

Visit Us at JNHE

This summer many of us are planning to head north to Madison, Wis., to attend the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). It is there at Wisconsin's Dairy Palace that hundreds of excited Hereford enthusiasts will gather.

Even more excited are your National Hereford Women (NHW) members, who have been busily planning for various scholarships and contests and the NHW's social and annual meeting, along with the highly anticipated National Hereford Queen's Tea.

Before we know it, we will all be packing our bags, our show and food boxes, and, most importantly, our kiddos' bags and placing our Herefords in the trailer for the beautiful ride through America's heartland to Madison.

Early in the week, the NHW will host the scholarship contest. Later in the week juniors will compete on behalf of their states in the illustrated speaking contest, the Great American Hereford Grill-off and extemporaneous speaking contests, just to name a few.

The NHW highly encourages all juniors to compete in one or more contests or to apply for scholarships sponsored by the NHW, the Hereford Youth Foundation of



America, the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and our various other donors. It's always wonderful to hear from young adults just out of the NJHA about how these contests or scholarships positively impacted their lives.

Midweek, join the NHW for its annual meeting and then later in the week for its evening adult NHW social, which is always a lot of fun. It's a great excuse to let the kids feed and tie the cattle out and to enjoy a little fun time with Hereford friends. Come learn about the NHW's busy past year and its projects that support Hereford youth.

As your ticket in, we encourage you to bring a recipe either handwritten or copied from your state or family recipe collection for us to place on our NHW recipe website. To date the NHW has more than 100 treasured recipes from Hereford families present and past. Showcasing the recipes that bring you together around the table is a great way to catalog your family's history for generations to come. Recipe categories include main dishes, soups, appetizers, desserts and our favorite "Cooking for a Crowd," which has become an increasingly popular addition to our site.

Also for little girls young and old, you won't want to miss the National Hereford Queen's Tea, hosted by National Hereford Queen Taylor Belle Matheny. It's a fun afternoon

for our Hereford royalty to meet young ladies from across our nation, share their stories and enjoy one another's company. Taylor Belle has been busily planning the tea that has become a favorite event each year.

Save room in your bags to bring back some of the NHW's limited edition prints by Amanda Raitchel that will be available either framed or unframed. We can certainly help you provide your next Hereford event, sale or junior show with prints for judges' gifts or auction offerings while at the Expo, and we will pack them up for safe delivery.

This year the NHW will sell yet another fun Hereford T-shirt and will carry Hereford and western inspired pillows among other items. The NHW booth will also have NHW membership applications available for those ladies who wish to join or renew their dues for the upcoming year.

So, as you enjoy the start of your summer and anticipate the trip to Madison, we members of the NHW look forward to visiting with you and your family while you are at the Expo. Please stop by our booth if only to say hello or to sit a spell. We'd love to hear your Hereford story and maybe drag a recipe or membership out of you. Some of our favorite friendships have been made at the JNHE each summer, and we look forward to making a few more this summer.

Safe travels to you all and see you in July! **HW**

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