

## NHW Activities Support Youth

Tiaras, sashes, bling, oh my! Oodles of sparkles, dazzling smiles and camera flashes bounced off the walls of the American Royal's governor's room during the National Hereford Women's (NHW) Queen's Tea and Princess Program at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) July 14-21 in Kansas City, Mo.

And these were just two of the many activities NHW sponsored during the show's weeklong run.

### Becoming royalty

More than 170 women, young ladies and little ladies flooded the Governor's Room to participate in the third annual "queen" event, an opportunity to rub elbows with the National Hereford Queen and state queens and to get an idea of what being a real queen is all about.

While some were comfortable in their boots and denim, other girls were decked out in their frills and flash. All could wrap themselves in feather boas to have their photos taken, decorate tiaras and sashes, and feast on delicious treats including tiny cupcakes, fresh fruit trays and cool beverages.

What the 4 to 9-year-old junior princesses loved the most was waiting to see if their name would be drawn allowing eight of them to sit in the queen's court during the show and help the court escort classes in and present awards. The eight winners were: Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho; Jalyn Davis, Maple Hill, Kan.; Kya Rhodes, Ada, Okla.; McKenzie Boyer, Claremore, Okla.; Madison Kegley, Burlington, Wis.; Devon Lockhart, Bryan, Texas; Maggie Ewing, Fordland, Mo.; and Lindie Helsinger, Germantown, Ohio.

Look for this memory-making event again at the 2014 JNHE.

### Royalty reigned

Queen Whitney Andras presided over the JNHE's activities with the help of 16 state queens (see Page 51).

The state queens included Faith Bomstad, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Brooke Hinojosa, Carr, Colo.; Katie Burns, Coulterville, Ill.; McKenzie Schantz, Bloomfield, Ind.; Ella Meyer, Keswick, Iowa; Brooke Jensen, Courtland, Kan.; Amy Green, Mumfordsville, Ky.; Hailey Goble, Alto, Mich.; Megan Bellefy, Bagley, Minn.; Ellen Jackson, Miller, Mo.; Jordan Spindle, Stanley, N.M.; Jala Murphy, Eagle Bridge, N.Y.; Victoria Chapman, Sulphur, Okla.; Holly Becky, Watertown, S.D.; Ashley Cline, Morgan, Texas (horned); Morgan Wood, Alba, Texas (polled); Nicky Folkman, Ixonia, Wis.; and Kelly Largent, Kaycee, Wyo.

An ice cream social was hosted for Whitney and the queens to get to know one another. The queens were coached in everything royal by NHW Queen Chairman Jill Bielema and spent countless hours escorting classes and awarding ribbons and gifts to juniors.

### Awards, scholarships presented

More than 150 juniors participated in or applied for NHW's illustrated and extemporaneous speech

contests, creative arts, Certified Hereford Beef Grill-off, retiring director scholarships and the Ed Bible Scholarship at a value of nearly \$6,500.

A heartfelt NHW thank you goes to all the judges who contributed their time to judging scholarships and award applications and interviewing the many youth who participated in the program. We are so proud of the many juniors who participated in the scholarship and awards contests.

### NHW heifer award

NHW is grateful for the generosity of Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, Mont., for donating \$1,500 toward a heifer for the 2013 NHW Heifer Award presented at the JNHE. This year's award was presented to Keayla Harr from Ohio.

### Ways and Means flourishes

Fundraising is key to the NHW's junior program success. Denise Billman and Paula Acheson again were tireless in keeping the booth staffed and full of great Hereford items. Among the items was the third in a series print, "Majestic" by artist Amanda Raitel and her two other commissioned prints.

They were sold either framed or unframed and are still available by going to NHW's website, [HerefordWomen.org](http://HerefordWomen.org).

Throughout the week, many Hereford women renewed their NHW memberships or joined for the first time. Cindy Pribil, Hennessey, Okla., was the winner of the membership drawing and went home with a "Majestic" print.

Annual memberships are \$20, and individual lifetime memberships are \$400. Either may be purchased by contacting NHW Membership Chairman Paula Acheson at 3 North Chicago, Box 86, Woodbine, KS 67492 or by calling 785-257-3541. **NHW**

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