

Hereford Youth Travel "Back to Tulsa" for 2009 JNHE

Hereford youth were back in Tulsa, Okla., July 4-11 celebrating the 10th annual Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). The first JNHE in July 2000 was hosted in Tulsa, and Oklahoma Hereford breeders rolled out the welcome mat for Hereford enthusiasts again in 2009.

More than 640 Hereford youth from 38 states and Canada participated in this year's VitaFerm® JNHE. A total of 1,132 entries including 90 steers, 57 bred-and-owned bulls, 32 cow-calf pairs, three junior AI heifers, 219 bred-and-owned heifers, 207 horned heifers and 524 polled owned heifers competed throughout the week. The event also included 22 skill-based contests, and youth were awarded more than \$15,000 in scholarship money.

The 2009 JNHE was sponsored in part, by BioZyme Inc., St. Joseph, Mo. JNHE exhibitors proudly wore their Sure Champ T-shirts on Tuesday, recognizing BioZyme's continued support of the JNHE and Hereford youth.

For many Hereford families, the JNHE is their annual vacation. Three families who made their annual JNHE

trek were the Adcocks, St. Johns and Tribbles. Coming from three different regions of the country, these Hereford families represent what the JNHE is all about.

"The JNHE is not just a cattle show," says Courtney Tribble. "It is an annual event that develops lasting relationships and helps with the growth and development of the future leaders of our breed."

The following pages of this issue are dedicated to

the 2009 JNHE and our future leaders; enjoy, as we celebrate Hereford youth and all their accomplishments.

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Tamar, Del, Taryn and Dean Adcock



Courtney Tribble

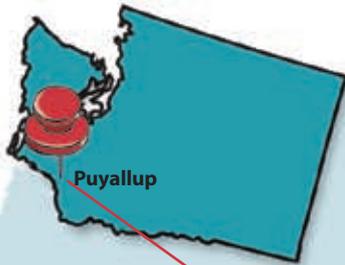


Locke (far left) and Carter (far right) St. John with cousin Stewart Gallups

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From Puyallup, Wash.

A National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) member for 11 years, Courtney Tribble traveled from Washington state to participate in her fourth JNHE.

“The JNHE is a once-in-a-lifetime experience no matter

how many times you go,” she says. “Each one that I have participated in has brought new meaning to why I show Hereford cattle. Not only is it a vacation away from home doing what I love, showing cattle, but it has also given me the opportunity to meet others from around the U.S. and Canada.”

Courtney had a busy JNHE, participating in the Great American CHB Grill-off, mentoring program, judging contest, showmanship and representing the state of Washington as queen. She also had entries in the photo contest.

“The best thing about showing Hereford cattle for me is not the glory of winning or the prizes you take home,” she says. “For me it is the moments with my family sorting through our herd finding the right one, the mornings of getting up early with my sisters to rinse cattle before the sun is even up or the nights of sitting at the table naming calves and my sisters and I saying to my dad or grandparents, ‘Where did you come up with that one? We can’t name a heifer that.’”

“After God and my family, my cattle come next. If you need to find me, I’ll be in the barn,” she says with a smile.



Courtney strives to do her best each time she enters the ring. “It’s important to know the strengths and weaknesses of your cattle,” she says. “I know if it’s meant to be, it’s up to me. Therefore, I avoid corners and low spots and strive to present my cattle to the best of their potential.”



Throughout the week, Courtney represented Washington Hereford breeders as their queen.



Courtney says being involved in the Hereford business has allowed her family to connect, doing something they all love. Courtney’s sister, Michelle, traveled to the JNHE with her while her other family members were there in spirit.



Just as passionate about Hereford beef as she is about showing Herefords, Courtney was a member of the first-place grill-off team.



From Pell City, Ala.

Brothers Locke and Carter St. John traveled 11 hours from their home in Pell City, Ala., to attend the 2009 JNHE. “I enjoy the competition and the people you meet at the JNHE,” says Locke, who has participated in eight JNHEs.

Also a successful baseball player, Locke likes the intensity and competition of showmanship. Through the years he has demonstrated his strength as a showman, being named champion peewee showman at the 2003 JNHE in Indianapolis and this year placing seventh in the intermediate division.

Likewise, Carter, who is 11, loves competing in showmanship. He also likes to participate in the judging contest, 3-on-3 basketball and team fitting. “In showmanship I can demonstrate what I can do with my animal and how hard I work at home,” he explains.

From Assumption, Ill.

Traveling 500 miles from their home in Assumption, Ill., the Adcock siblings — Tamar, Taryn, Del and Dean — agree the JNHE is something they look forward to each year. The family attended their first JNHE in 2002 in Sioux Falls, S.D. For them it is an event they attended as a family even before the twins — Del and Dean — were old enough to show.

All four admit their favorite contest is showmanship, but they have also participated in the photo, illustrated speech, judging and 3-on-3 basketball contests. Their passion and knowledge about showing is evident each time they enter the ring. Tamar and Taryn have made it to the winner's circle numerous times during their junior careers.



The Adcock twins participated in 3-on-3 basketball.



As Tamar and Taryn get older, they have transitioned to serving as mentors for other Hereford youth. Pictured here is Taryn with first-year JNHE exhibitor Lauren McMillan from Ohio, Ill.



"Showmanship represents what you can do as an individual: it's not your heifer; it is something you work hard to earn," says Tamar, who was named eighth-place intermediate showman at this year's JNHE.

At this year's JNHE, Taryn was named reserve champion intermediate showman and Tamar placed eighth. Both boys made it to the semi-finals of junior showmanship.

All four also agree that a highlight of the JNHE is seeing old friends and meeting new friends from across the country. They also enjoy traveling to different parts of the country each year.

Jan Adcock says the network of friends her kids have created at the JNHE amazes her. "It is also neat to watch my kids take on the role of mentor, as they had some good ones when they were young," she says. "In Sioux Falls, Tamar was the peewee on the fitting team, and Wade Perks was the senior. He was so good to encourage her. That is what makes JNHE such a great event."

Although the week brings a lot of early mornings, late nights and lots of work in between, there is also time for fun. This year the twins, Del and Dean, enjoyed going to the water park also located at Tulsa's Expo Square.



The two brothers spend their summers preparing for the JNHE. To be successful at a show, it starts at home, Locke says.

Another reason the JNHE is an important event each year for the St. Johns is because it is something they do as a family. "Carter and I are so thankful for the support and help our parents and grandparents give us," Locke says.

The St. John brothers' enthusiasm for Hereford cattle and participating in the JNHE was contagious and enticed their cousin, Stewart Gallups, to start showing Herefords. Stewart participated in his first JNHE this year.

"We're hooked on Herefords," says Locke, who plans to be in the Hereford business for many years to come.



Locke has had much success in the showing. One of his favorite memories is winning peewee showmanship at the 2003 JNHE.



Carter says he enjoys making new friends and having the opportunity to see friends he only sees once a year at the JNHE.



Pictured with Locke's class winner are Kent and Joy St. John, Tom Boatman of JWR Land & Cattle Co., Locke, Tammy Boatman and Carter.



Sunday afternoon and Monday morning JNHE exhibitors waited to get their cattle processed.



Kagney Collins, Flanagan, Ill., demonstrates the correct way to brush a calf in her illustrated speech "Summer Time B's."



Charlsie and Robert Craig, Scandia, Kan., sing "Mendocino County Line" during the Hereford Idol competition. The brother-sister duo placed second in the competition.



The Oregon grill-off team made and served stuffed tri-tip.



To qualify for the Hereford Bowl "buzzer" rounds youth first completed the written test Monday.



Monday morning Audrey Nolan, Gilmer, Texas, works on her creative arts poster that won third place in the peewee division.



An event for the whole family, younger siblings also have fun at the JNHE playing with other youth from across the country.



Following opening ceremonies Hereford youth enjoyed participating in the Barnyard Olympics.



Oklahoma Stomp, an all-youth Western Swing band, entertained guests during opening ceremonies.



Pairing youth who are new to the JNHE with those more experienced is the goal of the mentor program. This year 22 protégés and 16 mentors participated in the program which included a scavenger hunt to each state's stall area and filling out an autograph book.



Monday night during the opening ceremonies 21 retiring junior members were recognized for participating in their last JNHE.



Tuesday morning kicked off with the judging contest.



Rossie Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C., participates in the extemporaneous speaking contest on Tuesday.



Tuesday 22 teams competed in the team fitting competition. Taking top honors were teams from Nebraska, Indiana and Illinois.



During the NJHA membership meeting state delegates voted for four new NJHA board members.



Judge Jerry McPeak shakes the hand of junior showmanship finalist Kagny Collins, Flanagan, Ind.



Oklahoma Lt. Governor Jari Askins attended the JNHE on Wednesday. Pictured here is Katlin Mulvaney, NJHA board member, with the Lt. Governor.



Past and current NJHA board members recognized Chris Stephens, who served as junior activities director for six years.



Judge Kyle Perez selects Brady Jensen, Courtland, Kan., as champion intermediate showman.



Oklahoma junior members Brock Courtney and Roxane Gebhart were interviewed by Kristin Dickerson for the "Good Day Tulsa" program.



National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP) Chairman Paula Tracy presents Joel Butler, Republic, Mo., a \$500 check for exhibiting the heifer he purchased using the \$1,000 NOP heifer scholarship award at the JNHE.



Throughout the week state queens helped distribute awards to JNHE exhibitors. Pictured front row (l to r) are: Julie Wiechert, Cedarburg, Wis.; Mandi Valek, Agenda, Kan.; 2009 National Polled Hereford Queen Kirbie Day, Waxahachie, Texas; Kara Bielema, Ada, Mich.; and Courtney Tribble, Puyallup, Wash. Back row (l to r) are: Jessika Coffelt, Whitney, Texas; Seely Sayre, Arzenville, Ill.; Laken Lierle, Ft. Cobb, Okla.; Sarah Grace Kenley, McCoy, Va.; Kimberly Katich, Alliance, Ohio; Samantha Van De Walle, Cedar Rapids, Neb.; Keesha Tate, Gold Creek, Mont.; and Katie Killian, Stratford, Texas.

Bob Norton, BioZyme Inc. president, told award banquet attendees he wished every child in the country had a chance to be at the JNHE. He shared how impressed he was with the event and congratulated Hereford youth for having the "will to be champions."



Dennis Delaney and other BioZyme staff were available all week to discuss animal nutrition issues with Hereford enthusiasts.



The NOP presented four juniors with \$1,000 scholarships to use toward the purchase of a polled Hereford heifer. Bob and Dolores Call, CBY Polled Herefords, Cushing, Okla., donated a heifer for the fifth annual NOP heifer drawing. Recipients of \$1,000 scholarships were: Kate Mead, Concord, Ark., peewee; Briana Katzenberger, Monroe, Wis., junior; Sarah Carter, Canaan, New Hampshire, intermediate; Emilee Kottkamp, Clayton, Ind., senior; and winning the opportunity to select a heifer from the CBY Polled Herefords, Julie Wiechert, Cedarburg, Wis.