



# E-Newsletter

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## Texas Brangus Breeders

## Letter from the President

Dear Brangus Breeder,

You might notice that I addressed this letter as "Dear Brangus Breeder", and that is because I obtained the permission to send *this normally TBBA letter* out to **all Texas Brangus breeders**. We are now signing up cattle for our yearly convention and Miss America Sale and we want to secure absolutely the best 30 to 40 head of cattle possible. Even if you are not a TBBA member and have an outstanding prospect, we invite you to nominate your prospect to the "Miss America" sale. We are striving to make this the **elite** sale of the Breed. Those are big words and will be hard to accomplish, but I have learned that you must set your goals high in life to be successful. America Marketing Services is managing the sale for us and they will accept your nomination and screen the cattle. They are committed to make this the sale of the breed. Contact AMS at [www.amscattle.com](http://www.amscattle.com) or telephone Mark Cowan at 903-495-4522. The "Miss America Sale" will be held at the TBBA Convention at the Tenrock Ranch in Salado Texas on Saturday 6 April 2013. The convention starts on 5 April 2013 where a great steak dinner, music and dancing will take place plus my long time friend and fellow Marine Officer and now Texas Land Commissioner, **Jerry Patterson** will speak. This will be a fun week-end and hopefully a great cattle sale. The TBBA Board of Directors has worked very hard to make this the best ever.

If you are not a member and would like to join, the dues are only \$50.00. There is a link to join on our web site [www.txbrangus.org](http://www.txbrangus.org) or contact Frances Miller at 210-696-4343. We are committed to providing our members marketing opportunities for your cattle (registered and commercial). Where else can you get that service for \$50.00? Even if you select not to join, we invite you to attend the convention at Salado for a fun evening a great sale **(for free)**.

Do not forget that we have another sale scheduled for 9 March 2013 at the Ford Center in Beaumont, TX. This

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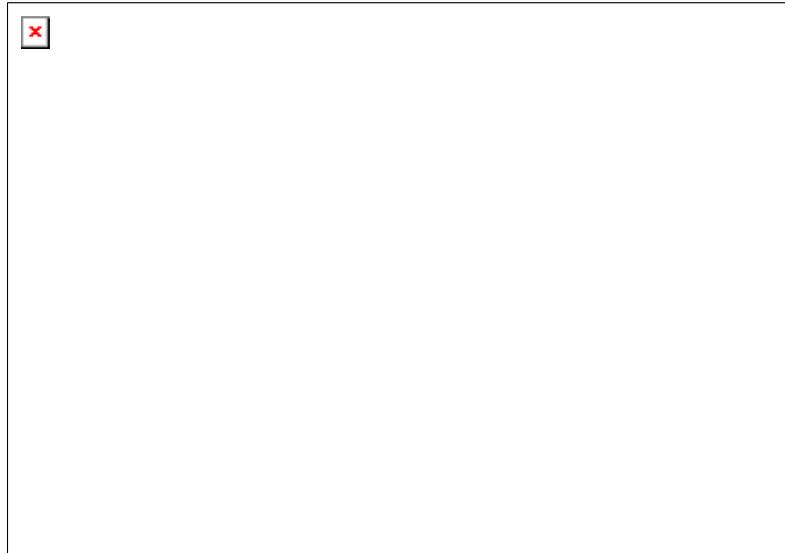
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sale is a combined Registered and Commercial sale, which is put on by the **Independent Cattleman's Association**. Contact the sale manager Chuck Kiker at 409-658-0959 or TBBA member Mike Doguet at 409-790-0345 for more information. This sale has a record of being one of the outstanding commercial heifer sales in the state and the commission is only 6% on commercial and 8% on the Registered, in addition to the consignment fee of \$10.00 for heifers and \$25.00 for bulls. Deadline for entry is 10 February 2013.

Below is a photo of Skyhawk's Presidente' donation heifer to be auctioned off at the Miss America Sale for the benefit of the Texas Junior Brangus Association. **She is sweet and will compete.**



Hope to see you in the Show Barn at Houston.

Russ Williamson, President

## TJBBA Connection: Fort Worth Report

The Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Junior Brangus show has made its annual appearance leaving a smile on the faces of all. There is no doubt memories were made and lessons were learned as well as a substantial amount of knowledge gained. Many showmen including myself were sad to see the 2013 show come and go so rapidly, but are already in anticipation for next year's show. For two exhibitors in particular, this Fort Worth run was a phenomenal one.

Grand Champion Heifer honors went to Miss Rachel McConnell going out with a bang her senior year showing CK News Lady Elizabeth. Jake Johnston rounded it out receiving Reserve Champion honors with DDD Ms Chariti 88Z10. Showmanship winners were Bailye Foltyn in first, Matthew Whipple in second, and

Tanner Miller in third place. The animals looked great as well as the showman on the other end of the halter showing to the best of their ability. Big thanks to breeders in attendance in support of us juniors as well as the directors that were present in the ring keeping the show going with ease.

Following up the show at 1 pm was the Junior Board of Directors annual FWSSR meeting. The meeting began with a breakdown into committees to discuss specific preparations for the 2013 State Show. At the tail end of the meeting saving the best for last, a discussion of the Miss America Sale. We expressed the degree of significance this sale has towards the junior association as a major benefit along with experience. The Junior Board of directors will be present in assistance to buyers and consigners to make sure this prestigious event goes flawlessly and accordingly, as well as shaking hands and conversing with fellow breeders. We are all so very thrilled to be included in this affair and await April 6th with enthusiasm.

As for the sadness we feel for the end of Fort Worth, there is no need for that. In just one day shy of a week, junior exhibitors from across the state will meet up once again, but this time for San Antonio. Show day for Junior Brangus Heifers will be Thursday, February 14th where we get to exhibit and show our "love" for our cattle. This coming Friday morning is move in day for the Open Show where all are welcome to show and exhibit their cattle and show strings. My family and myself will be in attendance for both shows where I hope to greet and visit with you all. Thank you again for the tremendous amount of support and we have been receiving. Good luck to all and see y'all then!

Adrian Whipple, TJBBA Reporter

## **Ft. Worth Junior Show Results**

The Fort Worth Junior Brangus Show was held on Feb. 26. Chris Sankey evaluated the entries.

Rachel McConnell of Hallsville, TX exhibited the Grand Champion Female, CK News Lady Elizabeth. She came from the Junior Division. DDD Ms Chariti 88Z10 was Reserve Grand Champion Female and exhibited by Jake Johnston of Waxahachie, TX. She came out of the Heifer Calf Division.

Additional division winners were as follows:

*Reserve Champion Junior Division:* Miss JLS Eleanor 915Y58 exhibited by Madelaine Pack of Boyd, TX

*Reserve Champion Heifer Calf Division:* DDDMS Mariah

804Z11-ET exhibited by Mary Katherine Vinson of Abilene, TX

*Champion Senior Heifer:* HF Cadence's Black Ice exhibited by Demi Hunt of Union Grove, TX

*Reserve Champion Senior Heifer:* KK Miss Rosie 5207X3-ET exhibited by Shelbie Van Beveren of Victoria, TX

## **Texas Ag Committee Members**

House Speaker Joe Straus and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst have named the men and women who will serve on the House and Senate ag committees in the coming biennium.

In the Texas House, Tracy King has been selected to serve as the chairman of the Agriculture and Livestock committee. Charles "Doc" Anderson will act as vice chair. Tim Kleinschmidt and Drew Springer have seniority appointments to the committee while Mary Gonzalez, Kyle Kacal and James White were appointed to the committee by Straus.

Kacal will also serve on the Environmental Regulation committee along with Ron Reynolds, Ed Thompson and Jason Villalba. Those with senior appointments are Jason Isaac, Tryon Lewis and Chris Turner. Patricia Harless and Marisa Marquez will serve as chair and vice chair, respectively.

The Land and Resource Management Committee is comprised of Chair Joe Deshotel, Vice Chair Armando Walle, James Frank, Craig Goldman, Tan Parker and Drew Springer. Those with senior appointments are Abel Herrero, Chris Paddie and David Simpson.

The Natural Resources committee will be chaired by Allan Ritter. Vice chair is Eric Johnson. Senior appointees include Bill Callegari, Jim Keffer, Tracy King and Trey Martinez Fisher. Straus also appointed Trent Ashby, Dennis Bonnen, Lyle Larson, Eddie Lucio III and Doug Miller to the committee.

In the Texas Senate, Senator Craig Estes will serve as the chair of the Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security Committee. Senator Carlos Uresti will serve as vice chair. Senators Glenn Hegar, Chuy Hinojosa and Charles Schwertner will also comprise the committee.

The Senate's Natural Resources committee will be chaired by Senator Troy Fraser. Estes has been named the vice chair. Also serving are Senators Bob Duell, Robert Duncan, Rodney Ellis, Kevin Eltife, Hegar, Hinojosa, Robert Nichols, Kel Seliger and Uresti.

A full list of the senators serving in the 83rd Legislative Session can be found at [www.senate.state.tx.us](http://www.senate.state.tx.us).

The listing of this year's state representatives is available at [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us).

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## Call for Cattle Photos

The TBBA is constantly looking for ways to improve our social media sights. If you have photos of your Brangus cattle around the farm or ranch that you would like us to share on the Facebook page, please e-mail those in .jpg format to [mollie@txbrangus.org](mailto:mollie@txbrangus.org).

## Feb./March Calendar of Events

### **February:**

#### **6th-9th:**

NCBA Convention and Trade Show

#### **10th:**

International Brangus Open Show- San Antonio, TX

#### **15th:**

International Brangus Junior Show- San Antonio, TX

#### **19th:**

Romans Brangus & Angus Bull Sale- Nyssa, OR

#### **23rd:**

22nd Annual Roswell Brangus Sale- Roswell, NM  
Spitzer Ranch Professional Cattlemen's Brangus Bull Sale & Customer Brangus Gold Commercial Female Sale- Fair Play, SC

#### **27th-March 2nd:**

IBBA Annual Convention

#### **28th:**

Brangus Global Roundup- Houston, TX

### **March:**

#### **1st:**

Houston International Brangus Bull Show- Houston, TX 2 p.m.

#### **2nd:**

Houston International Brangus Female Show- Houston, TX 10 a.m.

Genetic Edge Sale- Houston, TX

#### **9th:**

TBBA/ICA Spring Sale  
Indian Nations Spring Sale

#### **10th:**

Houston Junior Brangus Show- Houston, TX 8 a.m.

#### **16th:**

Mound Creek Ranch Annual Bull Sale

#### **22-24:**

TSCRA Convention

#### **23:**

West Texas Brangus Breeders Sale  
Miller Brangus Sale  
**26th:**  
Genetrust at Suhn Cattle Company Registered Bull Sale  
**30th:**  
Salacoa Valley Farms Sale

Sincerely,  
Texas Brangus Breeders Association

Serving and promoting the interest of its members specific to the breeding, raising, and marketing of Brangus cattle.