

Remember Contest and Scholarship Deadlines

by Donna Curry, AHW director

It will soon be time for the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE)! That's right, "Kansas City here we come," July 12-19. The American Royal Complex will never look better, loaded with beautiful Hereford calves and many excited youth!

It's an exciting time for Hereford juniors to start preparing for a little 3-on-3 basketball, speeches and team marketing tactics, and let's not leave out planning for the exciting Hereford grill-off contest. However, there are other things to plan for like showmanship, the fitting contest and class competitions in the show arena. The best part of the JNHE is seeing old acquaintances and meeting new ones. If this isn't enough to get you excited, nothing will!

More exciting news: this year when youth are applying for scholarships and awards, the

American Hereford Women and the National Organization of Poll-ettes have condensed their work. Yes, one application fits all! The application is for the following awards: Golden Bull Achievement Award, Future Cattleman Scholarship, John Wayne Memorial Scholarship, Poll-ette Founders Scholarship and Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship.

Essays applicable to each award will continue to highlight specific attributes and give juniors the opportunity to expound on their qualifications for individual awards. An online submission process is in development. The annual deadline for this combined application is May 1.

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Bigger and Better in 2008

by Starr Whaley, past NOP chairwoman

As I sit here this morning in Georgia, it is finally raining, and the grass is greening up! I have had a month now to reflect on my term as National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) chairman, time to think

about what was accomplished during the past year by our organization and the Hereford association.

We had a wonderful Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Denver and awarded lots of scholarships and awards. Just to watch the excitement in their eyes as they receive the awards is more than enough to compensate for all the work. We look forward to seeing the heifers purchased with the heifer scholarship money at this year's JNHE.

This past year saw the development of the Certified Hereford Beef Ambassador

program, and the development of a generic scholarship form that the juniors can fill out and apply for five scholarships. This should prove to be beneficial and time-saving for the junior members.

I passed the NOP chairmanship to Betsy Beck in January. Betsy is most deserving and qualified to lead this organization. In Denver we also had to say goodbye to three great ladies as their terms expired but we had wonderful people join the board. We look forward to bigger and better things to come during 2008. Don't miss a single thing! **HW**

News from Area 12

Plan to join us Oct. 2, in Harrisburg, Pa., for a social hour sponsored by Area 12 National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) members. This event will be prior to the Keystone International Hereford Show dinner. It will be a superb opportunity to network with fellow Hereford breeders before enjoying a mouth-watering Hereford meal!

I am honored and so excited to be the newly elected Area 12 director. Call or e-mail me with any concerns or ideas. I am committed to serving the NOP with determination and strong leadership. I look forward to meeting you, and I encourage you to become more involved. We need to continue the goals and objectives of our predecessors; our Hereford youth depend on it!

— **Margeaux Firestine**

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