

Juniors, Mark Your Calendars

After an incredible National Western Stock Show to kick off 2013 Hereford activities, we have turned the calendar to putting the finishing touches on plans for "Show Me the Herefords" and the 2013 Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). We are very excited to welcome everyone back to Kansas City July 14-21 as we showcase our talented youth in the heartland.

We are working to ensure a successful show for all in attendance, and your financial support is vital to make the 2013 JNHE a summer highlight for families who will be traveling to Kansas City. There are several ways you may support the show and make an impact on our youth, who are the future of the Hereford breed and future employees of agribusiness companies around the nation.

The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board members will be busy the next few months



reaching out to you for champion, division and contest sponsorships to help offset the cost of awards. Also helping on the JNHE fundraising team is Darla Aegerter from Seward, Neb., who is assisting with selling trade show booth space and advertising for the show program. We are excited to have Darla on board.

Our staff worked closely with Darla last year in Grand Island, as she chaired the junior Shorthorn event, and you may have met her at the JNHE photo backdrop where she has taken pictures the last few years. If you are interested in reserving booth space or placing an ad in the show program, please contact Darla at 402-643-8122 or daegerter@neb.rr.com

We appreciate your belief in the junior Hereford program and know that with your valued support, the 2013 JNHE will be an unforgettable learning experience for NJHA members. See page 83 or visit JrHereford.org for a complete listing of sponsorship opportunities for "Show Me the Herefords."

PRIDE Heads to South Dakota

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting an annual PRIDE

(Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel) Convention. South Dakota will be the host to the 2013 PRIDE leadership convention July 28-Aug. 1.

Some highlights on the agenda will be a tour of Trans Ova Genetics, South Dakota ranch tours and a visit to South Dakota State University. Members of the National Junior Maine-Anjou Association and board of directors will be joining us this year. Watch JrHereford.org and the NJHA Facebook page for more details.

Looking ahead to "A Sweet Family Tradition" in 2014

The states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia and West Virginia are proud to announce that the 2014 JNHE will be hosted in Harrisburg, Pa., July 5-12. The Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex will host the event, and plans are already underway for what promises to be a "Sweet Family Tradition" in 2014.

We appreciate the six host states and all the work they have done to bring our event to the East and the opportunities having the show

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there will present for new exhibitors and supporters. The eastern states host committee will be led by chairman, Doug Howe from Pennsylvania. Other executive committee members include Kathi Wagner, New York; Charlie Williams, Virginia; Michael Taylor, West Virginia; Cyndy Howes, Maryland; and April Daily, New Jersey. The executive committee will work closely with the JNHE national oversight committee as planning continues for the 2014 event.

Hotels and travel information will be available this summer in Kansas City, and we look forward to our trip to Harrisburg and all that the East has to offer our Hereford families.

Scholarship deadlines quickly approach

Deadline on applications for the distinguished \$20,000 Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Scholarship is April 15. Candidates must be a graduating high school senior or college student 21 years of age or younger and a U.S. or Canadian resident. Please visit Sullivansupply.com for an application and more information on this program.

The NJHA and National Hereford Women spring scholarship deadline is April 1, and all applications must be filled out online at Hereford.myreviewroom.com. More than \$25,000 worth of scholarship money will be awarded at the JNHE, so if you are in college or headed that way in the near future, please don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to help finance your education.

Think ahead to JNHE deadlines

Last, but definitely not least, it is not too early to get that paperwork in order for the JNHE entry and ownership deadline. Please do not wait until the last minute to transfer heifers going to Kansas City.

May 1 will be the early bird ownership and entry deadline, and the only chance to do paper entries for the JNHE. June 1 will be the final deadline, and all transfers and registrations will need to be done prior to May 1 and June 1. Visit JrHereford.org for a list of all the JNHE and NJHA deadlines this spring. **HW**