucky you are to have the chance to be doing what you do. I am looking forward to seeing everyone this fall! Keep working hard!

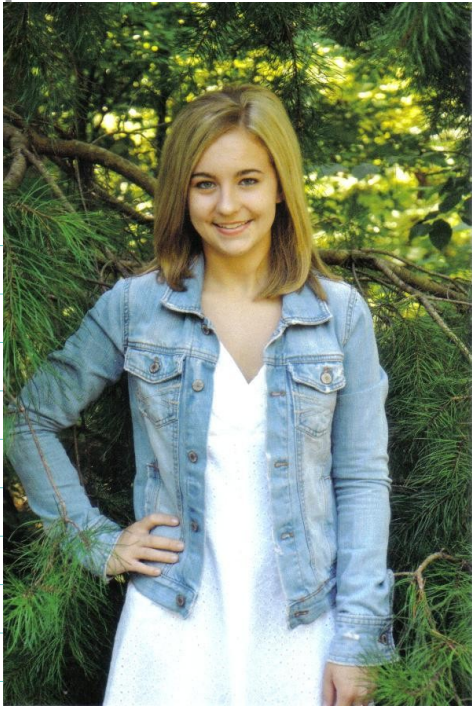
Note from Your State Director—Michelle Bertschy Rieff

These are exciting times for the Arkansas Jr. Cattlemen's Association. As we move to our year end award activities I find my garage full of prizes that await delivery to the hands of well-deserved winners. August 13th 38 belt buckles along with many, many other awards will be presented to high point exhibitors, leaders in the organization and future leaders of the cattle industry. We welcome the sixty-five AJCA members and their families to the Leaders in G.E.A.R. Achieving and Succeeding Conference. Rhett Laubach, our program speaker will inspire us to take action and get our leadership in gear. Rhett will stress the importance of striving for excellence in everything we do while working to be a person of ethics and strong character. We are honored to have members of the Arkansas Cattlemen's and Arkansas CattleWomen's Associations joining us for the beginning of our leadership conference.

The AJCA Thanksgiving Classic Committee is busy making final plans for our opening sanctioned show of the 2011-2012 show season. We will be back in Conway for a two day show. An addition to the weekend will be the AJCA annual meeting and election of officers. The annual meeting, along with showmanship, will take place on Friday, November 25th. We will be electing a president elect, secretary, youth treasurer, Areas 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 vice presidents and adult advisors and an adult parliamentarian. If you are interested in running for office, please contact me at michellerieff@aol.com or at 479.936.1685 to learn more about the duties of each po-



Officer Article—Cassie Godwin



Hello, AJCA! I hope everyone is having a great summer and staying as cool as possible in this extreme heat! This heat is very hard on all our cattle and us as well. I know that everyone is praying for rain and I have faith that God will bless us in time. This time of the year is very busy for everyone. We are all busy getting ready for school to start, taking care of our animals and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. For the AJCA board members we are also handling the finishing touches on the AJCA Leadership Conference. The conference is going to be awesome! There are going to be great sessions, games, a motivational speaker, and we will honor many exhibitors with year end awards. I hope that everyone has a great time at the conference and learns how to become great leaders.

Leadership is a very important quality to have in today's society. Being a strong leader will help you throughout your life. As Arkansas Junior Cattleman members we are the future of the cattle industry. As we make the transition from Junior Cattleman's to the Arkansas Cattleman's Association we are going to need our leadership skills to help us maintain and improve the cattle industry. A good leader needs to be enlightened, educated, and motivated in the area that they will be serving. The goal of the leadership conference is to build a confident and motivated leader by exposing the participants to the realities, strengths, resources, and needs of the cattle industry. I have graduated high school and I am in college. As I am going through these new experiences I am thankful for my leadership skills. I have attended several AJCA leadership conferences and I have matured as a leader year after year, because of the good training that the Arkansas Junior Cattleman's Association has provided. I challenge the Arkansas Junior Cattleman's members to take advantage of any leadership training that is offered through any organization. You will be a better leader and person because of it.

Farewell Address—Katie Williams

This year AJCA has 3 long time members that will be aging out of our association. We are allowing them to give their farewell address to the association.



Katie Williams of Imboden, Arkansas is the 20 year old daughter of Warren and Melinda Williams. Katie will be a Senior at Williams Baptist College where she is majoring in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Biology and Communications. Katie has been an AJCA member for 8 years and says that AJCA has helped her connect with other showers within her state and helped her to bond with other cattle people. She says that while she doesn't have a specific 'favorite' memory with the AJCA, the year that she Reserve Overall Commercial Heifer

asked what adbers she replied: people". Katie's future plans include graduate and possibly continue her education to pursue Education. She says that she will always variety of other breeds. She hopes to be help other people start showing cattle.



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AJCA Year End Winners

AJCA 2011 Heifer Point Winners

AOB Composite

Brittany Kunkel	173
Allyson Morrison	172

AOB

Sidney Davis	135
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Angus

Connor Cole	262
Katy Tunstill	243

Beefmaster

Hailey Langston	185
Brandon Draper	148

Brahman

Cody Collins	170
Zachary Collins	114

Brangus

Breanna Gosha	213
Murphy Williams	185

Charolais

Matt Loggains	220
Cecile Harris	205

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Chancee Clark	205
Luke Bolin	178

Gelbvieh

Isaac Blankinship	144
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Hereford

Brayden Drum	265
Machenzie Chambliss	157

Limousin

Chase King	138
Colte Mosher	128

Maine Anjou

Tate Salmon	185
Brayden Drum	158

Maintainer

Cody Salmon	195
Cecle Harris	155

Red Angus

Kaylee Hartsfield	118
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Santa Gertrudis

Chandler McCoy	195
Coty Fitzgerald	162

Shorthorn

Coty Bell	239
Sarah Caldwell	225

Shorthorn Plus

Luke Bolin	240
Colton Jones	180

Simmental

Jesse Hicks	192
Kylee Sigmon	181

SimSoultion

Katie McNinch	215
Brayden Drum	200

American

Claudia Wilkinson	248
Machenzie Chambliss	185

English

Katie McNinch	265
Will Clark	175

Exotic

Katie McNinch	280
Kylee Sigmon	212

Overall Registered

Brayden Drum	630
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Overall Commerical

Katie McNinch	545
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AJCA 2011 Bull Point Winners

AOB Composite

Wyatt Mosher	133
Eric Birkner	75

Angus

Hunter LaCour	180
Caitlin Haley	86

Brahman

Zachary Collins	180
Cody Collins	139

Brangus

Augustas Gosha	206
Murphy Williams	152

Charolais

Zach Stokes	106
Shaina Manning	89

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Erin Keeton	135
Austin Wilkinson	112

Hereford —Briana Lambert	129
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Maintainer —Colton Jones	180
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Santa Gertrudis

Brittany Kunkel	200
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Chandler McCoy	191
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Shorthorn Plus

Hanna Mathison	180
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Lindsey Huffmaster	84
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Simmental

Kylee Sigmon	180
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Audrey Foster	150
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AJCA Breeder of the Year

Katie McNinch	210
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Steer Point Winners

Chancee Clark	355
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Mackenzie Morrison	293
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Showmanship Winners

Pee Wee

Chancee Clark	214
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Machenzie Chambliss	148
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Ross Wingert	112
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Jared Blissenbach	92
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Ryan Lane	70
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Junior

Kylee Sigmon	446
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Machenzie Morrison	418
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Will Clark	360
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Brittany Kunkel	336
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Brayden Drum	274
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Senior

Matt Loggains	436
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Luke Bolin	432
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Katy Tunstill	410
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Jesse Hicks	358
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Katie McNinch	272
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AJCA Rookie Winners

Pee Wee and Overall Rookie

Chancee Clark	824
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Junior —Claudia Wilkinson	625
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Senior —Chandler McCoy	448
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Overall High Point Finalists

Kylee Sigmon	2382
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Brayden Drum	2276
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Luke Bolin	1384
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Katie McNinch	1228
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August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Schedule of Events

August

- ✓ 13—AJCA Leadership Conference and Awards Program & Reception

October

- ✓ Arkansas State Fair—October 14-23

November

- ✓ AJCA Thanksgiving Classic November 25 & 26—DOUBLE POINT SHOW



Board Members

President – Caitlin Haley

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