



2010-11 National Junior Hereford Association board of directors (pictured, l to r) are: **Rossie Blinson**, Buies Creek, N.C., chairman; **Danielle Starr**, Manawa, Wis., vice chairman; **Mallorie Phelps**, Grandview, Texas, communications chair; **Andrew Albin**, Newman, Ill., membership chair; **Jake Metch**, Bainbridge, N.Y., leadership chair; and **Justin Bacon**, Prairie Grove, Ark., fundraising chair. Directors (standing, l to r) are: **Tamar Adcock**, Assumption, Ill.; **Jaime Hanson**, Comfrey, Minn.; **Kevin Ernst**, Windsor, Colo.; **Hunter Grayson**, Watkinsville, Ga.; **Austin Buzanowski**, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.; and **Matt Woolfolk**, Columbia, Tenn.

New Board Members, Officers Elected

Four new National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) Board members were elected as well as a new officer team selected at the 11th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 9 in Indianapolis.

The officer team for 2010-2011 is Rossie Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C., chairman; Danielle Starr, Manawa, Wis., vice chairman; Mallorie Phelps, Grandview, Texas, communications chair; Jake Metch, Bainbridge, N.Y., membership chair; Andrew Albin, Newman, Ill., leadership chair; and Justin Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark., foundation chair. Also serving on the board are directors Kevin Ernst, Windsor, Colo., and Hunter Grayson, Watkinsville, Ga.

Tamar Adcock, Assumption, Ill.; Austin Buzanowski, Pompeys Pillar, Mont.; Jaime Hanson, Comfrey, Minn.; and Matt Woolfolk, Columbia, Tenn., received their maroon jackets as new NJHA directors during the awards ceremony Friday night. Two delegates

from each state junior Hereford association voted for the individuals they wanted to represent the membership. The four retiring junior board members announced the results and passed their jackets on to the new leaders.

Tamar Adcock is the 18-year-old daughter of Jim and Jan Adcock. This fall she will be a freshman at Kansas State University. Adcock has been a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association for 10 years, where she served as director, reporter and secretary. Some of her accomplishments include receiving the NJHA Golden Bull Achievement Award, JNHE reserve champion intermediate showman and several other awards in and out of the showring. As an



Kaitlin Mulvaney passes her jacket to Tamar.

active FFA member, Adcock served as her chapter secretary, participated on the livestock judging team and was named the state beef production entrepreneurship winner in 2010.

Andrew Albin is the 18-year-old son of David and Julie Albin, Newman, Ill. This fall he will be a freshman at Southern Illinois University. Albin has been a member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association for five years and is currently serving as a director. He has attended three Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Conventions and five JNHEs. As an active FFA member, Andrew has served as chapter president, vice president and treasurer.

Justin Bacon is the 19-year-old son of Craig and Debbie Bacon, Prairie Grove, Ark. He is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, majoring in food science. Bacon has been an active member of the Arkansas Junior Hereford Association for 14 years, serving as president, secretary/treasurer and reporter. He has attended nine JNHEs, competing in many of the contests and has twice been named outstanding junior for the state of Arkansas. Aside from his involvement in the Hereford breed, Bacon has been involved in 4-H, FFA and the Arkansas Junior Cattlemen's Association and has served as the Arkansas Beef Ambassador.

Rossie Blinson is the 19-year-old daughter of Bryan and Beth Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C. She is a freshman at North Carolina State University, double majoring in animal science and agriculture business. As a member of the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association, Blinson has served as vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter and has claimed numerous championship titles in the showring. She actively participates in contests and activities at the JNHE including the mentor program, photo contest, poster contest and team fitting. She is a talented singer and is always a strong competitor in the JNHE Hereford Idol competition. Aside from her passion for and dedication to Hereford cattle, she has been an active 4-H member,

serving in leadership positions and being the state gold winner in cumulative records. Last year Rossie served as the communication chair and was involved in organizing several JNHE contests.

Austin Buzanowski

is the 18-year-old son of Bernie and Stacie Buzanowski. He is a sophomore at the University of Wyoming, where he is majoring in physiology. After Buzanowski receives his degree, he plans to attend medical school. Buzanowski was an active FFA member, having received his state, chapter and greenhand degrees. Aside from being competitive in the showing, Buzanowski has been active in the Montana Junior Hereford Association, where he has served as president, treasurer, reporter and a director. He has participated in nine JNHEs. Additionally, he was named outstanding state junior in 2007, served as a voting delegate three times and received a Junior Golden Bull Award in 2006.



Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on a livestock judging scholarship. Aside from being competitive in the showing, he has served as a Georgia Junior Hereford Association director and chaired the Georgia Hereford steer show.

Jaime Hanson is the 18-year-old daughter of James and Jeri Hanson. This fall she will be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, majoring in animal science. Hanson has been active in the Comfrey Comets 4-H Club, Redwood Area Cattlemen and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Hanson has served as the Minnesota Junior Hereford Breeders president and was named the outstanding state junior member in 2009 and 2010.



Jaime receives her jacket from Hannah Wine.



addition to her involvement in the state association, Mallorie is also very active in the NJHA. She attended PRIDE Conventions at Washington, D.C., Mississippi State and Texas A&M University. In addition to showing at the JNHE, Phelps has competed in team fitting, quiz bowl, speech and photo contests, team marketing, grill-off, and livestock judging.

Danielle Starr is the 20-year-old daughter of Joe and Amy Starr from Manawa, Wis. Starr is a junior attending Purdue University, pursuing a degree in retail management. Upon graduation, Danielle hopes to obtain a career in retail as a director of marketing and management. Starr has been an active member of the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association for 12 years, served on the state board, and continues to serve on numerous committees. Last year she served as the NJHA leadership chair and was instrumental in working with the junior board and planning the PRIDE Convention in August.

Matt Woolfolk

is the 20-year-old son of John and Pat Woolfolk. He is a junior at Mississippi State University, majoring in animal and dairy science. Upon receiving his degree, he plans to attend graduate school in the field of animal science and then pursue a career in the beef industry. Woolfolk has been a member of his state association for 14 years, serving the offices of president, vice president, reporter and chairman for the 2007 Southeastern Regional Junior Hereford Show. Woolfolk is a two-time champion of the illustrated speaking contest while also participating in extemporaneous speech and the judging contest offered at the JNHE. In 2009 Woolfolk was recognized as a Dam of Distinction breeder. **HW**



Matt accepts his jacket from Kandi Knippa.



Kimber Evans hands her jacket over to Austin.

Kevin Ernst is the 18-year-old son of Marshall and Barbara Ernst, Windsor, Colo. He graduated early from Windsor High School in December and started his college career in January 2010. Ernst has served as vice president and reporter of the Colorado Junior Beef Association. He has been a member of the NJHA since 1998 and a state voting delegate since 2001. As part of the 2007 JNHE planning committee, he was responsible for soliciting sponsorships and organizing the feed room. Showing cattle locally, regionally and nationally has always been part of Kevin's life.

Hunter Grayson is the 17-year-old son of Richard Grayson, Watkinsville, Ga. This fall Grayson will be attending

Jake Metch is the 19-year-old son of Bill and Sue Metch, Bainbridge, N.Y. This fall he will be a junior at Texas Tech University, majoring in engineering. He has served his state organization as secretary, treasurer and a member of numerous committees. He has participated on the national level in livestock judging, poster contest, showmanship and 3-on-3 basketball and was named outstanding state member three times. A member of 4-H for nine years, Metch has been named state show master showman, state record book winner and beef education award winner. He was also captain of his high school's golf team and a starter on the basketball team and earned the Eagle Scout rank as a member of Boy Scouts.

Mallorie Phelps is the 17-year-old daughter of Shannon Mehaffey, Grandview, Texas. She will be a senior this fall at Grandview High School. Phelps is an active member of the Texas Junior Hereford Association, serving as second vice president. In