The National Charolais presence was felt at the 47th Annual North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. A record 29,181 entries representing 10 species of livestock coming from the 48 contiguous states competed.

The Charolais weekend kicked off on Saturday, November 14, with 55 junior exhibitors from 17 states showing 60 Charolais heifers.

The following day opened with a great crowd on hand for a morning social hosted by the Kentucky Charolais Association, Kentucky Department of Agriculture and Bamboo Roads Farms. An active 37th National Charolais Sale saw 23 buyers from 16 states make seedstock selections.

The 47th National Charolais Show on Monday, November 16 saw entries from 130 owners from 26 states and one Canadian Province who lead out 156 head — 108 females and 48 bulls - in a highly competitive show.

Excitement, strong activity and quality during a great Louisville Charolais National!
Cow-Calf Champion
First Cow-Calf – Class 23
Cagney Effling, Highmore, S.D.

Grand Champion Female
CC TR Adalina 3129 Pld
CAG Ms Alaska 515C
Cow-Calf Champion
First Cow-Calf – Class 23
Cagney Effling, Highmore, S.D.

Reserve Grand Champion Female
D&D Ms Kennedy 1430 Pld ET
Junior Champion
First Early Spring Yearling Females – Class 16
Rebecca, Jenna & Jacob Harrod, Frankfort, Ky.; Long Hall Cattle, Hillsboro, Ohio

Senior Champion
First Summer Senior Yearling Bulls – Class 45

Grand Champion Bull
GJL Ruidoso 3082
Senior Champion
JVS Cattle Co., Sulphur, La.; MSL Cattle Company, Cameron, Texas

Reserve Grand Champion Bull
TR DSUL 100 Proof B24 ET
Junior Champion
First Spring Yearling Bulls – Class 40
Carrousel Farms, Monroe, Wisc.; Sullivan Ranch, Hillsboro, Texas; Thomas Ranch, Harrold, S.D.
Division Champions

Boyert Show Cattle, Seville, Ohio.

Boy's Smokette 507
Spring Calf Champion Female
First Spring Heifer Calves – Class 1C

TR Ms Cara 5522C
Reserve Spring Calf Champion Female
First Spring Heifer Calves – Class 1D
McKay Cattle Company, Orlando, Okla.

WC Kourtney 5282 P
Junior Calf Champion Female
First Junior Heifer Calves – Class 4B
Wright Charolais, Richmond, Mo.

HLS Livestock, Reisterstown, Md.

HLS Kie's This
Reserve Junior Calf Champion Female
First Junior Heifer Calves – Class 4C

WC CCC Rachel 4527 P
Senior Calf Champion Female
First Senior Heifer Calves – Class 8A
Evan Summers, Slater, Mo.

HLSL Kiss This
Reserve Junior Calf Champion Female
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HLS Livestock, Reisterstown, Md.

KASS/CJB Ms Lady Secret 433
Reserve Junior Champion Female
Second Early Spring Yearling Females – Class 16
Chance Bauman, Falcon, Mo.; C&H Farms, Eugene, Mo.

Bar S Shirley 4161
Reserve Senior Champion Female
Second Junior Yearling Females – Class 19
Ethan Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.

Derrer Farms Ms Pearl
DF Ms Crown Jewel 675
Reserve Low-Calf Champion Female
Second Low-Calf – Class 23
Rylee Derrer, Milan, Ill.
Division Champions

RF Bocephus 5027
Spring Calf Champion Bull
First Spring Bull Calves — Class 268
Ridder Farms, Hermann, Mo.

Bar S California 5532
Reserve Spring Calf Champion Bull
Second Spring Bull Calves — Class 268
Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.

Big Creek Fox Town 521 Pld
Junior Calf Champion Bull
First Junior Bull Calves — Class 29
Big Creek Charolais, Harrisonville, Mo.; Aces Wild Ranch, Weatherford, Texas.

NGC Celebrate 508C ET
Reserve Junior Calf Champion Bull
Second Junior Bull Calves — Class 29
North Grove Charolais, Grove City, Minn.

OBG SCC GF Jim Tom 4526
Senior Calf Champion Bull
First Winter Bull Calves — Class 32
Oklahoma Bovine Genetics, Miami, Okla.; Steven Craig Greeson, Coatesville, Ind.; Samsel Cattle Company, Cloverdale, Ind.

LJR WIA Mr White Collar
Reserve Senior Calf Champion Bull
First Senior Bull Calves — Class 33
Wild Indian Acres, DeSoto, Mo.

MJ NS Tags 1432
Intermediate Champion Bull
First Late Summer Yearling Bulls — Class 36
Megan Johnson, Beaver, Okla.; Nathan Suttles, Hanna City, Ill.

HAMM MGO B1
Reserve Intermediate Champion Bull
First Summer Yearling Bulls — Class 37
Bar J Charolais, Liverpool, Texas; MGO Charolais, Florence, Ala.; JVS Cattle Co.

HLSL Instant Addiction
Reserve Junior Champion Bull
First Junior Yearling Bulls — Class 41
HLS Livestock, Reisterstown, Md.

Bar S Rapid Fire 3859
Reserve Senior Champion Bull
First Two-Year-Old Bulls — Class 46
Bianchi Charolais, Gilroy, Calif.; Taylor Goering, McPherson, Kan.; Grady Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.

Judge: Jack Ward, Plattsburg, Missouri
Female Classes

Class Placings

Performance information listed: weight, weight per day of age (calf classes)

Spring Heifer Calves – Class 1A
Calved May 2 to June 2, 2015 – 4 shown

Spring Heifer Calves – Class 1B
Calved March 13 to March 30, 2015 – 10 shown

Spring Heifer Calves – Class 1C
Calved March 1 to March 7, 2015 – 8 shown

Spring Heifer Calves – Class 1D
Calved March 1 to March 7, 2015 – 8 shown
1. TR Ms Cara 5522C, 3-8-15, by TR Mr Wrangle Up 2502Z. (740, 2.92) McKay Cattle Company, Orlando, Okla. 2. TR Ms Cece 5722C ET, 3-10-15, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (1,390) Sarah Lillesand, Sheboygan Falls, Wis. 3. JCAR RRC Misty 512, 1-12-15, by D&D Outlaw. (890, 2.89) Connor Kisner, DeSoto, Mo.

Junior Heifer Calves – Class 4A
Calved Jan. 1 to Jan. 13, 2015 – 6 shown
1. HLSL Kiss This, 1-5-15, by EOTT Mr Bullistic 4Z Pld. (1,000, 3.17) HLS Livestock, Reisterstown, Md. 2. RF Ms Invest 507, 1-10-15, by LT Investment 2292 Pld. (875, 2.82) Ridder Farms, Hermann, Mo. 3. JCAR RRC Misty 512, 1-12-15, by D&D Outlaw. (890, 2.89) Connor Kisner, DeSoto, Mo.

Junior Heifer Calves – Class 4B
Calved Jan. 1 to Jan. 13, 2015 – 6 shown
1. HC Miss Kelly, 7-12-14, by Hoodoo Slasher 1144. (1,300, 2.95) Emma Hankins, Springfield, Mo. 2. D’tacori 452P, 9-8-14, by LT Ledger 0332 Pld. (1,150, 2.65) Kendrick Crowder, Hope, Ind. 3. MF Kisses 455 LD, 9-5-14, by LT Ledger 0332 Pld. (1,380, 3.16) Hadley Schotte, Marysville, Kan.

Late Summer Yearling Females – Class 11
Calved July 12 to Aug. 3, 2014 – 2 shown
1. MM Miss Kelly, 7-12-14, by LT Ledger 0332 Pld. (1,215) Matthew Blankenship, Nolensville, Tenn. 2. LaFraise Rihanna 644C, 8-3-14, by Raile 2250 T077. (1,345) Trent Bertsche, Flanagan, Ill.

Summer Yearling Females – Class 12
Calved May 2 to June 10, 2014 – 11 shown
1. PZC Dina 08 ET, 5-2-14, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (1,565) Claire Trennepohl, N Middletown, Ind. 2. MCF Miss Time Bandit 27B, 5-9-14, by SCC Time Bandit 290W. (1,385) Andrew Hodges, Lebo, Kan. 3. SULL Impressive 4722, 5-15-14, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (1,390) Sarah Lillesand, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Late Spring Yearling Females – Class 15
Calved April 3 to April 27, 2014 – 4 shown
1. TR Ms Bree 4559 B, 4-3-14, by WR Wrangler W601. (1,275) Clayton Boyert, Seville, Ohio. 2. SHF Ms Misty Water 1410, 4-7-14, by LT Long Distance 9001 Pld. (1,315) Matthew Owings, Mountain Grove, Mo. 3. VCC Lady Firewater 409, 4-27-14, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (1,675) Paislie Carlson, Topkinsville, Ky.

Early Spring Yearling Females – Class 16
Calved March 3 to March 24, 2014 – 9 shown
1. D&D Ms Kennedy 1430 Pld ET, 3-24-14, by WC CCC Bud Heavy 903 Pld ET. (1,495) Rebecca, Jenna & Jacob Harrod, Frankfort, Ky., and Long Hall Cattle. 2. KASS/CJB Ms Lady Secret 433, 3-15-14, by TR PZC Mr Turton 0794 ET. (1,490) Chance Bauman, Falcon, Mo., and C&H Farms. 3. TR Ms Berkly 47111B ET, 3-17-14, by TR PZC Mr Turton 0794 ET. (1,440) Paislie Carlson.

Junior Yearling Females – Class 19
Calved Jan. 20 to Feb. 28, 2014 – 7 shown
1. Big H Zoey, 2-2-14, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (1,585) James Gradert, Sibley, Iowa. 2. Bar S Shirley 4161, 2-28-14, by TR PZC Rapid Fire 9775 ET. (1,605) Ethan Dickerson, Paradise, Kan. 3. LaFraise Flo 824A, 2-18-14, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (1,595) Trent Bertsche.

Senior Yearling Females – Class 20
Calved Oct. 3, 2013 – 1 shown
1. M&M Ms Long Distance 3512PldET, 10-3-14, by LT Long Distance 9001 Pld. (1,510) Augusta Marston.

Cow-Calf – Class 23
Calved March 10 to March 27, 2013 – 2 shown
**Spring Bull Calves – Class 26A**
Calved April 2 to June 6, 2015 – 4 shown
1. OLC-CTD Dhando, 6-6-15, by Big Creek Game Changer 192 PET. (740, 4.54) Chuck Druin, Shelbyville, Ky., Ortho Land & Cattle, Medina, Ohio, and Bart Kayser Family, Medina, Ohio. 2. CH Mandrake 044C, 4-2-15, by MCF Bohannon 305A. (1,030, 4.52) C&H Farms. 3. White Rose 3D, 5-9-15, by TR PZC Mr Turton 0794 ET. (690, 3.61) White Rose Charolais, Clearwater, Minn.

**Spring Bull Calves – Class 26B**
Calved March 4 to March 28, 2015 – 7 shown

**Junior Bull Calves – Class 29**
Calved Jan. 2 to Feb. 20, 2015 – 7 shown

**Winter Bull Calves – Class 32**
Calved Nov. 1 to Dec. 30, 2014 – 6 shown
1. OBG SCC GF Jim Tom 4526, 11-7-14, by LT-WC Templeton 1483 Pld ET. (1,385, 3.79) Oklahoma Bovine Genetics, Miami, Okla., and Bart Kayser Family, Medina, Ohio, and Samsel Cattle Company, Cloverdale, Ind. 2. JVS Fire Tracker B41, 11-16-14, by LT Rushmore 8060 Pld. (1,700) Stallcup Farms Charolais, Prescott, Iowa, and Wright Charolais. 3. MDL Prediction 435 Pld, 11-15-14, by OW Dominion 2149 P/S. (2,095) MDL Farms, Joy, Ill.

**Senior Bull Calves – Class 33**
Calved Sept. 9 to Nov. 5, 2013 – 2 shown
1. LJR WIA Mr White Collar, 10-28-14, by KASS Kojack S45. (1,220, 3.18) Wild Indian Acres. 2. DDC Cool Mac B15, 9-17-14, by Cooley Royce 1107T39. (1,485, 3.49) Allyson Downey, Boonville, Ind.

**Late Summer Yearling Bulls – Class 36**
Calved July 12 to July 24, 2014 – 3 shown
1. MJ NS Tiago 1432, 7-22-14, by Keys All State 149X. (1,700) Megan Johnson, Beaver, Okla., and Nathan Sutlles, Hanna City, Ill. 2. Mr NBC 364 P, 7-12-14, by SCR Gridmaker 2141. (1,540) Mattison Ishmael, Gallatin, Mo. 3. LF Fullback 430 Pld, 7-24-14, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (1,750) Gary Gearlds, Tompkinsville, Ky., and Leffler Farms, Gibson City, Ill.

**Summer Yearling Bulls – Class 37**
Calved May 3 to June 6, 2014 – 3 shown
1. HAMM Mogo B1, 5-3-14, by HAMM Mogo U1. (1,525) Bar J Charolais, Liverpool, Texas, MOGO Charolais, Florence, Ala., and JVS Cattle Co. 2. TCCS Teacher’s Pride, 6-8-14, by TCCS Teacher’s Pet. (1,920) TCCS Teacher’s Pet. 3. CMR Daddy, 5-3-14, by WC Buster. (1,840) Rhitt Langston, Huntington, Ind.

**Spring Yearling Bulls – Class 40**
Calved March 1 to April 6, 2014 – 4 shown

**Junior Yearling Bulls – Class 41**
Calved Jan. 10 to Feb. 24, 2014 – 6 shown

**Senior Yearling Bulls – Class 44**
Calved Sept. 9 to May 5, 2013 – 2 shown

**Summer Senior Yearling Bulls – Class 45**
Calved May 5 to May 18, 2013 – 2 shown
1. GJL Ruidoso 3082, 5-5-13, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET. (2,595) JVS Cattle Co. and MSL Cattle Company, Cameron, Texas. 2. CF Pasture Pimp ET, 5-18-13, by EC No Doubt 2022 P. (2,375) Bar J Charolais and Katelyn Shaffer, Carthage, Mo.

**Two-Year-Old Bulls – Class 46**
Calved Feb. 19 to March 1, 2013 – 2 shown
Group Class Winners

Produce of Dam • 6 shown

Junior Get-Of-Sire • 3 shown
1. EB California 1041, Bar S Ranch. 2. TR PZC Mr Turton 0794 ET, Thomas Ranch. 3. TCCS Teacher’s Pet, Kelley Koester, Elizabeth, Ill.

Get-Of-Sire • 2 shown
1. TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET, Thomas Ranch. 2. TR PZC Rapid Fire 9775 ET, Bar S Ranch.

Breeder’s Herd • 2 shown

Group Of Five Head • 1 shown
1. Bar S Ranch.

Challenge Trophy
Thomas Ranch, Harrold, S.D.
Back in a time when ranchers only used Angus, Herefords and Shorthorns, one man decided to venture to find something new. Considered one of the first Charolais pioneers in Kansas by many and a man of great knowledge about the breed, Maurice Rohr is one who helped start it all.

“For most, Maurice needs no introduction,” said Curtis Ohlde, vice president of the Kansas Charolais Association, “He can often be seen at Charolais events across the country, and at shows you can find him in the aisles sitting on his chair talking with anyone walking along by.”

Maurice was born and raised in Hays, Kan., where his father had been involved with farming since he was a little boy. Maurice and his father started their own cattle operation with commercial cows and a few purebred Herefords, Maurice said.

Maurice is a graduate from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Agricultural Science. Since then he has gone on to be involved in many organizations across the state of Kansas and within the Charolais breed. With many accomplishments such as, past president of the Ellis Country Farm Bureau Association, founder and past president of the Ellis Country Young Farmers Association, and delegate from the Charolais Breeders of Kansas to the Kansas Livestock Association Purebred Committee.

Maurice first got started with the Charolais breed in 1961, when he purchased 10 three-fourths Charolais cows with one purebred heifer and one purebred bull.

“The first purebred bull I purchased was a full French bull out of Canada,” Maurice said. “I liked the muscling, performance and correctness of the French Charolais cattle.”

In the summer of 1961, Maurice exhibited four yearling heifers to the Ellis County Fair. Just three years later, he traveled to the Kansas State Fair when exhibitors were allowed to show Charolais cattle for the first time.

“I believe the reason they let Charolais cattle into the show was because Jerry Litton of Litton Charolais out of Missouri,” Maurice said. Jerry had brought the Sam 951 bull down the year before on display, and someone poured gray paint all over him.

“Breeds like Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn were the main breeds at that time and for the Charolais breed to be introduced it was quite exciting,” Maurice said. At first, Maurice said others would call Charolais “White Angus” and from a distance, many thought the cattle were sheep. However, the muscling and performance of the breed impressed the exhibitors and spectators, he said.

The Charolais breed began to take off after that first year and continued to prosper, he said. As Maurice began to travel in the ’70s and ’80s to exhibit throughout the states at shows like the American Royal, National Western, Fort Worth Stock Show and the Tulsa State Fair, the number of Charolais cattle reached 400 head at each show. He said he remembered an average for each class was around 33 head.

“Compared to Charolais shows today, back then the Charolais breed had outnumbered the Shorthorns, however, probably came in second with Herefords,” Maurice said.

Maurice is a breeder who has helped make the Charolais breed so popular today, Curtis said. In 2014, Maurice was recognized for his involvement within the breed, when the Kansas State Fair honored the 50-year mark of exhibitors showing Charolais cattle. Maurice was honored as one of the first four breeders to start the Charolais show.

Maurice has been an active member of the American International Charolais Association and within his state association since 1961. Maurice started as a director and eventually served as vice-president and then president for the Kansas Charolais Association. Also he was involved on AICA committees on a national level.

Maurice said he considers one of his proudest accomplishments owning “MR Acc Amour,” the bull who broke the weaning weight record in the early ’70s and is still the breed record-holder today. The bull sired out of “Alogo” who held the record for yearling weights at the same time. Smokey Hill Charolais Farm also holds two world records today through the performance registry international with “MR Acc Amour Jr. and MR Miss All Baba.

Another great moment for Maurice was being invited and participating twice in the World of Heifer Show and Sale. This event features the families of five half-sisters by world famous sire.

As years have passed, with his kids grown and grandchildren starting to show, Maurice continues to stay involved with the Charolais breed. He travels to many shows and events, and he assists with the Kansas juniors as they compete.

“The younger generations must not let the breed lose its identity, while many other breeds have lost theirs over the years,” Maurice said.

Within the time Maurice has been involved with Charolais Cattle, he has seen how the industry and breed has changed through the years.

“I hope the future generations will only do better than the past in promoting the breed and helping others understand what Charolais cattle can do for them,” Maurice said. “Improving the cattle industry by holding to weaning weights in heifers and bulls through the performance record.”

Maurice and his wife, Mary, raised two boys, Mark and Mitch, who both were very active junior members in the junior Charolais program. Even though both boys are grown, Mark and Mitch are still heavily involved in the cattle industry.

Mitch is a ranch manager for a large Angus ranch in Colorado and started his own business, Ag Consulting for Ponderosa Advisors, where he serves as director.

Mark is the manager for Proven Sire Services, headquartered at the family ranch in Hays. Together, Maurice and Mark owns and operates Lazy H Ranch and Smokey Hill Charolais Farm. Smokey Hill Charolais Farms has been a purebred breeder within the Charolais breed for over 50 years now. Soon, the grandchildren will continue on the family tradition of showing Charolais cattle, Maurice said.

Today, the ranch consist of 2,000 acres, with the cattle operation running more than 60 Charolais cows and 145 Angus cows. Maurice and Mark operate with artificial insemination and embryo transplant and selling to purebred breeders across the North America and some in foreign countries.

Smokey Hill Charolais Farms annual production sale is considered one of the top averaging sales within Kansas, said Curtis. Smokey Hill Charolais is a cattle operation with a great genetic program and the loyalty of the customers each year is because of the wonderful hospitality and service Maurice and his family offer, Curtis said.

A man who is knowledgeable about the genetics, nutrition and marketing in the cattle industry, Maurice will be remembered to many as a true pioneer who was instrumental in the upbringing of the Charolais breed in Kansas and throughout the country. Though time has passed and age has slowed Maurice down, he continues to stay involved in the Charolais breed and cattle industry still today.
Junior Show

Grand Champion Heifer
SULL Impressive 4272
Intermediate Champion
Sarah Lilesand, Sheboygan Falls, Wisc.

Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
Big H Zoey
Senior Champion
James Gradert, Sibley, Iowa.

Division Winners

Calf Champion
SULL Impressive Fire, 4-5-15, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET.
Kathy Lehman, Shelby, Ohio.

Reserve Calf Champion
Bar S Caliann 5800, 4-3-15, by EB California 1041. Jayce Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.

Senior Calf Champion
SHF Bonnies Fire 1446, 11-6-14, by SHF Fire Power 0080.
Taylor Husz, Maryville, Mo.

Reserve Senior Calf Champion
WC CCC Rachel 4527 P, 10-3-14, by LT Rushmore 8060 Pld.
Evan Summers, Slater, Mo.

Best Animal Bred & Owned
SHF KBC Ms Dynast 1411ET
Junior Champion
Kate Shaffer, Carthage, Mo.

Grand Champion AOB Heifer
BDC Strawberry Blonde
3-21-14 • by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET
Shelby Griffith, Boonsboro, Md.

Best Animal Bred & Owned — AOB
Miss Light The Fire
2-10-15 • by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET
Janel Gilbert, Greenville, Ohio.

Reserve Intermediate Champion
PZC Dina 08 ET, 5-2-14, by TR Mr Fire Water 5792RET.
Claire Trenepohl, N Middletown, Ind.

Reserve Junior Champion
LCR Ms Holywater 1107B, 3-5-14, by TR PZC Holywater 9777 ET.
Mason Leifeste, Cameron, Texas.

Reserve Senior Champion
Bar S Shirley 4161, 2-28-14, by TR PZC Rapid Fire 9775 ET.
Ethan Dickerson, Paradise, Kan.
With lifelong roots in the cattle industry, the Missouri-native Justin Patrick might be one of the newer faces in the Charolais industry, but certainly working to make a big splash.

Growing up on his family’s Shorthorn cattle operation, Patrick got an early start in the business in Warrensburg, Missouri, and one might say caught a passion that soon turned into a lifelong career. When he was too old for the junior show circuit, his family began transitioning their herd to Simmental bloodlines just a few short years ahead of moving the herd towards more of a Charolais influence.

“My mom’s side of the family started with Shorthorn cattle nearly a five decades ago, with a Hereford herd before that,” Patrick explained. “We found added performance and functionality with Charloais genetics on our crossbred herd that we didn’t have before and continued to build on that opportunity.”

While looking to fine tune his cattle work, and improve his genetic talents, Patrick and wife Morgan landed themselves in Richmond, Missouri, working for Wright Charolais. With two upcoming junior members, daughter Atley and son Adler, each have their own smokey heifer to start building their own herd in preparation for their future days in the showring.

“It’s been a little over 4 years ago when I started working with Chris Peuster and Derry Wright and it was a great fit right away,” Patrick said. “Getting up and doing what I’ve always wanted to do every day is an incredible experience. It makes it easy to not look at this as a job, but a career. The late, late nights and early mornings can be rigorous, but I love what I’m doing and that’s what’s really important.”

Helping build a functional herd of Charolais cattle, the Wright team finds success with cattle that have a place stretching to each of the country. Whether in the western corners of Washington, to the far east of Maine, or as far south as Florida, the success of the Wright Charolais herd extends well beyond the showring. They’re sound heifers that become great cows, he says.

After having the early opportunity to work with and for seasoned professionals like Gregg Alsup and Greg and Pearl Walthall, Patrick gained real perspective on the industry and had the ability of pursuing his purebred dreams and taking his career to the next level.

“There’s been a boatload of people that have helped me along the way, but those three individuals were pivotal in my early beginnings,” Patrick said. “Even though I’d shown my whole life, they had a whole different perspective from the county and state fairs that I was used to showing at. They helped me along, even at times they didn’t have to.”

At the 47th National Charolais Show in Louisville, Kentucky, Patrick found himself in the national spotlight as they announced him as the winner of the National Herdsman of the Year award. An award that was a natural fit for his talent, but not one that he’d had his eye one.

“It’s a huge honor and something you always try to see in your own work, but not something you actually shoot for,” Patrick described. “It was extremely humbling to have those that you work with and compete against to think enough of the job that you’re doing to vote you for something like that.”

No stranger to the national limelight, Patrick is proud to have brought along the National Champion Charolais bull, LT WC Templeton, crowned in Fort Worth, Texas in 2013. In addition, he has shared the success of Wright Charolais in having the Champion Pen of 3 Bulls for three years running, starting in 2012, at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado.

“Having helped get cattle there for others is great, but taking them to the top from start to finish is a whole different ballgame,” Patrick described. “It’s what I’m constantly reaching for and working toward.”

For this Missouri man, hard work and common sense has taken him a long way. For upcoming junior members, he stresses the importance of getting involved and not being afraid to get your hands dirty. Above all, worry only about what you’re doing and less about what everyone else is doing.

“While the cattle industry is ever-changing, what we’re doing on a daily basis really isn’t changing,” Patrick said. “We work every day to make sure we’re not getting too far ahead of ourselves. The cattle market is in about as good of a place as it’s ever been and the recognition of the value that Charolais bulls can bring to the table in making functional females is putting an added edge on the market.”
(l to r) AICA President, Bill Nottke, Sunset Hills, Mo.; Stan Romberg, Ocala, Fla.; Cally Thomas, receiving the Barb McHargue Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of Troy & VeaBea Thomas, Thomas Ranch, Harrold, S.D.; Cliff Orley, Lebanon, Pa.; AICA Executive Vice President Neil Orth.
Charolais breeders from coast to coast, Canada and Mexico were on hand at the North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky, for the 37th National Charolais Sale.

Twenty-three buyers from 16 states made selections from the sale.

Hubert Cattle Sales, Greg and Brenda Hubert, Oakley, Kansas, managed the sale. Rob Nord, Clinton, Ill., was the auctioneer. The sale was sponsored by the American-International Charolais Association and co-hosted by the Kentucky Charolais Association. The pre-sale social was sponsored by Bamboo Road Farms, Stephen Cummings, Marshallville, Georgia, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The 37th National Sale Committee was chaired by John Chism, Winchester, Kentucky. Committee members included Derry Wright, Richmond, Missouri; Lee Cummings, Marshallville, Georgia, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

37th National Charolais Sale Averages

- 20 Open Heifers: $7,588
- 4 1/2 Bred Females: $14,722
- 1/2 Herd Sire: $11,500
- 25 Lots: $9,180

Not included in above averages:
- 5 Flushes: $4,700
- 17 Embryos: $738

(Refer to sale booklet, October 2015 Charolais Journal)

High-Selling Lots:

Lot 1 - $11,500 – Choice of Herd Sires in the Show String. From JVS Cattle Company, Sulphur, La., and Bar J Charolais, Liverpool, Texas. To Block H, Damon, Texas.

Lot 2B - $11,000 – Open Heifer. WIA Ms Right On Time P ET, 4-2-15, by LT Ledger 0332 P. From Wild Indian Acres, DeSoto, Mo. To Garrett Charolais, Crossville, Tenn.

Lot 25 - $10,000 – Open Heifer. WDZ CC Katalyn 5016 P, 3-5-15, by Circle Cee Fired Up 104Y. From Zehnder Cattle, Stanchfield, Minn., and Coudron Charolais, Muncie, Ind. To Clay Blair, Glenwood, Minn.


Lots 15/15A - $8,450 – Open Heifer/Embryos. LH Ms All Business 8125, 10-15-14, by LT Long Distance 9001 Pld. 3 embryos, LT Ledger 0332 P X PCC Ms Dream Girl 906A. From Long Hall Cattle, Hillsboro, Ohio. Heifer to Megan Brown, Roanoke, Ala., for $5,000. Embryos to Vollborn Charolais, Bidwell, Ohio, for $3,450.


Lot 5 - $6,750 – Bred Female. MV 280 Cigar Vanessa 350, 10-22-13, by LHD Cigar E46. Bred to LT Ledger 0332 P. From Mountain View Charolais, Clarksville, Ga. To Presley Farms, Crossville, Tenn.


Donation Lots:

Lot 29A - $1,400 – Artist Proof #1 of White Reflections. Presented by C.J. Brown with all proceeds to the American-International Junior Charolais Association. To ML Lewis Charolais, Marty and Joyce Lewis, Monroe, Iowa.

Lot 29B - $9,000 – Original Charolais Watercolor Created by C.J. Brown. Proceeds to benefit Charolais youth. To Bamboo Road Farms, Stephen Cummings.
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