

A Stellar Week

The July heat and humidity did not deter the bustle of activity surrounding the events at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Indianapolis.

The National Hereford Women (NHW) was fortunate to receive a heifer donation from Mohican Farms, Ohio, and Mohican West, Montana, owned by Conard and Nancy Stitzlein of Glenmont, Ohio. The heifer drawing followed the festive opening ceremonies and was again a highlight of the JNHE.

Shane Duhamel of Northford, Conn., experienced the luck of the draw. He was the surprised recipient of a Hereford heifer. He will also be awarded \$500 from the Heifer Scholarship Fund if he enters and exhibits the donated heifer in the 2011 JNHE. Four of the 2009 heifer scholarship winners returned to exhibit at the 2010 JNHE and each received \$500.

The NHW thanks Hereford breeders like the Stitzlein family who are willing to support the heifer scholarship program, promoting ownership of Hereford cattle by junior members.

The NHW salutes all breeders who are willing to judge contests, interview scholarship candidates and join the NHW organization. The success of our programs depends on you!

Nominating committee

A nominating committee comprised of members from the four geographic areas was recently appointed by the executive committee at the 2010 JNHE. Serving on the committee are southeast, Starr Whaley; northeast, Ruth Espenchild; southwest, Lyn Chastain; and northwest, Kay Morgan.

Three board members will be elected to a four-year term as six

members retire. The newly elected members will begin their terms this fall at the annual meeting in Kansas City.

Don't miss the NHW birthday celebration/meeting in Kansas City. The times and locations of meetings will be announced in the October *Hereford World*, on the NHW Web site (www.nationalherefordwomen.org) and on the blog (www.barnaisle.blogspot.com). The fall NHW newsletter will also be published and distributed before the annual meeting in Kansas City. Come to Kansas City and join us in celebrating the birth of NHW.

Ways and means

The 2010 JNHE in Indianapolis proved to be a stellar week for the NHW. The generosity of the breeders that contributed to the silent auction semen tank and semen paid off threefold. It drew quite a crowd in the last minutes before bidding was stopped. The



Emilee Kottkamp, Clayton, Ind., (second from left) and Briana Katzenberger, Monroe, Wis., (fourth from left) were presented \$500 from the NHW at the 2010 JNHE for exhibiting the animals they purchased with scholarship money won in 2009.



Julie Wiechert, Cedarburg, Wis., was awarded \$500 from the NHW for exhibiting the heifer she won at the 2009 JNHE from Bob and Dolores Call.



Shane Duhamel was the lucky winner of the NHW heifer that was donated by Mohican Farms, Ohio, and Mohican West, Montana.

winning bid was placed by David and Jill Bielema from Michigan for \$3,025.

How awesome is that! Thank you from all of us to the Bielema family, as well as all of the bidders who made the project such a success. The proceeds from the basket will be divided equally between the National Junior Hereford Association and NHW.

The ways and means booth was a hit as well. We sold out of "Color of Money" prints by Amanda Raithel and also sold oodles of jewelry and t-shirts. We had a lot of traffic, made new friends, rekindled old acquaintances and shared a lot of laughs. We look forward to Kansas City for our first birthday celebration and the unveiling of our first original artwork.

National Hereford Women

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Cheryl Evans, co-president
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Ann Guess, secretary
Shellie Collins, treasurer
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Barbara Ernst, historian
Margeaux Firestine, queen chairman
Denise Billman, ways and means chairman

NHW start-up team

Cheryl Evans, Winona, Miss.
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Courtney Wirtjes, Durand, Ill.
Brook Herring-Gandy, Beaumont, Miss.
Gail Blagg, Grass Valley, Calif.
Donna Curry, McAlester, Okla.



Samuel Lawrence, Avilla, Ind., won a \$1,000 heifer scholarship at the 2005 JNHE in Wisconsin. The female he purchased (pictured here) was named a Dam of Distinction in 2010.

Queen update

This year 15 bright young women serving as Hereford queens represented their state associations at the JNHE.

The JNHE week began with queen orientation. Debbie Wiley, co-executive director of the Miss Central Indiana Pageant and a past Mrs. Indiana, and her daughter, a past Miss Indiana, gave the queens a few tips for being successful.

Debbie spoke on the importance of poise, confidence and manners. She even enlightened the girls with some behind-the-scenes Miss America pageant stories. It was truly a rewarding experience for the state queens.

The next queen duty was the JNHE opening ceremonies. Not only did the queens have to wear their crowns and banners but they also had to carry their state flags. Katie Killian, National Hereford Queen, concluded the ceremony by carrying the American flag, while Randy Owen sang the *Star Spangled Banner*. It is such an honor for each of the queens to be recognized during the opening ceremonies.

During the show days, the queens worked hard escorting classes into the ring, passing out ribbons and holding awards in photos. This was the best part of the week for the queens since they had the best seats in the arena to watch the show.

Many of the queens said they love show days because they have the opportunity to speak to so many Hereford enthusiasts of all ages! In addition, the queens spoke to reporters from several local papers and agricultural news journals. Each young lady was interviewed about her experiences as queen. Those interviews can be viewed on the NHW queen blog at www.bootstiarasandherefords.blogspot.com.

Overall, it was a wonderful week to own Hereford cattle and an even better week to be a Hereford queen! Nine of the state queens will be competing for the title of National Hereford Queen in Kansas City at the end of October. Be sure to check out the photos of the contestants on Page 114. **HW**