

NHW Continues to Support Youth

Wow! What an amazing week the Hereford juniors had in Kansas City. The Kansas delegation really went out of their way to make it a fantastic week! We are so lucky as Hereford enthusiasts to have the junior program that we do.

Juniors are our future, and it is wonderful to see so many people working together to make the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) such an outstanding event. The National Hereford Women (NHW) is no exception. Our mission is to help and assist with the junior programs.

NHW handed out more than \$6,100 for illustrated speech, extemporaneous speech, creative arts, Hereford grill-off, Ed Bible and retiring National Junior Hereford Association scholarships this past week alone, not including the heifer give-away.

The two-person committee of Jill Bielema and Shellie Collins worked together to coordinate the donation of a \$1,500 credit from Ridgeview Farm's sale, which was given away at the opening ceremonies on Monday evening. This was a random drawing from all the youth attending the ceremonies. Brady Jensen of Courtland, Kan., is the lucky young man whose name was drawn! But then again so is Ridgeview Farm, Alto, Mich. Brady is from a very long line of champions, and he will no doubt make great use of this credit in the sale.

Brady will be beginning his freshman year at Butler County Community College, El Dorado,

Kan., this fall. Brady has been working in the family Hereford business for as long as he can remember. He currently is employed with their semen collection center during the spring and fall collection times. He has been a member of the Kansas Junior Polled Hereford Association for 11 years and a director from 2008 till present.

He assisted with the 2011 JNHE show and fund-raising committees. He has attended the Program for Reaching Individuals Determined to Excel (PRIDE) Conventions in 2006 and 2010 and has attended the last 10 JNHEs.

He has participated in Hereford bowl, livestock judging, showmanship, speech, team marketing, team fitting, photo and poster contests. Brady's accomplishments don't just stop with the Hereford breed either. Brady has been actively involved in his 4-H and FFA programs and has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Student Council, Scholars Bowl, National Honor Society and his football and basketball teams.

Like most successful teens, Brady has a supportive family behind him. His parents are Kevin and Sheila, and he has a sister, Brooke, and a brother, Ben. Good luck and congratulations, Brady. NHW members are looking forward to watching your career with your new heifer.

National Hereford Women

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Annual meeting events planned

As we reflect on what all was accomplished in Kansas City in July, we also look forward to events in Kansas City this October. Our annual NHW meeting will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1-2 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us. We will update everyone on current NHW plans and programs, preview the 2011 NHW artwork and hold the 2011 director election. So please make an effort to attend the meeting. **NHW**



Brady Jensen (left) of Courtland, Kan., is the lucky winner of the \$1,500 sale credit donated by Ridgeview Farm. Also pictured next to Brady is Bob and Jami Goble of Ridgeview Farm as well as the NHW board.