

Hereford Youth Win Awards and Scholarships

National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members from around the country received scholarships during the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Louisville, Ky., where more than 600 youth and their families gathered to show and celebrate the Hereford breed. Most recipients were recognized during the awards ceremony July 20. The Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial Scholarship winners were announced on July 22 prior to the selection of the grand and reserve champion owned females.

Congratulations to the winners who are highlighted on the following pages.



NATIONAL JUNIOR MERIT AWARD — Pictured (l to r) are: Catie Sims, Elgin, Okla., third; Patrick Morgan, Burwell, Neb., second; and Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark., first.

National Junior Merit Award

Cassie Bacon, Patrick Morgan and Catie Sims were awarded National Junior Merit Award scholarships.

The junior merit scholarships recognize outstanding NJHA members. The scholarship program is designed to encourage individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, excellence, leadership and achievement among youth in order to develop reputable breeders for the good of the Hereford business and beef industry.

Candidates compete for three college scholarships provided by the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA). First place this year went to Cassie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark. Bacon receives \$1,000, plus a trip to any Hereford operation in the continental U.S., made possible by long-time sponsor, Harding & Harding

Insurance. Brett Bacon, Cassie's uncle, won the National Junior Merit Award in the 1980s. Cassie hopes to visit the same ranch that he did.

Bacon has served on the NJHA board of directors since 2004 and was the 2005-06 NJHA reporter. She was also named the National Polled Hereford Queen at the 100th National Western Stock Show in Denver this past winter. She has been active in a number of other cattle-related groups as well,

including the Arkansas Junior Hereford Association, National Beef Ambassador program and the Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association. Bacon owns 48 registered Herefords and also has 10 commercial cows, co-owned with two younger siblings. The cows are used as recipients for their embryo transfer program.

Morgan, Burwell, Neb., was the second-place recipient, and he receives \$750. Morgan started showing Hereford cattle early: peewee showmanship and open class feeder calves at age 4, a Hereford bucket calf at age 6, breeding heifers at age 8, and finally, he added steers to his show

string at age 10. Morgan has served as secretary, treasurer and president of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association. He and his twin brother, Roger, own 37 head of Herefords — cows, calves, yearlings and feedlot cattle.

Sims, Elgin, Okla., was awarded the third-place \$500 scholarship. She has served on the NJHA board since 2004 and was named president at the 2006 JNHE. She has exhibited at 12 other JNHEs with much success: grand champion bred-and-owned female in 2001, grand champion cow-calf pair in 2000, six division champions, four reserve division champions and 13 class winners. Sims also was the high judging contest individual in 2002 and a member of the high team in 2003.

John Wayne Memorial Scholarship

Roger and Patrick Morgan, twin brothers from Burwell, Neb., were each awarded \$1,000 John Wayne Memorial scholarships in recognition of their contributions to agriculture and the Hereford industry, as well as their moral character.

The scholarships are sponsored annually by the HYFA and the American Hereford Women (AHW).

Roger and Patrick are sons of Ronald and Kay Morgan, who farm and ranch near Burwell.



JOHN WAYNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — Pictured (l to r) are: Patrick Morgan and Roger Morgan, Burwell, Neb.



The boys together own 37 head of Herefords — cows, calves, yearlings and feedlot cattle. Thirty are registered. Both boys were involved in 4-H and FFA in high school, and have continued their agricultural involvement in college.

Roger attends Northeast Community College (NECC) in Norfolk, Neb. Next year, he will transfer to a four-year college to pursue a major in either range management or wildlife and fisheries. At NECC, he has made the dean's list, participated on the livestock judging team and competed in intercollegiate basketball. He is also employed part time at Blueberry Hill Farms.

A member of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association for 18 years, Roger has served on the board of directors since 2001. He is now in his second term as vice president on the state level and was elected as a NJHA director at the 2006 JNHE. He got his start showing Hereford cattle at the Burwell Rodeo Open Beef show, where he exhibited a Hereford feeder calf at 4 years of age.

Like Roger, Patrick started early: peewee showmanship and open class feeder calves at age 4, a Hereford bucket calf at age 6, breeding heifers at age 8, and finally, he added steers to his show string at age 10.

He has served as secretary, treasurer and president of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association and also has been involved in ag-related activities at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis. Patrick is on the college's livestock judging team and is also a member of Collegiate Cattlemen and Collegiate FFA. After college, he plans to return to his family's ranch to continue to raise quality Hereford cattle.

For more information about the Morgan brothers, see "Roots Run Deep," page 44.

Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial Scholarship

Roger and Patrick Morgan, and Robyn Werk were named winners of Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial scholarships. Selection of winners is based on a point system for NJHA programs and activities.

Roger Morgan, Burwell, Neb., came out ahead in points, receiving the first-place award of \$500. Morgan was elected by his peers as a NJHA director at the 2006 JNHE. He also showed a steer and participated in showmanship, team fitting and judging. In addition, he was a recipient of the John Wayne Memorial and Hereford Herdsman scholarships.

Patrick Morgan, Burwell, Neb., was the second-place recipient of the Lewis Memorial scholarship and received \$375 to go toward his college education. Patrick exhibited two heifers at this year's JNHE, competed in showmanship and judging, and also submitted an entry in the promotional poster contest. He also received John Wayne Memorial, Hereford Herdsman (in memory of Sue Coley, Rockford, Ill.) and Poll-ette Founders scholarships.

Robyn Werk, Herman, Minn., was awarded the third-place \$250 scholarship. Werk has been showing since she was 5 years old, and has served as the Minnesota Junior Hereford Association secretary/treasurer and queen. At the 2006 JNHE she exhibited three heifers and competed in senior showmanship. In the past she's been a participant in the Hereford Bowl, where juniors are quizzed on their knowledge of the Hereford business and cattle industry.

Pro-Performance Award

Erika Ostgaard and Margeaux Firestine were named Pro-Performance Breeders during



WALTER AND JOE LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — Pictured (l to r) are: Roger Morgan, first; Patrick Morgan, second; and Robyn Werk, Herman, Minn., third.

the JNHE. The Pro-Performance award recognizes NJHA members who use performance records in their breeding programs.

Selection of winners is based on the juniors' performance programs, as well as leadership, employment, management and herd goals. Both winners received \$300 and a package of five straws of semen and two certificates.

Ostgaard, Dayton, Ohio, plays an active role in her family's Hereford business and has 11 cows and one bull of her own. Her herd records are generated through the American Hereford Association's Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) program. Among the many leadership roles she's held, Ostgaard has served as director and treasurer of the Ohio Junior Hereford Association and as the Ohio Polled Hereford Queen. She is now president of the Ohio Buckeye Junior Hereford Association.

Margeaux Firestine, Womelsdorf, Pa., served as the 2003 National Polled Hereford Queen, as well

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PRO-PERFORMANCE BREEDER AWARD

Erika Ostgaard, Dayton, Ohio



PRO-PERFORMANCE BREEDER AWARD
Margeaux Firestine,
Womelsdorf, Pa.



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as secretary/treasurer of the Pennsylvania Junior Hereford Association from 1999-2002. At the early age of 4, she owned her first Hereford heifer. She now owns 20 Hereford cows, some registered and some commercial. The commercial cows are used as embryo transfer recipients. She also has 50% ownership in two cows owned with other Hereford breeders.

Hereford Herdsman Scholarship

Roger and Patrick Morgan, Kasey Herman, and Roxane Gebhart were awarded \$500 Hereford Herdsman scholarships.

Administered by the HYFA in cooperation with Hereford Herdsman, the scholarships honor NJHA members who take great pride in exhibiting and presenting their Hereford cattle. Last year two scholarships were awarded. This year, two additional scholarships (Patrick Morgan and Gebhart) were given in memory of Sue Coley, Rockford, Ill.

Roger Morgan, Burwell, Neb., has been a member of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association for 18 years and has served on the board of directors since 2001. He is now in his second term as vice president on the state level and was elected as a national director at the 2006 JNHE. Roger got his start showing

Hereford cattle at the Burwell Rodeo Open Beef show, where he exhibited a Hereford feeder calf at the age of 4.

Roger's twin brother, Patrick, also started early: peewee showmanship and open class feeder calves at age 4, a Hereford bucket calf at age 6, breeding heifers at age 8, and finally, he added steers to his show string at age 10. He has served as secretary, treasurer and president of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association.

Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., has been a member of the NJHA for nine years and has exhibited cattle at the JNHE for four years. In the Junior Hereford Association of Oklahoma (JHAO), she has led her peers as president, treasurer, district director, state delegate, princess and queen. She also was first runner-up in the National Polled Hereford Queen contest in 2005 and was elected as a NJHA director at this year's JNHE.

Herman, Skiatook, Okla., is a fourth-generation Hereford breeder. At the 2006 JNHE she placed fifth out of 97 contestants in the senior showmanship competition. Herman has exhibited heifers, cow-calf pairs, bulls and steers throughout her show career, receiving numerous

champion honors. She has served as JHAO district representative, reporter and secretary.

Prospect, Junior Golden Bull Awards

Ten young people were recognized for their involvement in the Hereford industry, agriculture and their communities with either Prospect or Junior Golden Bull awards that are sponsored annually by the AHW and NJHA. Prospect awards go to students in third through ninth grade and Junior Golden Bull awards to students in ninth through 12th grade. One student in each grade is selected based on a written application.

This year's Prospect Award winners are: Kagney Collins, Flanagan, Ill., third grade; Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo., fourth grade; Jackson Mead, Concord, Ark., fifth grade; Tyler Rau, Stanley, Iowa, sixth grade; Cody Beck, Bainbridge, Ind., seventh grade; and Jenna Moser, Philadelphia, Pa., eighth grade.

Collins has been a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association for five years. She made the peewee showmanship finals at her first JNHE in 2004 and showed the grand champion steer at the 2005 JNHE. Collins is also a member of the Graymont Achievers 4-H Club and the Illinois Junior Beef Association.

Middleswarth has been a member of the Wyoming Junior Hereford Association for five years. At the JNHE, she has participated in the illustrated speech, poster, 3-on-3 basketball, judging, team fitting and showmanship competitions. Besides showing cattle, Middleswarth is busy with 4-H, volleyball and church activities.

Mead has been a member of the Arkansas Junior Hereford Association for three years. This year, he participated in the American Hereford Association



HEREFORD HERDSMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Pictured are: Roger Morgan and Kasey Herman, Skiatook, Okla.



SUE COLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Pictured are: Roxane Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., and Patrick Morgan.



PROSPECT AWARD — Pictured (l to r) are: Jenna Moser, Philadelphia, Pa., eighth grade; Cody Beck, Bainbridge, Ind., seventh grade; Tyler Rau, Stanley, Iowa, sixth grade; Jackson Mead, Concord, Ark., fifth grade; Jessica Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo., fourth grade; Marsha Middleswarth, Torrington, Wyo., American Hereford Women president; and Kagney Collins, Flanagan, Ill., third grade.

(AHA) Junior AI (artificial insemination) Program. Highlights in his show career have been showing the grand champion Hereford heifer and winning the junior showmanship competition at his county fair. Mead is active in his local outreach center, church and 4-H club.

Rau has been a member of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association since 1998. In 2005 he won the peewee showmanship competition at the Iowa preview show and also exhibited the reserve champion bull. Rau is a third-year member of his local 4-H club, an active church member and a sports enthusiast.

Beck has been a member of the Indiana Junior Hereford Association for six years. At his state preview show, he won champion showman in the peewee division in 2001 and champion junior showman in 2004 and '05. Beck is a 4-H and FFA member, and also is active in the North Putnam Middle School Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Moser has been a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Hereford Association for five years. She now serves as vice president. She enjoys public speaking and was awarded second place in the JNHE junior illustrated speech contest in 2004. Moser plays clarinet in her school band and sings in her church choir. She also makes time to tutor younger children.

The youth who received Junior Golden Bull awards are: Austin Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., ninth grade; Kari Brumley, Orovada, Nev., 10th grade; Brett Butler, Frost, Texas, 11th grade;

and Bobby Mickelson, Santa Rosa, Calif., 12th grade.

Buzanowski has been a member of the Montana Junior Hereford Association for six years. He has served as director and reporter of the state board, and is this year's treasurer. In 2003, he was named the champion JNHE junior showman. He is active in 4-H and FFA, and has gained livestock judging and mechanics experience through this involvement.

Brumley has been a member of the California Junior (polled and horned) Hereford associations since she was 7 years old, and has held leadership positions in both associations. She showed the champion bred-and-owned heifer at the 2005 JNHE, which was a product of the AHA Junior AI Program. Rodeo, 4-H and FFA are among her other ag-related activities.

Butler has been a member of the Texas Junior Polled Hereford Association (TJPHA) for 10 years, serving on the board the past five. She was selected as the Texas



JUNIOR GOLDEN BULL AWARD — Pictured (l to r) are: Brett Butler, Frost, Texas, 11th grade; Kari Brumley, Orovada, Nev., 10th grade; and Austin Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont., ninth grade. Not pictured is Bobby Mickelson, Santa Rosa, Calif., 12th grade.

Sweetheart in 2001 and now is the Texas Polled Hereford Queen. Her show experience totals 12 years. Butler has enjoyed much success in public speaking not only at the JNHE, but also in FFA competitions. Last year she used her speaking ability to narrate her church's communitywide Christmas play.

Mickelson has been a member of the California Junior Hereford Association for six years. He was treasurer for two years and director for one. His show string has included heifers, bulls and steers, with which he's enjoyed much success. Mickelson shares his cattle knowledge with others as a 4-H junior beef leader. He helps less experienced exhibitors learn how to halter break, fit and feed their animals.

Ed Bible Memorial Scholarships Roxane Gebhart, Jeffrey Kinnear, Catie Sims and Nicole Starr were awarded Ed Bible Memorial scholarships.

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ED BIBLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — Pictured (l to r) are: Martene Firestine, Womelsdorf, Pa., National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) director; Starr Whaley, Dalton, Ga., NOP vice chairman; Roxane Gebhart, first; Catie Sims, Elgin, Okla., third; Brenda Teeter, Mooresville, N.C., NOP director; Nicole Starr, Manawa, Wis., fourth; Dianne Peebles, Hotchkiss, Colo., NOP chairman; and Lynn Sumner, Axtell, Texas, NOP treasurer. Not pictured is Jeffrey Kinnear, Joshua, Texas, second.

2006 JNHE Scholarship and Award Winners

The scholarships were presented by the National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) and the HYFA. They are designed to help finance higher education for NJHA members who excel in communication, leadership, and Hereford and ag-related activities.

Bible joined the American Polled Hereford Association staff in 1973 and for 25 years supported the senior, junior and Poll-ette associations. He positively influenced the Hereford breed and industry. Therefore, NOP and HYFA offer four annual scholarships in his honor.

Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., received the first-place \$1,000 scholarship. In the JHAO she has served as president, treasurer, district director, state delegate, princess and queen. At this year's JNHE she was elected by her peers as a NJHA director. She has held a number of other leadership positions in the Oklahoma Club Calf Association, the Oklahoma Junior Cattleman's Association and Claremore FFA. Gebhart also utilizes her leadership and communication skills to promote the U.S. beef industry as a National Beef Ambassador. She is a camp counselor this summer and will attend Oklahoma State University (OSU) in the fall.

Kinnear, Joshua, Texas, was the second-place winner, receiving \$750. He served as a director of

the TJPCHA for three years, and in 2005 was elected president. He has participated in several TJPCHA contests, including team fitting, team marketing, showmanship, scrapbook and livestock judging. He also competed at the national level in senior team marketing in 2004 and attended PRIDE (Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel) Convention in 2004 and '05. Kinnear will attend Tarleton State University in the fall, working toward a degree in agricultural services and development.

Sims, Elgin, Okla., was awarded the third-place \$500 scholarship. She has served on the NJHA board since 2004 and was named president at the 2006 JNHE. She has exhibited at 12 other JNHEs with much success: grand champion bred-and-owned female in 2001, grand champion cow-calf pair in 2000, six division champions, four reserve division champions and 13 class winners. Sims also was the high judging contest individual in 2002 and a member of the high team in 2003. She attends OSU and plans to be a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Starr, Manawa, Wis., was awarded the fourth-place scholarship, receiving \$250. She has demonstrated her leadership capabilities as a NJHA director, president of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association and four-year officer of the Manawa FFA

Chapter. Starr has been published in Hereford publications including the *Wisconsin Review*, *The Advantage* junior member newsletter and *Hereford World*. She was chosen to serve as the NJHA reporter at the 2006 JNHE. Starr is active on her family's Hereford farm, and has exhibited cattle at state and national shows for 10 years. She will attend Michigan State University this fall, majoring in agribusiness and animal science.

Poll-ette Founders Scholarship

Roxane Gebhart and Patrick Morgan were awarded \$750 Poll-ette Founders scholarships.

The scholarships are funded through the HYFA and managed by the NOP. They recognize one boy and one girl who have made great contributions to the NJHA. The scholarships also honor the women who laid the foundation for the NOP that was first organized in 1965.

Gebhart, Claremore, Okla., has been a member of the NJHA for nine years, exhibited cattle at the JNHE for four years and served as a state voting delegate for NJHA board elections for two years. At this year's JNHE she was elected as a NJHA director. In the JHAO she has led her peers as president, treasurer, district director, state delegate, princess and queen. Gebhart carried her role as queen all the way to a first runner-up finish in the National Polled Hereford Queen contest in 2005.

Morgan, Burwell, Neb., is an 18-year member of the NJHA. He has won the national junior and senior salesmanship contests at the JNHE, and has also received a number of scholarships and achievement awards. On the state level, Morgan has served as secretary, treasurer and president of the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association. He began showing open class feeder calves at age 4 and has since added breeding heifers and steers to his show string. **HW**



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF POLL-ETTES FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP — Pictured (l to r) are: Kara Eschbach, Skiatook, Okla., NJHA vice president; Brenda Teeter; Starr Whaley; Patrick Morgan; Lynn Sumner; Roxane Gebhart; Dianne Peebles; and Nicole Starr, NJHA reporter.