

# Retiring Reflections

Serving on the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board is a huge privilege. During the last three years, we have been able to attend and take part in several events that have opened new doors in our lives.

One of our favorite things to do while serving on the Hereford board is meeting and learning from fellow breeders and professionals in the industry. At the Youth Beef Industry Congress (YBIC) in Nashville this past year, we were fortunate enough to take part in the Cattle Industry Convention and National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Trade Show. Attending this event gave us an opportunity to discover new technology and learn about the issues facing our industry.

We have also been able to have some fun along the way at the Junior National Hereford Expo and the Program for Reaching Individuals

Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Convention. Having the chance to interact with the juniors of our association and seeing them succeed are the reasons we are on the board. These two events are places where our juniors are in the spotlight.

From white water rafting in Idaho to visiting the Brickyard in Indiana, to competing in the showing, being able to have an impact on the juniors of our

association is the highlight of our time on the NJHA board.

While on the NJHA board, we have gained some lifelong friends and many mentors who will help in any way on our journey.

Thank you for letting us serve you as your directors for the past three years.

— *Mallorie Phelps and Hunter Grayson*



**Bailey**

## Clanton hired as junior activities intern

Bailey Clanton, Bucyrus, Kan., has been selected as the 2012 American Hereford Association (AHA) junior activities intern. Clanton will graduate from Kansas State University in May with a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics and hopes

to begin a career in the livestock show and management business after her internship, which will begin in May.

Bailey has grown up in the seedstock industry, and she and her family own and operate Chisum Livestock, raising Shorthorn and Maine Anjou cattle. She has shown on a national level and, in addition to the showing, has held various leadership roles on the state and national levels.

She has been active in the Kansas Junior Shorthorn and Maine Anjou Associations as well as the National Junior Shorthorn and National Junior Maine Anjou Associations. Most recently, she served on the junior board of directors for the American Shorthorn Association and played an active role in the preparation, organization and execution of the National Junior Shorthorn Show in 2010.

Bailey also volunteers at the American Royal and has assisted with the annual exhibitor's social, helped plan the junior premium livestock auction and also the American Royal Hide Party.

AHA Director of Junior Activities and Foundation Amy Cowan says, "I am excited to welcome Bailey to the American Hereford Association and the junior department. Her real world experiences on the National Junior Shorthorn Board and her involvement with the American Royal and Kansas Junior Shorthorn Association will be a huge asset as we plan and execute the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) and PRIDE (Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel) Convention this summer."

Bailey's duties will focus on the JNHE in Grand Island, Neb., as she will manage the JNHE ambassador team and help the National Junior Hereford Association board with the organization of the contests and events. She will also work closely with the entry process and assist with marketing and social media and communications to the exhibitors, state advisors and all JNHE attendees. Prior to the junior national show, she will represent the AHA at a few state and regional junior events and will be instrumental in coordinating the PRIDE Convention at Michigan State University in August. **HW**

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