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JOIN US AT SYNERGY V on October 27, 2012 in Giddings, Texas GOOD LUCK TO ALL JUNIORS!

We have invested in a few donor females, such as LMC WFC MS. DREAM GIRL, LMC APASIONADA MUÑECA and LMC SWEET DREAMS and they have taken our program to the next level. Calves by these donors and others have us more excited about Simbrah.



LMC DELIGHTFUL is a 6G/LMC Rajin Cajun Daughter that was a high seller for us and LMC at the \$ellabration selling to Olivia Vela. Baker & Tschirhart and Pete Nieschwietz's 7 N Ranch added full sibs to Delightful to their operations. MIL GRACIAS!



LMC APASIONADA MUÑECA is a full sister to LMC Miss Diva and is the dam to LMC Guardian Angel and LMC Angelica. THANK YOU Balley Scogin and Cameron Younts for investing in two Apasionada daughters and best of luck this season. Co-Owned with La Muñeca.



LMC GOLD MEDAL is as existing a bull call as we have ever been a part of at BETM. He is sired by the 2011 International Champion Bull LMC Rhino and out of the many times major champion Dream Girl donor. Co-Owned with La Mulleca, 8G Ranch and Louie Flores.



LMC GUARDIAN ANGEL was named Grand Champion Female at the MAS VII Showdown for Bailey Scogin. CONGRATULATIONS Bailey for winning over \$3,000 in MAS premiums. Angel is sired by the 2005 International Champion Red Bullet and out of Apasionada.



LMC DE LA OCA is a LMC EF JW Black daughter out of LMC Oprah, making her a full sib to LMC Miss Diva. We partnered up with La Muneca on 3 full sibs to Diva from our good friend Tom Zulim. THANK YOU Heidi Hoskins Poppe for purchasing a son by Dream Up at MAS.



BETM CORLEONE is sired by 6G/LMC Rajin Cajun and is out of our newest donor, LMC Sweet Dreams. CONGRATULATIONS to Kallie Fuchs on all of your success with Sweet Dreams. We are excited to own full interest in Dream Girl's only two daughters to date.



LMC HS ROCCO sired the 2012 International Champion Get Of Sire and Best Three Head. THANK YOU David Diaz, Darryl Caraveo, Emilio Flores and Leandra Flores for purchasing Rocco show helfers from us. We also appreciate Clay Harmon, Yulissa Santana, McKenna Tschirhart and the Schneider Family's show helfer purchases.



We are going to miss our good friend MR. BUD WENTZ and wish to publicly express our appreciation to his family for everything that Bud did for Simbrah. Not only was Bud the Godfather of Simbrah, but he also gave of his time and resources relentlessly to move this great breed forward.



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This is **Smith Farms Sheza Bella**, she is selling in Synergy V. We have kept a full sister to her to take a place of prominence in our program. She is that magical mating of Sargeant and Smith Nu Wave, as she is sired by Sargeant and out of Smith Bella Bella.

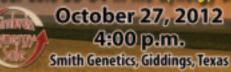


LMC WFC Whitney. She is sired by LMC Soldier and out of the great Diva cow family. Diva of course produced Dream Girl, Moose, Rita and Wave Amigo. We are thrilled to have her in our donor lineup.



LMC TLZ Loretta 5X/31. A daughter of Rocco and out of LMC Hey U 5T/101. This female was the 2011 Hooston Lives of Junior Show Reserve Grand Champion and her dam, Hey U was a many time champion for Victoria Zulim, including the 2008 Simbrah Synergy.

Check out our Lots 59-64 in the Synergy catalog!



Just look at some of the females we've added to the foundation of our nucleus. In addition, we've added embryos out of the great Smith Bella Bella and we bought into Smith Nu Wave II and have bred him to several females. We've got some great ones and we think there's some really great ones coming!

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News You Can Use.



Sympathies Extended To Wentz Family

Bud Wentz, founder of the Simbrah breed, passed away from a short battle with cancer on August 17, 2012. He was 80-years-old. He was a lifelong resident in the Brownsville, Texas area and was also a pioneer in the sugar cane industry in the Rio Grande Valley.

Survivors include Maria Guadalupe Wentz; his children: Bill Wentz, David Wentz, Diane (Anthony) Burdette, Leticia (Luis Eduardo) Gosser Gonzalez, and Marco Andres Gosser and grandchildren: Anthony Burdette, Danielle (Vincent) Folgore, Christen Wentz, Ashley Monique, Ryan Andrew, and Matthew Edward Gonzalez; two greatgrandchildren: Niya and Gino Folgore, plus numerous other extended family members.

Services for M.E. Bud Wentz were held Monday, August 20 at the Darling-Mouser Funeral home, Brownsville, Texas. For more details on Wentz, go to www.simbrahworld.com and click on the current Simbrah News publication.

Synergy V **Set For October 26-28th**

Simbrah Synergy V will be held October 26-28 at Smith Genetics, Giddings, Texas. The weekend event includes an educational skill-a-thon and photography competition for all, sale and the \$15,000 Synergy Showcase junior show.

The sale will be at 4 p.m. on Satur-

day, October 27th and includes over 160 lots of cattle. The lots are predominately Simbrah, and will include the dispersal of the Wentz Farming Company herd.

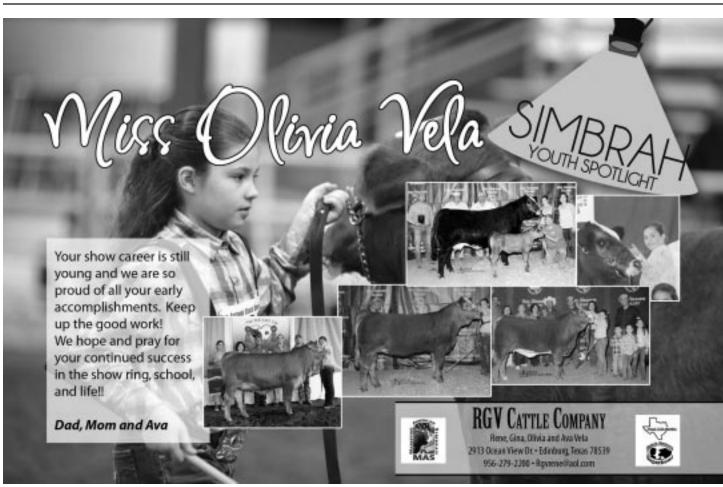
The skill-a-thon and photography competition and showmanship will be held Saturday afternoon. There is no entry fee for the skill-a-thon and photography contest, just sign up at the event and bring your photos.

The Synergy Showcase will award \$15,000 to junior exhibitors of cattle purchased from the 14 Synergy participants and/or purchased in the sale. For additional details, entry forms, rules and sale accommodations, visit www.smithgenetics.com or call 512/ 587-7896. You can also follow the event on Facebook.

Brush Country Bull Sale Includes Simbrah Bull

The Brush Country Bull Sale will feature 125+ bulls on December 15, 2012 at Tom Brothers Ranch, Campbellton, Texas. The offering will include red and black Simmentals, SimAngus, Simbrah, SimAngus HT and Angus bulls.

The offering ranges in age from 14 (Continued on page 29)



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Hagans Top This 50S - Purebred, Out of 50 and sired by Sargeant.



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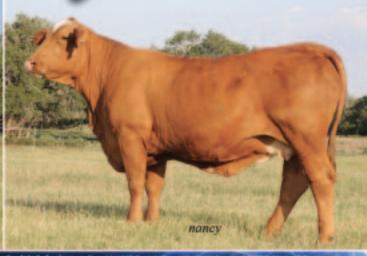
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For more details on these donors and our program, please visit our website and our Facebook page.

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LMC \$ellabration and Jackpot Simbrah Weekend Recap

The inaugural La Muneca Cattle Co.'s (LMC) \$ellabration Sale and \$28,000 Show held March 23rd & 24 at the ranch in Linn, Texas, awarded over \$43,000 in premiums to juniors, raised over \$22,000 for the Guerra family scholarships and marketed 160 plus Simbrah and Simbravieh cattle, before a standing room only crowd.

A highlight of the weekend was the \$28,000 awarded in premium money to the LMC \$ellabration junior exhibitors. Showmanship paid \$11,000 in premiums and buckles to five different age

divisions paying ten deep in each class. The top two in each division won belt buckles plus cash. Winners were McKenna Tschirhart and Dawson Raub in the 8-9 year-old class; Andres Villanueva and Hannah Wells in the 10-11 age group; Victoria Villanueva and Jane Hunt prevailing in the 12-13 year-old; John Paul Rodriguez and Maycie Wells in the 14-15 year-old and Kallie Fuchs and Nevada Huffman won the oldest division and the Supreme honors overall. Fuchs was awarded \$2,000 and Huffman \$1,000 for the wins. Ingrid

Oman Tusa was the judge.

Ken Persyn, judge, picked Savannah Chappell as the junior division and grand champion winner in the \$ellabration with her RGV/LMC sponsored heifer. She won \$3,300 in premiums. Hunter Wells won the calf division and reserve grand champion purebred Simbrah with his 5W Cattle Co. sponsored heifer and received \$2,100. Other division winners included reserve calf champion exhibited by Victoria Villanueva with a LMC/La Negra heifer; (Continued on page 9)



Kallie Fuchs exhibited the Grand Champion Simbrah Heifer at the La Muneca Jackpot Show, LMC Diva, sired by LMC EF Johnnie Walker Black.



Hunter Wells saw his RSUN Cowboy Casanova daughter take the Reserve Grand Champion \$ellabration Simbrah Heifer honor and he won \$1,500, a buckle and banner for the reserve win.



overall snowmanship winners in the Seliabration were Kallie Fuchs, who won \$2,000 and Nevada Huffman, who won \$1,000. Showmanship judge for the Sellabration was Ingrid Oman Tusa.



Victoria Villanueava exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Simbrah Heifer at the La Muneca Jackpot Show, LMC Mariahs Dream, a LMC ATZ Dr Feel Good daughter.



Christopher Martin won the \$ellabration Grand Champion Simbravieh honor and a buckle, banner and \$1,000. His helfer was sired by TML Silverado.



The Huffman family, joined by Victor Guerra in the center, were buyers in the \$ellabration Sale.



Grand Champion \$ellabration Simbrah Heifer was exhibited by Savannah Chappell. She received \$3,000, buckle and banner for the win with her Dr. Feel Good daughter.



Blake Schultz exhibited his LMC LF Goliath daughter to reserve Simbravieh honors and he won \$500, a buckle and hanner



The Morris Family, Pittsburg, Texas were buyers in the sale.

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reserve junior champion, shown by Kallie Fuchs with a BETM, 6G. LMC heifer: and senior champion divisions honors went to Olivia Vela and Daniel Galvan with their La Muneca pairs.

Christopher Martin won the \$ellabration Simbravieh show with his La Muneca heifer and received \$1,000 in premiums, a banner plus a buckle. Blake Schultz was reserve grand champion and won \$500, a banner and buckle with his LMC-Rafter M Simbravieh. Morgan Arnold and Elizabeth Quintanilla won grand and reserve Brahman heifers both sponsored by La Muneca. They won \$600 and \$400 plus a banner and buckle each. The champion and reserve champion Simbrah bulls were both exhibited by Dawson Raub, who won \$600 and \$400 plus a banner and buckle for each win.

Twenty-five lucky \$ellabration exhibitors also won \$200 scholarships drawn out of a hat at the conclusion of the show thanks to the LMC \$ellabration sponsors.

La Muneca Cattle Co. also had their annual LMC Jackpot and awarded \$15,000 in premiums to their junior clients. \$7,500 was awarded in the showmanship show. The champion Simbrah female was exhibited by Kallie Fuchs and reserve champion went to Victoria Villanueva. The LMC Jackpot Simbravieh show was won by Caleb Fuchs and the reserve champion was shown by Andres Villanueva. Morgan Arnold and Beth Quintanilla exhibited the grand and reserve champion Brahman females. The LMC Jackpot was judged by Joe Seale.

Winners in the showmanship contest included Victor Moreno and McKenna Tschirhart in the junior division, while Kallie Fuchs and Brance Cromwell won the senior honors under judge, Erin Lockhart.

The total LMC \$ellabration sale grossed \$420,100 on 163 lots for a \$2,577 average per lot with 69 buyers. Another sale highlight was the fact that several new Simbravieh breeders were established and the many buyers came from as far away as Oregon, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas and Mexico. Leo Casas was the auctioneer.

The top selling Simbrah bull, the popular champion LMC Soldier was consigned by La Muneca & Aleiandro Guerra and sold to Hernando Guerra from Mexico for \$14,000, Overall 21 Simbrah bulls averaged \$3,188.

The highlight of the sale and female offering was the Lot 27 Uno's Pretty Neat show heifer prospect consigned by Top C and La Muneca Cattle Co. She sold for \$21,900 to Ronnie Smith. The top selling Simbrah pair, consigned by Rafter M, Littlefoot Land & Cattle and La Muneca sold for \$6,000 to Smith Genetics and Pete Nieschwietz. The top selling cow was consigned by 6G Ranch, Louie Flores, Rafter M and La Muneca and purchased for \$5,250 by BETM Ranch. Overall 58.5 Simbrah females averaged \$3,332.

Volume buyers were Ronnie Smith, 7N Ranch-Pete Nieschwietz, Paul Estes, Sigifredo Cantu, Diamond V Ranch, Sam Correa, Hernando Guerra, Jorge Urriegas, Twisted D Ranch and BETM Ranch. For more details on the event visit La Muneca's website www. lamunecacattle or visit their Facebook page.

We Want YOU to Join our Show Family!







Our show season at La Hacienda Hinojosa has taken off; we are excited to see what else is in store! Camaraderie is definitely the best part of being in the cattle business. We are fortunate enough to team up with amazing individuals who have come into our show family. LHH Sydney (Middle) has kicked off the year by winning Grand Champion Simbrah Heifer at the TJSSA Futurity for the Denny Family. LHH Red Lady (Left) is turning heads for the Caraveo family at her first shows. Rising Sun Ranch is excited for their new addition, LHH Next In Line (Right). We would like to extend a thank you to those who have come out to our ranch and are supporting our efforts in improving our operation. We are always open to showing our herd to visitors. Come join our show family, we would love to have you!

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We are excited about calves coming this next season by the 2011 National Champion Bull, LMC Arcadio as we feel this mating could be her best yet. We would like to extend a BIG HEARTY THANKS to all of those that have invested in Jennie Walker progeny. Come see why we feel Jennie Walker has proven to be one of the very best cows in Simbrah.





LMC BBS Lively is a full sister to Jenna and Tia and could be the thickest of them all. Lively is for sale private treaty and should make a great cow after a successful show career. Do what so many others have successfully done with confidence and get the Jennie Walker advantage by adding Lively to your string or herd.



LMC BBS Jenna is one of three 6G/LMC Rain Cajun daughters that will be campaigned by Faith Onstot this coming show season. These three females are built just like Jennie, sleek fronted, well balanced and have lots of look. Be on the lookout for their full brother LMC BBS Tio in the Boening Bros. operation, he is stout.



LMC BBS Tia is another solid 6G/LMC Rain Cajun daughter that Ryann Boening selected for her Senior year. Tia is a thick, easy keeping female with a cool design and lots of extension. Russell believes she is just as good, if not better than Jennie and that is what a good cow does, out. produces herself.



LMC BBS Kim is one of five littermates that are as good as any Simbravieh females ever produced. This MHF Manhattan daughter nears perfection in the flesh and her full sisters are at work in our herds. Kim topped the Simbravieh. offering at Synergy IV selling to McKaylie Phillips. Look at the depth of body and totality of this female.



LMC BBS Final Rose is one of John Paul Rodriguez's two Jennie daughters that have been very successful for him in the show ring. Addie Trojanowski also has a TKO daughter that she has led into the winner's circle. These three 6GLM TKO daughters should raise lots of good ones for John Paul and Addle, just like their momma is doing.



LMC BBS Jennie Mae is sired by LMC RFI Smith Hurricane and is an exciting young female that Ronnie & Susan Smith purchased at the LMC Sellabration Sale to add to their elite herd. Jennie not only sells show cattle, she also appeals to Simbrah breeders around the country. THANK YOU Ronnie & Susan for all of your support.

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LMC BBS Primo was the 2010 International Reserve Call and Grand Champion Bull at the Rio Grande Valley Show. This moderate and thick LMC Black Perfecto son is now at work in Georgia in new Simbrah breeder Kevin Kent's herd. Dean Galbraith from Missouri has Primo's full brother Proximo also working in the Southeast. THANKS AMIGOS !!



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MAS VII Moves To Summer Event In Valley

MAS VII Simbrah Sale and Showdown was held on a new date, in a new location and with some new participants, but with the same quality of the six previous events and lots of enthusiasm for the breed. It was held June 13-16 in Mercedes, Texas in conjunction with the American Junior Simbrah



Liana Flores exhibited the MAS Grand Champion Percentage Heifer. She won \$600. Her heifer was sponsored by La Muneca. Smith and Reavis.



Bailey Scogin won the MAS Grand Champion Purebred honor and the \$3,000. Her helfer was sponsored by La Muneca. She won the calf division on her way to the overall title



John Paul Rodriguez exhibited the MAS Junior Champion Female. She was sponsored by La Muneca.



Mexico breeder, Jorge Urriegas was a repeat buyer at

Roundup. The sale saw 66 lots sell for an average of \$3,158. It was the first all video sale for the Simbrah breed.

Topping the Simbrah portion of the sale was J7N Yours Truly Y27, the first public sale offering of La Morra Cattle Co., Floresville, Texas. One-half interest

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Caleb Rodenbeck exhibited the MAS Reserve Grand Percentage Heifer and won \$400. His heifer was sponsored by Smith Genetics.



Victor Moreno exhibited the Reserve Grand Purebred Female and won \$1,500. His heifer was sponsored by La Negra. She was the reserve calf in the drive.



Olivia Vela exhibited the MAS Senior Champion Female, a La Muneca bred female.



(L-R): Carlitos Guerra, Pete Nieschwietz, Rene Vela and Carlos Guerra. Nieschwietz was volume buyer at the MAS VII Sale.

MAS VII...

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in the August 2011 daughter of 37N Whiskey River W02, sold for \$10,000 to Ronnie Smith, Smith Farms, Denton, Texas.

Also demanding several bids was two embryos from the mating of Smith Ciao Bella, the 2011 International Grand Champion Female and NF Smith Sargeant. Ray Hill, Kirbyville, Texas purchased the embryos for \$3,500 each from the Smith Genetics program. Ronnie Smith also added a September 2011 daughter of LMC Johnnie Walker to his herd for \$7,000. She was out of the 5M/9 donor and the heifer was from the BETM Ranch, Castroville, Texas.

La Muneca Cattle Co., Linn, Texas sold the top percentage female in the offering for \$6,500 to Ronnie Smith. The September 2011 heifer was sired by Dream On and out of LMC FM Muneca 5M/53.

Pete Nieschwietz, 7N Ranch, Falls City, Texas purchased the high selling bull in the offering for \$5,000. The bull was consigned by La Muneca and was also a Fall 2011 calf. He was sired by 6G/LMC Ragin Cajun W908 and brings a new genetic line to the breed.

Volume buver for the sale was Nieshwietz's 7N Ranch and other volume purchases were made by Ronnie Smith of Smith Farms, Ray Hill of Southwestern Farms, and Jorge Uriegas of Mexico.

The sale featured cattle from Smith Genetics, Reavis Farms, La Morra Cattle Co., La Muneca, LPJ Ranch, RGV Cattle Co., La Negra Cattle Co., BETM Ranch, Monte Christo Ranch, 6G Ranch, 5W Cattle Co., Rafter M Cattle and Wentz Farming Co. The sale was managed by Rene Vela and Leo Casas served as auctioneer.

The MAS VII Showdown was judged by Cary Crow, Franklin, Texas. The grand purebred female honor and the \$3,000 prize money went home with Bailey Scogin, Lyford, Texas with her La Muneca sponsored heifer, while Victor Moreno, Edinburg, Texas won the reserve honor and \$1,500 with his La Negra heifer. In the Percentage show, Liana Flores, Linn, Texas, exhibiting a La Muneca/Smith/Reavis Genetics heifer, won the grand honor and \$600, while Caleb Rodenbeck, Brenham,

Texas won the reserve title and \$400 with his Smith Genetics bred heifer. The event features \$15,000 in total prize money, buckles and banners.

Showmanship competition is a key element in the MAS format and \$7,500 was awarded to the contestants who were judged by Ryan Cummings, Burleson, Texas. Competitors vie for the money in five divisions and 10 places are paid in each division. Caleb Rodenbeck and Candice Tindle, Lott, Texas won the 16-year-old and older division; Bailey Scogin and Kaleb Fontenot, Cypress, Texas won the 14-15 year-old competition; Carlye Rodenbeck, Brenham, Texas and Victoria Villanueva, Edinburg, Texas were winners in the 12-13 year-old age group; followed by Rowdy Baker, Lott, Texas and Will Scogin, Lyford, Texas in the 10-11 year old division and McKenna Tschirhart, Castroville, Texas and Denise Garcia, Edinburg, Texas were winners in the youngest group.

For additional photos, please refer to www.simbrahworld.com

We've made some purchases recently to help us

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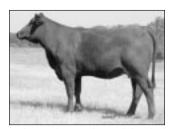


We purchased this young bull at the recent MAS Sale from La Muneca. He is a 6G/LMC Rajin Cajun W908 son, which means he brings a whole new line of genetics to the breed as Rajin Cajun is a son of the Simmental sire, JF Net investment 634S, who is sired by the great Dream On. On the maternal side of Gumbo's pedigree, you'll find the great LMC EF JW Black 3N/225 and his grandam is the great Diva, who produced Dream Girl.

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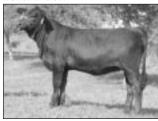
Smith Lil Downy 36U. A purebred daughter of Smith MDM Dynamite and out of an Andi daughter, 36S. She is bred to Smith Evan to deliver us a calf later this year.



Smith RJFF Seek N Move. She is a polled purebred Simbrah female, sired by Smith Hide N Seek, a Nu Approach son and she is out of the great She Moves. She is bred to Smith Nu Wave II.



We purchased two Smith Nu Approach daughters this Spring from Reavis Farms and both are bred to Smith Nu Wave II



LMC Sheez A Dream 3P/288, we partnered with Smith Genetics at the \$ellabration on this heifer and her mother. 3P/288 is a full sister to the great She Moves and her daughter, pictured here is sired by Wave Amigo.

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Dam to Diva, Grandam to Dream Girl, Rita, and Moose. She sells. Lots 83-91E are Oprah's.



A June 2011 daughter of Oprah and Sargeant.





A March 2012 daughter of Oprah and Smith Nu Wave II.



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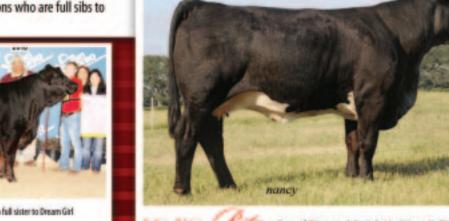


A March 2012 daughter of Oprah and Evan.



Daughter of Oprah and LMC EF Johnnie Walker Black. Diva sells, along with many daughters/sons who are full sibs to Dream Girl. Lots 93-99H are Diva's.





Out of Diva and Smith Nu Wave II. Rita sells.

Lots 100-104D are Rita's.





She sells along with daughters. Lots 105-110C are Juliet's.



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Juniors Shine At American Junior Simbrah Roundup

Junior Simbrah exhibitors converged on the Rio Grande Valley for the American Junior Simbrah Roundup (AJSR) in June. Over 70 juniors and their families, along with more than 100 cattle were in the barn. The event featured percentage

and purebred shows, along with showmanship and several leadership contests. Mitch Thomas, Raymondville, Texas was the judge for the cattle show.

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TOP JUNIORS OVERALL (1-10, L-R) Hannah Wells, Logan Perry, Jake Rhyner, Robert Stavinoha, Rowdy Baker, Mario Moreno, Sabrina Cano, Jacob Friedrich, Andres Villanueva, McKenna Tschirhart.



INTERMEDIATE TOP OVERALL (1.10, L-R) John Paul Rodriguez, Amelia Stavinoha, Victor Moreno, Peyton Meuth, Ty Rhyner, Carlye Rodenbeck, Victoria Villanueva, Manuel Gonzales, Cynthia Cantu, Hunter Wells.



SENIORS TOP OVERALL (1-10, L-R) Shelby Giles, Candice Tindle, Katarina Fontenot, Kaleb Fontenot, Caleb Rodenbeck, Megan Grant, Daniel Galvan, Jessica Willey, Faith Onstot, Hadley Baker.



Scholarship winners are pictured with the AJSR selection committee members (L to R) Carlos Guerra, donor, Megan Grant, Liana Flores, Murray Grimshaw, Rhonda Wells and Fred Grahmann.



Joe B and Nelda Rodriguez (center) were honored as AJSR Supporters of the Year. They are pictured with the AJSR advisors.



AJSR Grand Champion Purebred Heifer was exhibited by Cameron Chappell. She was the Junior Champion in division and sired by LMC ATZ Dr. Feel Good.



AJSR Reserve Grand Champion Heifer was exhibited by Candice Tindle. She was the Intermediate Champion in division and sired by Smith Nu Wave II.

Roundup...

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The young exhibitors competed in sales talk, skill-a-thon, cattlemen's quiz, public speaking, and livestock judging. For photos of all leadership contests, please click on the junior news tab on www.simbrahworld.com.



Grand Champion AJSR % Female was exhibited by Megan Grant. The heifer was sired by LMC WFC Moose.



Reserve Grand Champion AJSR % Female was exhibited by Liana Flores, was sired by MHF Manhattan S6103.



The AJSR Reserve Bred and Owned Heifer was exhibited by Molly Schwertner. The female is sired by TSC Class



The AJSR Grand Champion Bred and Owned Heifer title was won by Sabrina Cano with her LMC RFI Smith Uno daughter.



The AJSR Grand Champion Purebred Bull was exhibited by James Schwertner and sired by HR Power House 1.



The AJSR Grand Champion Bred and Owned Bull and Reserve Grand Champion in the Owned Show was exhibited by Dawson Raub and sired by LMC WFC Wave Amigo 5U/58.



The AJSR Bred and Owned Reserve Grand Bull was exhibited by James Schwertner and sired by LMC Johnnie Walker 5R/179.



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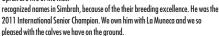
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- •K-J On Fire, a three-quarter blood son of Dream On
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- •LMC LF Swagger, a son of LMC Johnnie Walker and the great Swan cow. Also we want to introduce JHC U62 "Tubby". Sired by JHC Cattle King and out

of ZZ Elle, the dam of JHC Little Bit, who topped the BHR 2009 Sale. He is moderate, polled/scurred, easy keeping, super clean ans and structurally sound, solid red bull, whose first calves were SimAngus HT's. Thanks to Jim and Pat Carter for producing this bull and his pedigree includes, SCC Cattle King, HR Nile King and PRR

Congratulations to Elizabeth Buckles, Orange, Texas on her success with Lazy SF Rosie, a SimAngus HT heifer, sired by a LMC Gig'em son.

Also we would like to congratulate Blake on a great year of showing, highlighted by winning the Barmand Memorial Scholarship at the Southwest District Livestock Show and winning the Reserve Grand Percentage Heife Title at Sellabration



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Like that popular Texan bumper sticker, some folks are born into the cattle business; others get there as fast as they can. Joe B. ter. After working as a Division I collegiate basketball referee for 28 years, he

This female, J7N What-A-Delight, was bred in the La Morra program and was a Rodriguez is one of the lat- many time champion for junior customer, Victor Moreno. Delight is out of La Morra's popular 5M/9 donor.

was looking for the next big thing in his life. After all, a fellow can only run up and down the court for so long before it starts to take a toll on the body.

It just so happened that Nelda's younger sister married into a ranching family, the Fred Moreno family of La Negra Catttle Co. Rodriguez thought to himself: "I think I could do that!" So, they started La Morra Cattle Co. in 2001 and now run more than 50 cows on about 800 acres. They have seen much success in the show ring and in the sale ring, but what they really love most about the Simbrah business is the kids that are involved. In fact, the juniors recently honored Joe B. and Nelda as "Supporters of the Year."

"We are really suckers for the kids," he says, "in a good way. We go to as many shows that we can and we believe that all of those kids belong to us. We meet new nieces, nephews, granddaughters and grandsons at every show. The exciting thing about youth is that we watch them grow up to be young adults. Seeing kids succeed in life is a rewarding thought. You know, if you give a kid a little bit of attention, it goes a long way in the development of their life, all the more reason to work with them and try to be positive influence in their lives," he described.

Putting Together A Winning Team At La Morra Ranch

By Sharla Ishmael

A love for good kids, top-notch Simbrah cattle and a competitive streak keep this couple in the game as they strive to reach their goals. Joe B. and Nelda Rodriguez also happen to be known as some of the nicest folks you'll ever meet.

Nelda, an educator herself, is involved in many youth educational programs, and together they volunteer in as many junior events like the American Junior Simbrah Roundups and sponsor events as much as possible.

La Morra-raised heifers have also done a lot for 4-H and FFA youngsters, winning prestigious titles such as American Junior Simbrah Roundup Reserve Grand Heifer S.T.A.R Supreme Champion in Edinburg and much more. On the open side of the show ring, the 2010 National Grand Champion Bull (J7N VicMar 420) and the Reserve National Champion bull (J7N Whiskey River) were bred at La Morra and both were offspring of the most recognized cows in their breeding program - LMC Knockout Muneca 5 M/9, or M9 as she is called.

"The biggest and best cattle decision that we have made was the decision to purchase M9," says Rodriguez. "We found a key in this donor cow, who has been nothing but a blessing to us. She has definitely made a name for the ranch. If you mention "the M9 cow" to most Simbrah breeders, they will more than likely know exactly who you're talking about. We have flushed her to seven different bulls and have had the same excellent results each time, which in my opinion is unusual."

Offspring of the M9 cow, in multiple generations, have gone on to set sales records and show records and are making an impact on the breed in a big way. Names like LMC Oprah, LMC Diva and LMC WFC Dream Girl as well as J7N What-A-Delight "Demi," shown Joe B. and his dog, Princess



by Victor Moreno, all go back to M9 in some way.

Most of the cattle Joe B. and Nelda sell are handled by private treaty, though they are MAS members and had the topselling Simbrah in that sale recently. While Joe B has a soft spot for Brahman cattle (once they reach their Simbrah goals they might branch out), he is a true believer that Simbrah cattle offers the best-of-both-worlds, the Brahman traits of maternal instincts and heat tolerance along with the Simmental traits of milking ability along with docility. This is truly "the Worlds Breed."

"I think the Simbrah breed has made a great deal of improvement in the last five years," he explains. "They are just as competitive now as any other breed. If you look at the supreme champions in the junior shows lately, a whole lot of them have been Simbrah heifers. We believe that Simbrah cattle, in general, are knocking on the door when it comes to competing with other breeds. We will always have Simbrah cattle."

"There are a lot of Brahman-influenced cattle out there. But in my opinion, none of them provide the complete package that our breed offers. You get the milk and docility of Simmental combined with the hardiness and longevity of Brahman and it just can't be beat! Plus, in Simbrah cattle, we can offer a diversity of colors, whereas other most other breeds can't do that. Yes, some people like uniformity in color patterns but as a breeder, I feel that you limit your potential market by breeding for just one specific color or color pattern. We cater to all customers' color choices. Some like red, some like black and some even like lighter colored cattle. We have blazed faced cattle as well as solid colored cattle.

"You know, in Mexico and South America, red cattle are very popular and Simbrah are doing extremely well there and we have gotten into the semen sales market with one of our bulls. Here in the States, black cattle are very popular, especially the farther north you go. We try to give them both," he says. "Simbrah cattle also can compete with other breeds for tenderness and other carcass characteristics. We can offer the same quality as any breed along with longevity. Simbrah cows can be productive for up to 18 or 20 years."

In terms of their own breeding program, Joe B. says they are always looking to the future. "You can't change that calf you have today. Sometimes that's a good thing and you breed the dam back the same way. Then there are other times that our vision was not quite what we anticipated and this is when the work starts. We start our in-depth critiquing of that calf and try to match up known bulls and their strengths to the calf's dam to attempt to produce the best calf possible. The important thing is to pay attention to customers' needs and understand what they are looking for. It is up to me to conform to the breeds needs," he explains.

His ultimate goal? Raising both the grand champion bull and female at a major show, which he admits probably has been done already but says it is a reasonable goal. "I tell my fellow breeders, you are in my sights, competitively speaking!" he says with a chuckle. "I mean it respectfully of course, but they are my show ring targets. I believe we can get there." He also plans to have a battery of bulls selling semen all over the world, including Australia.

Like everyone in South Texas and other large swaths of the country, recent droughts have put up big obstacles to La Morra's breeding program. But again, he looks beyond the cur-



Joe B. and Nelda Rodriguez were named American Junior Simbrah Roundup Supporters of the year in 2012.

rent challenge to focus on a long-term perspective.

"In a drought, you have to make tough decisions," he says. "One decision I made was to feed our cattle instead of culling. My decision was based on knowing there was value in this animal that I own today. That value was not going to be rewarded at sale barns so during the last droughts, I decided to feed at whatever the cost. I convinced myself that feeding cost would be less expensive than replacement cost, so between the droughts of 2008 and 2010 I only culled four animals. It has definitely been financially challenging, and I pray for rain every day. There are no guarantees for success in this business and it's a daily gamble.

"So far this year, we have gotten good rains and I feel like we are sitting pretty right now," he adds. "Our cows have bred back in a reasonable amount of time. With the drought this year in the Midwest and in portions of Texas and all of the cattle being culled, our decision to keep most of our herd makes our animals even more valuable."

When asked if all those years of refereeing taught him any lessons he could apply to the cattle business, Joe B. emphatically says, "Yes!"

"Absolutely, I always go back to my basketball officiating days and those experiences and reflect on everyday life," he says. "The key is patience – patience – patience. We cannot make rational decisions when we're high-strung. We have to stay focused on a specific objective. In basketball, we studied film before and after every game to improve. We would go to training clinics and camps. I still go to camps and clinics but now the clinics and camps deal with cattle. Most evenings, I think back on how I got started in this business and reflect on successes and setbacks. My personal goal was to stay focused in my objective, create great Simbrah cattle and to always listen. Pay attention to everyone, you never know when you might learn something from someone you never expected. I can honestly say that we have benefited greatly by paying attention and staying focused.

"One of my mentors in basketball once told me, 'Pay attention to what other people are paying attention to and you will learn a thing or two.' That is also true in the cattle business. Paying attention, staying focused and being patient can take you a long ways."

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American Junior Simbrah Roundup High Point Individuals and Scholarship Winners

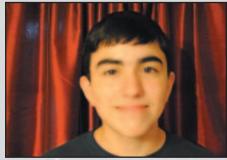
By Lesli Garrett

Simbrah has many outstanding and talented junior exhibitors, who are leaders in many arenas. In this issue, we want to highlight six of those exhibitors, who were recognized for their leadership, knowledge and involvement in the Simbrah breed at the American Junior Simbrah Roundup (AJSR).



Hannah Wells Junior Division High Point Individual

Hannah Wells, Harlingen, Texas, is no stranger to the AJSR, as she began competing when she was just four years-old in pee wee showmanship. Now after six years of competing at AJSR, she has gained confidence and the ability to be successful in all she does. Well's favorite contests are public speaking and sales talk and credits her success to preparing one to two months before the show. She reviews previous years' quizzes, prepares for sales talk on her family's cattle ranch by selling show heifers and steers and reads through vet supply magazines for basic cattle knowledge. Wells' hard work found her in the winner's circle at the 2012 AJSR, as she won high point in the junior division. She credits her parents for their constant support and encouragement, as well as Carlos Guerra, who pushes her to go above and beyond in everything she attempts. Wells is very thankful for everyone in the Simbrah breed, who has encouraged her, befriended her, disciplined and mentored her. She says she loves the opportunities the Simbrah breed has brought her and her family.



John Paul Rodriguez Intermediate Division High Point Individual

John Paul, Edinburg, Texas, recently competed in his third AJSR and walked away as the intermediate high point individual. Rodriguez has overcome his fear of public speaking and now considers it his favorite contest, as he knows it will help him in school and his future career. He has learned so much through all of the different aspects by studying, researching and learning about cattle and the health and breeding of show animals. He credits the AJSR with influencing his decision to choose a career in animal science. Rodriguez is also involved with school and community events and volunteers as an alter server at Parish Holy Family Church. He plays on an allyear traveling basketball team, his school's basketball team, serves as a volunteer at the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Texas Junior Livestock Association and participates in shows throughout the year. John Paul strongly believes it's the positive people in his life that have made the greatest impact. The hardworking, nice, positive people he has met since he started showing Simbrah cattle have also impacted him. The two biggest influences on him from the

cattle business are Javier Moreno of La Negra Cattle Company and Robert Martinez of Rising Sun Cattle Company. Their good advice and constant effort to help him have made a lasting impact on John Paul's show and personal careers. He wants to encourage everyone to remember we are the future of the industry and we have to make it better by learning from each other and not getting discouraged. He says whether you win first or last place, put a smile on and have fun, because that is what it's all about.



Shelby Giles Senior Division High Point Individual

Shelby Giles was a first time competitor at the AJSR and was named senior high point individual. She credits her success to attending Smith Genetics' Cow Camp and making and studying a lot of note cards. Giles is a high school senior from Friendswood, Texas and plans to attend Alvin Community College following graduation. Giles also is involved in many activities and contests in her FFA chapter, participates in a program that helps elementary kids find their way in school, and a community event that teaches women self defense. She enjoys the showmanship, public speaking and skill-a-thon competitions

best and recommends juniors have study groups over the phone to prepare for contests. She feels the contests at AJSR have made her more competitive and taught her to be more disciplined. She says at when it comes to the deadline or competition time, you have to be prepared and not make excuses for your performance. She's also looking forward to using the knowledge she has learned by studying for AJSR events in other competitions. Martha McCrary and Tim Smith have impacted Giles and pushed her to do more in the contests.



Liana Flores
AJSR Scholarship Recipient

Liana Flores has been showing Simbrah cattle for ten years and has participated in five AJSRs. She recently graduated from high school in Edinburg and is attending Texas A&M University majoring in animal science. She would like to eventually become a dentist. In high school, she served as a member of the National Honor Society, a 4-H Ambassador, member of the Linn-San Manuel 4-H Club, president of her local FFA chapter and was a four-year varsity cheerleader. She encourages everyone to apply for the prestigious AJSR scholarships, as the interview process was fun and an experience she will never forget. Carlos Guerra and his family have made the biggest difference in Liana's life as they have set an example of living a life based on integrity for her. She also credits working with her family business, Chorizo De San Manuel, for teaching her the value of work and and to strive to be successful in all things. She also says that Simbrah breeders have demonstrated to her the importance of giving back. Liana would like to thank the AJSR advisors for taking time out of their busy schedules to put together the wonderful shows and giving her the great opportunities and memories she will cherish forever.



Murray Grimshaw AJSR Scholarship Recipient

Murray Grimshaw, Jourdanton, Texas, is attending Texas A&M University this fall majoring in agricultural leadership. Grimshaw has been showing cattle for 12 years now and his family has been raising Simbrah cattle for 23 years. It was his older sister, Kaitlyn, who first encouraged him. Simbrah cattle have played an important role in Murray's upbringing and have been pivotal in teaching him hard work, dedication, responsibility and integrity. Grimshaw has been attending the AJSR even before he was old enough to compete. Besides showing cattle, Murray was busy in high school with band as the tuba section leader and was a state qualifier two years. He was also involved in area qualifying theater productions. He was an active FFA member for four years serving as an officer three of those years and qualified for state in prepared public speaking two years. Murray received his Lone Star FFA Degree and participated in the Business Professionals of America. He was very active in 4-H for ten years and served as an officer for his club, county council and ambassador team. He has attended National

4-H Congress and Texas 4-H Congress. Murray's main focus in 4-H was shotgun shooting sports and is planning on continuing his shotgun career by joining Texas A&M's Trap and Skeet Team. Carlos Guerra has taught him that hard work does make a difference and Guerra's quote, "If it is to be, it is up to me" motivates Murray in all he does.



Megan Grant ASJR Scholarship Recipient

Megan Grant, a high school senior from Richmond, Texas, has been showing Simbravieh cattle for five years, and Simbrah for one year. After graduation, she plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in ruminant nutrition. This summer she participated in her fourth AJSR and walked away with an AJSR scholarship to assist her at Texas A&M. She credits showing Simbrah cattle for allowing her to make some of her very best friends and teaching her to be a leader. She is also involved in her FFA chapter, and will be serving as the 2012-2013 president. Grant serves as her 4-H club president, 4-H county council member, 4-H district council member, and Texas Junior Braunvieh Association president. Grant's advice for future scholarship applicants is not to be nervous. She says to be yourself, be confident and do not get intimidated. Megan credits Joe Mask for getting her involved in Simbrah activities. She says he has truly helped her to become the leader she is today. He has encouraged her to stand up and do things she never would have accomplished before her involvement in activities like AJSR. Grant was the Guerra Memorial **AJSR** Victor Scholarship recipient.

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The 50K SNP Test And What You Need To Know About It

Compiled by Martha Hollida Garrett

The ASA Board of Directors passed a resolution earlier this year requiring all donors and AI sires, who have not previously been parentally validated per requirements of the ASA to now have the 50K SNP Analysis.

The 50K SNP test is far more than a parentage verification test. It has the ability to provide DNA information that can be used to enhance the tested animal's EPD information.

Wade Shafer, American Simmental Association's chief operations officer/director of Performance, provided the following explanation of the test and its significance.

Approximately a year ago we ran an article in SimTalk to update readers about the state of genomic use in our industry. The article closed with the following paragraph: "Unless you have Angus cattle that are evaluated in the American Angus Association's genetic evaluation, currently available DNA tests are of little to no value to you for EPD enhancement; however, don't be dismayed if you don't fit this description. The recent evolution in genomic technology has spurred organizations to take the steps necessary to harvest its value. For example, ASA is presently working on the development of DNA tests specific to our population, as well as the capacity to incorporate test results into ASA's genetic evaluation."

One year later we are pleased to announce that the future has arrived at ASA. We are now offering a DNA test that, when incorporated into our genetic evaluation, can add significant enhancement to lower accuracy EPDs. The result of a multiyear collaborative effort, test development was fueled by ASA members and staff, carcass merit cooperators, USDA, University of Illinois, University of Missouri, Montana State University, GeneSeek and the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium.

Test development was initiated several years ago through requests for donated semen on high accuracy sires. ASA members stepped up to the plate and delivered, with hundreds of DNA samples being collected via donation. Besides older sires, virtually all of the current 500 most heavily used sires were sourced. Samples were also collected on the sires and their offspring fed at the University of Illinois. In total, over 2,700 samples were genotyped.

The genotypes, along with the equivalent of millions of phenotypes (data submitted by breeders and the Carcass Merit Program over the years) were amassed and analyzed by University of Iowa researchers. The analysis resulted in the parameters required for

genetic evaluation.

The multi-tiered effort culminated in a very successful outcome. The standard measure of a DNA test used in EPD prediction is the correlation between test results and the traits of interest. Table 1 displays correlations for ASA's test when used on ASA's population. To provide prospective, correlations for Pfizer and Igenity's tests gleaned from the American Angus Association's website are included in the table.

Table 1. Correlations between DNA test results and trait

Trait	Igenity*	Pfizer*	ASA ^b
CE	0.47	0.33	0.45
8W	0.57	0.51	0.65
ww	0.45	0.52	0.52
YW	0.34	0.64	0.45
Mik	0.24	0.32	0.34
MCE	NA	NA.	0.32
Stay	NA	NA	0.58
CW	0.54	0.48	0.59
Mrb	0.65	0.57	0.63
REA	0.58	0.60	0.59
BF	0.50	0.56	0.29
SF	NA.	NA Angus Associat	0.53

As you can see, correlations for ASA's test are stronger for some traits and weaker for others compared to the commercially available Angus tests. All in all, however, ASA's test sizes up well. The relevance to genetic evaluation is that the stronger the correlation the more information the test adds — and therefore the greater the increase in EPD accuracy and potential EPD movement.

The usefulness of ASA's DNA test will be greatest on traits having a strong correlation with the test (e.g., birth weight, marbling, etc.). It will also add more value to animals

with lower base (i.e., starting) accuracy values. Table 2 provides examples of this.

As can be seen from Table 2, since the test has the strongest correlation with BW (see table 1), the increase in BW accuracy is greatest at all base levels; however, as the base level for BW increases, the smaller the increase in accuracy. For the trait with the weakest correlation, BF, the increase in accuracy is miniscule, even at low base levels. As we would expect, since the YW correlation is intermediate to that of BW and BF the increase in accuracy is intermediate as well. One take home message from table 2 is that, though the test is relatively powerful. it is minimally effective for some traits and only has utility on animals with low to mid accuracy EPDs.

Results from ASA's DNA test will be incorporated into our multi-breed genetic evaluation system in a new, more precise method than current industry standard — culminating in more informative EPDs. Under the standard approach, each animal's DNA test results are assumed to add an identical amount of information to genetic evaluation. Though this approach lends itself to ease of incorporation, it glosses over the fact that there can be large difference between animals in the actual amount of information harvested from their DNA tests.

Because the amount of information added by a DNA test varies by animal, assuming that is does not (i.e., the standard approach) will over or underweight the information depending on the animal. Since ASA's system will individually assess the amount of information added by each animal's DNA test, the resulting EPDs will be more accurate.

The difference in the information contributed to an animal's EPDs by a DNA test is largely due to how well connected the animal being tested is to the population of animals used to develop the test. For example, the

Table 2. Average Impact of ASA's DNA test on Acc. at base Acc. of .00, .20, .40, .60

	Base	New	Base	New	Base	New	Base	New
Trait	Acc.							
BW	0.00	0.24	0.20	0.34	0.40	0.47	0.60	0.62
YW	0.00	0.11	0.20	0.26	0.40	0.43	0.60	0.61
BF	0.00	0.04	0.20	0.22	0.40	0.41	0.60	0.60

*BIF accuracy gain for any base accuracy can be obtained with ASA's DNA-Enhanced Accuracy Tool @: http://www.simmental.org/site/index.php/herdbookhome

Table 3. Average Acc. increase of ASA's DNA test at base Acc. of .00 by group

Group	CE	BW	ww	YW	MCE	Milk	Sty	Mrb	BF	REA	SF
Simmental	0.09	0.22	0.13	0.09	0.04	0.04	0.19	0.19	0.03	0.14	0.22
SimAngus	0.10	0.26	0.18	0.12	0.04	0.05	0.20	0.20	0.04	0.18	0.15
Simbrah	0.06	0.18	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.17	0.15	0.01	0.06	0.01

information gleaned from a test on an animal with several close relatives in the development population will tend to be greater than that gained from testing an animal with

few or no close relatives.

The animals represented in the development population for ASA's DNA test were primarily Simmental and SimAngus. Because

of this, ASA's test works most effectively on those groups. Table 3 illustrates this fact.

As can be seen from Table 3, ASA's test is not as effective for Simbrah, on the average, as it is for Simmental and SimAngus. Keep in mind that some Simbrah animals will achieve levels of accuracy above that of some Simmental and SimAngus animals — but because Simbrah were sparsely represented in the development population compared to the other groups, Simbrah will not be evaluated as accurately on the average.

Q's & A's About the 50K

Simbrah World proposed the following questions to Shafer about the 50K test.

- **1.** What is the difference in the new 50K genotyping test and what was required before? To this point, the role of DNA testing at ASA has been limited to parental validation and investigating qualitative traits (e.g., genetic defects, coat color, polled/horned, etc.). Though parental validation is a byproduct, the primary function of 50K genotyping is EPD enhancement.
- **2.** How is this test done—pull blood, hair, etc and does a vet have to be involved? Breeders simply submit hair samples to the lab.
 - 3. What is the cost? \$90
- **4.** Is there one particular company that must be used? GeneSeek provides the lab work required for the test.
 - 5. Do we order the test through ASA or a private company? ASA
- **6.** Does this test also provide parental information or do I still have to have that done separately? It provides information required for parental validation.
- **7.** Once I get my results, do I have to report anything to ASA or do you receive the information automatically. The lab results are submitted to lowa State University, where the information required to enhance an

animal's EPDs are generated. ASA then incorporates that information into EPD calculation.

- **8.** How long does it take to get results? It is currently running 6-8 weeks. We anticipate refining the process to where it takes 3-4 in the future.
- **9.** How will this benefit small breeders? (i.e. those that really don't have any numbers to their contemporary groups). Because the effectiveness of our DNA test is not dependent on contemporaries, calves in single animal contemporary groups (e.g., embryo transplant calves) will achieve a boost in accuracy beyond their pedigree estimate, which is all they would have without the test.
- **10.** Do I have to go back and have this test done on donors/Al sires that I have already registered calves out of it—or is this just for new donors and new sires going forward? All animals that were declared to be donors or Al sires prior to May 1st 2012 are not required to have the test performed.
- **11.** Is Simbrah the first American breed to have this test available? As far as I know, yes.
- **12.** If I have questions, who do I contact at ASA? Leoma Wells is our contact person for DNA services.

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Exhibited by James Schwertner
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Twilight was a successful show heifer too.



MFGS Precious

Exhibited by Molly Schwertner

2012 AJSR Reserve Grand Champion Bred & Owned Heifer
2012 AJSR Owned Show Junior Calf Champion
Sired by TSC Class Act and out of JRSC Starlite, a Johnnie Walker bred
dam.

Starlite was the 2011 AJSR Grand Champion Bred and Owned Female.

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Our grandkids, James and Molly represent the third generation of this family to show Simbrah and their cattle that won at the Simbrah Roundup represent three generations of winners, too!



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Here's to Bud, Simbrah's Godfather

The Simbrah World is going to miss ole Bud for not only did he help to create Simbrah, he kept the breed going in tough times and in good. He loved these cattle until his passing. He could always be counted upon for his word, good ideas, a positive attitude and for his full hearted support of Simbrah with his time, energy and money. Bud was always the life of the party. He loved the juniors and appreciated what they did for Simbrah. In an effort to keep his spirit alive and THANK ole Bud for his dedication to Simbrah, the American Junior Simbrah Round Up has created a Bud Wentz Memorial Scholarship to be awarded at the Round Up every year. May God Bless the Wentz Family.

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Many of Simbrah's leaders are from the RGV – from Bud Wentz helping to start the breed in the late 60's to La Muneca starting their annual Jr. Educational Round Ups in the late 80's to the first Simbrah steer show in the early 90's and MAS in the early 2000's you can count on Valley breeders to MAKE THINGS HAPPEN for Simbrah.





tough open RGV Show with his Red Bullet daughter.



CONGRATS to Daniel Galvan for CONGRATS to all showmanwinning Reserve Grand at the ship winners (all/future RGV Breeders) at the Heart of Simbrah Show hosted by the Ron Wells family.



We would like to introduce you to LMC Gold Medal, another great herd bull prospect to come out of the RGV bred by 6G, Louie Flores, BETM and LMC.

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MAS VII Simbrah Sale and Showdown was held on a new date, in a new location and with some new participants, but with the same quality of the six previous events and lots of enthusiasm for the breed. It was still in the heart of Simbrah country as it was held in Mercedes, Texas and was the first video auction for the breed. The 2012 MAS Simbrah Sale saw 66 lots sell for an average of \$3,158 and youth from across the Simbrah nation competed in prize money of \$15,000. THANK YOU to all who came, bid and purchased and to the exhibitors and their families for their participation!

































































Our experience in the TJSSA and AJSA has been wonderful and we are so grateful for the leadership contests, along with the responsibilities and life skills learned in the show ring.



Josh and PRR Elizabeth 641Y, a Pine Ridge Ranch bred heifer, were named the Reserve Grand Champion Simbrah at the AJSA Classic

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It's All About



It's been an exciting year being involved in the Simbrah breed. I've had a great show season with blessings of success. This year, I had Champion Overall Heifer, Champion Showmanship and 2nd

Place Overall with my FFA Livestock Judging Team at the South Texas Youth Stock Show. I also had Reserve Champion Overall Heifer and Reserve Champion Showman at the Cameron County Fair and Livestock Show. At Sellabration, I was Reserve Champion Showman and at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show MAS Sponsored Showmanship, I was awarded with Senior Champion Showman. Along with my show winnings, I am also the 2012-13 Harlingen FFA Sentinel, and Highland Hustlers 4-H 1st Vice President. I am also on the Harlingen High School Varsity Tennis team. I would like to thank the "Sky's The Limit Group" for all of their support.

FAMILY



2012 has been full of great fun and excitement with a few great achievements along the way! It began great with the South Texas Youth Stock Show, where I was awarded with Reserve Champion Overall Heifer, Champion Intermediate Showman, and my Livestock Judging Team was 2nd Place. Then came the Cameron County Fair and Stock Show, where I had the Champion Overall Heifer and was Champion Intermediate Showman. At Sellabration, I was awarded the Reserve Grand Champion Heifer title, which was super exciting for me and my family, since my heifer was a bred and owned heifer.

A great big THANK YOU to the Guerra Family, Joe Mask, Dean Fuchs, Joe B. Rodriguez and Rene Vela for being such great role models for us. Also to Martha Garrett for the great job she does in getting all Simbrah info out there! And finally, to Andrew Cano, Mike Carlos IV and John Paul Rodriguez for adding 5W genetics to your herd and GOOD LUCK!!!"



It has been an honor and blessing to grow up in the Simbrah breed. The events that the Simbrah families put on have been very educational for me. My accomplishments this year include South Texas Youth Stock Show Champion Junior Showman, Cameron County Fair and Livestock Show Champion Junior Showman, and at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show I won Champion Junior Showman. At the District Livestock Judging contest I took home the 1st Place Overall Junior honor. At the Sellabration, I calimed the Reserve Champion Junior Showman and at American Junior Simbrah Roundup I was the High Point Overall Junior. I'm also the Highland Hustler's 4-H Club 2012-13 Secretary and was Student Council President. I strive to continue to be a leader in my community and beyond.

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News...

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months to two-year-old plus and many are Al sired. The offering represents the programs of Tom Brothers Ranch, RX Simbrah, Filegonia Cattle Co., Premier Beef, Ford's Double S Ranch and Stallion Angus Ranch. The group is hosting a special preview and open house on November 17th at Tom Brothers Ranch. Everyone is invited to attend to see the bulls and evaluate them prior to the sale.

For additional information and to request a catalog contact Ellen Tom, 210/213-0020 or ellen@tombrothers ranch.com Details can also be found at www.tombrothers ranch.com

Scholarship Named For Wentz

Bud Wentz loved the Simbrah breed and the juniors that are such an integral part of the breed. He appreciated what they did for Simbrah and was one of the their biggest supporters. In an effort to keep his spirit alive and thank ole Bud for his dedication to Simbrah, the American Junior Simbrah Round Up (Continued on page 36)







Hope with PRR Shania and Faith at the halter of HMO Waylon; 2012 TJSSA Futurity Champion Cow/Calf Pair.

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Peach Creek — Great Foundations

"The show ring highlights only 20% of what Faith and Hope Onstot really do. Behind the scenes, they drive leadership for the TJSSA, FSFF Jr., NAILE, AJSR, FFA and 4-H organizations. You will find them equally at ease with horses, as they anchor the judging team that won the Texas State 4-H Championships, the Reserve World Championships, and Reichert Futurity Championships. They are on their way to the Quarter Horse Congress this October where they will represent Texas. Good luck, girls! We are proud of you!"



Faith and 2011 AJSA National Champion DLO Miss Claire promote Fullbloods everywhere.



Faith and PRR Pretty Jean were 2011 Reserve Division Champions in Houston.

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Smith Priceless Wish A Nu Approach out of Smith Priceless Now being flushed to Smith Satisfies



Smith McCrary Hi Price
A three-quarter blood daughter of Dream On and out of Priceless. This female was the 2010 Simbrah Synergy Percentage Show Reserve Grand Champion Female. She is a full sister to the herd sire Smith Always In Style.

Priceless



Smith Wish You Had Me Sired by Sargeant and out of the Smith Heartfelt Cow, which makes this female a full sister to the great Priceless. She was the 2010 American

great Priceless. She was the 2010 American
Junior Simbrah Roundup Reserve Grand
Champion Female. We have flushed her to Evan
and Charismatic and look at her daughter, Smith
McCrary Best Wish selling in Synergy.

Smith McCrary Best Wish- Lot 132 in Synergy. A May daughter of Smith Wish You Had Me and Smith Nu Wave II.





We are new to the Simbrah breed, but we realized very early on that to make an impact, we would need to select individuals with proven lineage, performance oriented EPDs and have established marketing power. We think we have done just that... look at a few of the individuals we have impacting our program ... and soon the breed.

We are very excited to be part of the Simbrah breed! Visit our show string during the upcoming show season. Watch for our impact.



Swith Westz Diamond Divo – a full sister to the S4I,000 Dimarn Gif, who was the 2009 National and International Grand Champion. Sophie will be showing this little lady turing the appointing show season. Watch out for this Smith No Marr II a Diva daughter.



Smith AltroCraftmany — We recently purchased one-third interest in this pareblood hand sire prospect from Smith Gerarics. He is sired by Smith loging Charlsmatic and out of their new doner, Smith Madam III, a maternal sister to Sangeant, a full sister to Smith Simply Great and sired by Dinam On. Owned with Smith Genetics and Receiv Farms.



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Savith Coo Rella — we purchased embryos out of this great daughter of Bella Bella and Sargeant at the IMAS Sale. Goo Bella was the 2011 International Goard Champion Female and is a Nu Approach daughter.

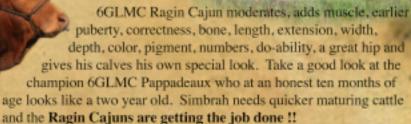


Priories - He introduced this cow family into our gragnam recently by purchasing her daughter, Smith Shesa Prioriess, sized by Matt. Match for her in the Percentage shows.

GETTING THE JOB DONE!!

We predicted that Ragin Cajun was going to be a BREED CHANGER and has he ever lived up to our bold expectations with his first few calves. Ragin has that special look about him that is supported by a great pedigree with his paternal grandsire Dream On being the most dominant & profitable Simmy bull to come along in a long time. His dam is an own daughter of the very popular LM Full House who is the 2004 International Grand Champion & one of the best Simbrah Ambassadors ever made. For just \$500 for a breeding share of ten units, Ragin can also GET THE JOB DONE for your program. MIL GRACIAS to these breeding share investors - RGV Cattle, Blas Saenz, La Morra,

La Blanquita and the Dave Onstot family.



Pappadeaux is what the future is all about - FUNCTION!! We plan to use him to generate positive change. His dam is a full sib to Full House. His sons will produce cattle that will go to the rail quicker with less feed and more profit. We THANK the Newt Huffman and Louie Flores families and Victor Guerra for investing in this future breed great. A BIG HEARTY THANKS also goes out to Pine Ridge and BETM Ranch for investing in \$1,250 breeding shares.



Pappadeaux at 10 mos.

Faith Onstot for investing in LMC BBS Jenna, a Ragin Cajun and a full sib to LMC Miss Diva. super Ragin Cajun out of the SA Champion and She is the TOTAL package with a great future. champion producer, BBS Jennie Walker.



ABIGHEARTYTHANKS goes out to Hope and Vela for investing in LMC Delightful sired by



Ragin Cajun at 13 mos.

A BIG HEARTY THANKS goes out to Olivia - LMC LN 12th Man is the 2012 National Champion % Bull sired by Ragin Cajun and the herd bull and champion producer, LMC Mariah's Dream by Dream On. MIL GRACIAS to the ten progressive breeders that bought breeding shares at the LMC Sellababration. Co-owned with La Negra.



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6G Jasmine is a deep bodied, big boned, good looking Ragin Cajun out of a LMC Doc x LMC Stamina cow that is being shown by Robert Stavinoha. We cannot say enough about all of the volume, bone and Simbrah breed character that Ragin is adding to his progeny. Try him !!!



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Taking the lead...

Red Jubilee is our lead female and we continue to be impressed with her and her progeny. Jubilee, Smith Nu Approach daughter, was the 2011 International Reserve Grand Champion Female and her daughter, sired by Smith Nu Wave II, was purchased by Peyton Meuth in Synergy IV. She went on to be the 2012 International Reserve Grand Champion Female, also. Congrats to Peyton on her wins!

We will offer this Smith Nu Wave II daughter in partnership with Smith Genetics at Synergy V. She's a January red, purebred heifer and is out of the Hagan Pearl 53X cow. Be sure and check her out in the catalog and at the sale.

We invite your inquiries about our cattle and look forward to seeing you at Synergy.



Smith Red Jubilee



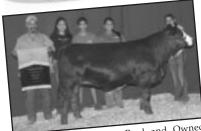
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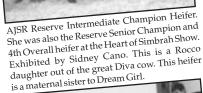
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AJSR Grand Champion Bred and Owned Heifer and Champion Heifer Calf in the Owned Show. Exhibited by Sabrina Cano. This fancy heifer was sired by LMC RFI Smith Uno and out of a Hagan McDreamy bred dam.





Dennis Cano and his first show heifer. We are very excited about the potential of this female. She is sired by Uno and out of a Red Bullet bred dam. She is a paternal sib to Uno's Pretty Neat.

The Cano kids have had a great year showing their Simbrah heifers and we're very proud of their efforts and the hard work they have put into their projects. The Simbrah breed has so much to offer youth exhibitors and we're proud to be part of it!

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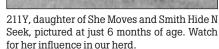
Moving Our Progra

We realize the value of having foundation cow family lines in a program and that is the direction we are taking at Triple J Ranch.

A year ago, we purchased, 211Y, a February 2011 daughter of She Moves and Smith Hide N Seek at Synergy IV. She Moves has many breed standouts to her credit, including the International Champion Herd Sires Black Bullet, Red Bullet and Red Ammo. Her daughters excel in that same eye appealing phenotype of She Moves and are proving to be solid producers. We feel 211Y will move our program forward!



She Moves, dam of our 211Y female, who will be a donor for us.





We are once again participating in Synergy and you will find our cattle as Lots 75-82 in the catalog. This is lot 80 pictured. She's a December 2011 daughter of Smith Hide N Seek and out of a Smith Cowboy bred dam. Offered in partnership with Carpenter Ranch.

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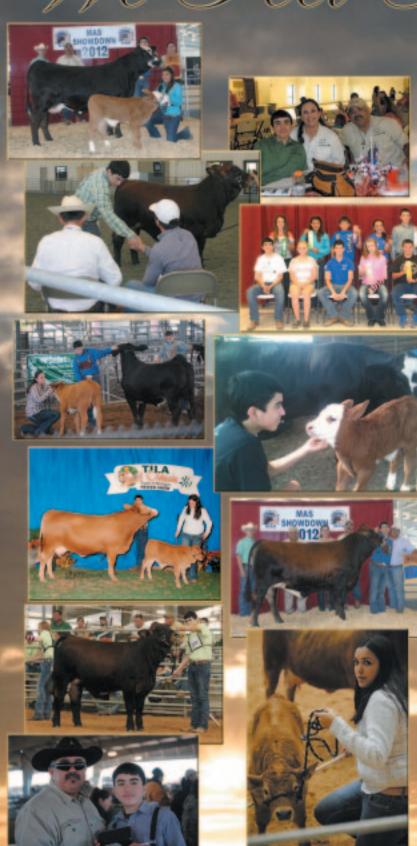
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Swagger daughter in the UTmost Cattle Co. program

Me Feel Blessed!



First and for most we would like to thank God for all the blessings he's bestowed on us. The biggest blessing was our two kids Kimberly Ann & John Paul, what great joy they have brought into our lives. Our son John Paul Rodriguez joined a local FFA chapter here in Edinburg, when he was 9-years-old. Never would we imagine that five years later, we would have 10 head of Simbrah cattle, which John Paul loves with a passion. We have seen John Paul grow into a fine young man; he is starting high school this year and we could not be more proud of him. We are especially proud of our beautiful daughter Kimberly who is starting her senior year this year at Med High and for being such a great role model for her younger brother.

Our summer of Simbrah was highlighted by John Paul winning the high point individual honors for the intermediate division at the American Junior Simbrah Roundup.

Being city folks, we bought a little ranch in Linn, which we named "Rancho JPR". We have started breeding our cows with some great Simbrah bulls and John Paul has a lot to say about which semen is used in his cows. We would like to thank all the breeders we have bought heifers from, La Negra Cattle Co., RGV Cattle Co., La Muneca Cattle Co., Reavis Farms, Dean & Kallie Fuchs and 5W Cattle Co. The future looks bright for Rancho JPR, and we're anxious for John Paul to show some of his up and coming calves.

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Naval infections in newborn calves are costly in terms of health, productivity, time and can even lead to liver abscesses, permanent crippling or death.

the umbilicus becomes contaminated with bacteria and most often occur in the first few days following birth. The inset photo shows the swelling and inflammation that is often the first sign of the illness.

Infections affect the umbilicus or navel, as it takes 7-10 days for the umbilical stump to dry up, and most calves are affected at less than one week of age. There is a risk of infection until the stump dries up and seals off entirely.

About The Disease/Causes

According to Calfology.com navel infections develop when the umbilicus becomes contaminated with bacteria. The umbilicus provides bacteria with an easy route of entry to the newborn calf's bloodstream and body. Once bacteria colonize within the umbilicus, they can easily spread up to the navel and into the circulation.

Factors that increase a calf's chances to contract this infection include an umbilical cord that breaks off or is cut at a level too close to the body wall (ideally it should be left to be about 6 inches long), poor navel hygiene practices and unclean environmental conditions, inadequate colostrum or having the umbilical stump sucked on by other calves.

Pathogenic bacteria that enter through the umbilicus can affect the calf differently. Sometimes the infection may be confined to the local area, creating a navel stump that is slow to dry and up and a local abscess occurs. It may spread to the blood, causing bacteremia, which is the presence of bacteria in the blood. The blood is normally a sterile environment, so the detection of bacteria in the blood (most commonly accomplished by blood cultures) is always abnormal. These pathogens then circulate through the body and can localize elsewhere, causing problems in other organs or joints.

Toxins can be produced by some of the bacteria and this can result in septicemia, more commonly known as blood poisoning. If this happens the calf can become very ill and quickly die as the toxins send the calf into shock, due to circulatory problems and results in multiple organ failures.

Often the infection settles in leg joints and this leads to stiff, painful joints due to inflammation and if the calf survives, it may be permanently crippled. The bacteria can also affect the eyes, the lining of the heart cavity and/or membranes around the brain and spinal cord, which most often

results in death. It can also lead to liver abscesses, which may not be noted till the calf is 1-3 months old.

Signs Of Navel Infection

"The first symptom a rancher would notice is swelling and inflammation in the calf's navel, which would signal that the calf has either a navel infection or hernia," says Dr. Lucas Hinojosa, a veterinarian in Edinburg, Texas and Simbrah breeders.

According to the National Animal Disease Information Service (NADIS), if not treated, then the area can be become abscessed and will be puss-filled. The calf may also have a high temperature and reduced appetite at this stage.

If left untreated, the door is opened for sepsis to develop and the calf will exhibit signs of lethargy, decreased nursing and suckle reflex, increased heart rate with bounding pulses, stiff joints, reddened mucous membranes and labored breathing.

If the umbilical veins become infected, the inflammation may travel along them, possibly extending to the liver. A large abscess may take up as much as half of that organ. Affected calves are usually 1-3 months of age when the illness becomes obvious and they are usually unthrifty because of toxemia. The navel may or may not be enlarged with a liver abscess.

Treatment

Early prompt treatment is important, as early treatment is much more effective.

"For treatment of a calf with an early infection, the calf will need an antibiotic, which will need to be prescribed or administered by your local veterinarian. Although it is more common for a calf to become septic from being exposed to a pathogen by mouth, it can occur from a navel infection that goes untreated. Signs a calf is septic will be fever, depression, anorexia, lameness due to joint swellings, hypopyon (pus in the eye), etc. For treatment, the calf will still need an antibiotic, but also a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug from your veterinarian. It may need more treatments depending on the severity of the septicemia," explains Hinojosa.

For large navel abscesses, veterinary intervention may be (Continued on page 36)

Naval Infections...

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needed to drain and remove the infected tissue. Supportive fluids may also be needed.

It's also important to note that if the navel area abscesses, opening it and draining it does not guarantee that the infection has been removed. Often the infected tissue must be removed and flushed with an antiseptic solution.

To check if the liver is abscessed, place the calf on its back, touch the area beneath the navel in the direction of the liver and feel for an abscess. Infection can occur from the area of the navel to the bladder and again you may be able to feel the abscess or you may not. If the bladder is infected you may see puss in the urine. If these signs are suspected or found, you need to consult your veterinarian, as surgical removal of the abscesses is needed.

PREVENTION

Prevention is the key to this disease. Ensuring that a cow calves in a clean environment will significantly reduce the risk of navel ill. Proper planning and preparation can prevent the build-up of disease that occurs in too many calving areas.

Applying a disinfectant (such as iodine) to the navel can reduce the risk of bacteria entering via the navel, but it is no substitute for good hygiene. No amount of disinfectant can overcome being born in a dirty, wet yard. Because of the anatomy, bulls navels tend to dry slower than heifers and they are thus at more risk of navel ill. Applying disinfectant two or three times to bulls can reduce the risk. It is also important to ensure that if cattle are born in a nice clean environment that they aren't moved to other pens or contaminated pastures until the navel has dried completely.

Dr. Hinojosa also recommends that a calf should nurse well within its first two hours of life. This ensures the calf has consumed an adequate amount of colostrum. Colostrum is the first type of milk produced by the cow and is packed with protein and antibodies to protect the calves from some infections. There is a 24-hour window for the calf to receive colostrums, as the colostrum quality and the calf's ability to absorb it decrease rapidly within the calf's first 24 hours after calving.

News...

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(AJSR) has created a Bud Wentz Memorial Scholarship. This will be awarded at the AJSR every year to a Simbrah junior that has been a great ambassador for the breed — just like Bud was for over 40 years. For more information please contact Carlos X. Guerra, scholarship chairman at lamunecacat tle@ aol.com.

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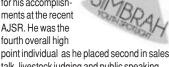
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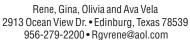


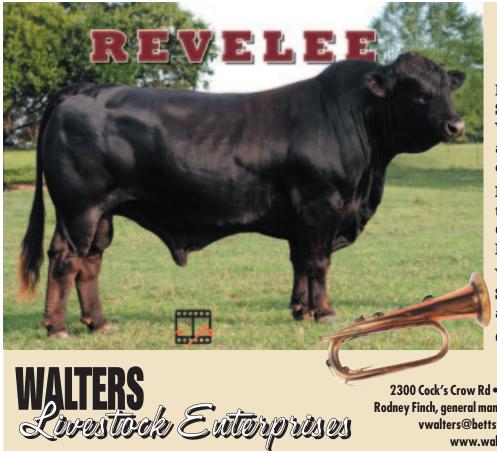




Figure stock shows to leadership contests, Caleb and Carlye have kept us busy and made us proud. We want to thank Tim Smith for all his help. support, encouragement and knowledge and for getting us involved in the Simbrah breed. This year Caryle will be campaigning Smith CRC Inspiration, a full sister to Caleb's 2012 National and International Champion. Caleb, who is surrently leading the TJLA Simbrah division and will be showing Smith CRC Keepsake, a full sister to the helfer, Candice Tindle campaigned this eer. She is out of Juliet and Smith Nu Wave II. He also has added a three-quarter helter, Smith CRC Bella Vive, out of the great Bella Bella and m, a Houston Grand Champion Simmental Buil. We are very excited to add these lines to our genetic mix Carlye was the winner of her age division at the MAS and AJSR Showmanship Contasts. Calab was the winner of his age division at the MAS Showmanship Contest He was also elected to the TJSSA Board of Directors this surrow Smith CRC Nu Perfection - 2012 National and International Grand Champion Female - THE RODENBECK FAMILY - A daughter of Smith Nu Wave II and out of Hagen Smith Irreplaceable. Watch for this female's influence on the bread. David, Kellie, Caleb and Caryle 2575 Old Mill Creek :: Brenham, Texas 77833 Our program is young and growing, and we would love to visit with you about Simbrah cattle.

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Smith Farms also added another M9 progeny to their herd. They purchased J7N Yours Truly, a Whiskey River X LMC BETM Wallflower August heifer at MAS VII. Yours Truly is a very fancy show heifer prospect that comes in a power packed package. She will catch everyone's eye so look for her at all of the 2013 major shows



J7N Top Shelf



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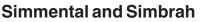
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