

"Show Me the Herefords"

More than 650 Hereford youth and their families from 40 states gathered in Kansas City, Mo., July 14-21 for the 2013 VitaFerm Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE).

The 2013 JNHE was an action-packed week of contests and activities. During the event, 1,213 entries were evaluated, including 573 polled owned females, 204 horned owned females, 255 bred-and-owned females, 88 bred-and-owned bulls, 29 cow-calf pairs and 64 steers.

Also during the week, nearly \$25,000 in scholarships was awarded to juniors, and Hereford youth had the opportunity to participate in 23 contests outside the showing.

New events this year at the JNHE were the pre-peeewee showmanship contest and the Super States Award. Hereford youth 5 to 7 years old had a chance to show off their skills in the showing Thursday during the national showmanship contest. See Page 49 for photos of the next generation of JNHE showmen.

The Super States Contest recognized states for their members' success in the showing as well as JNHE contests. Congrats to Oklahoma and California for winning this year's Super States Awards (see Page 89).

An event of the JNHE's magnitude is possible only through the generous support of corporate and breeder sponsors. Title sponsors of the 2013 JNHE were BioZyme Inc., St. Joseph, Mo.; UMB Bank, Kansas City, Mo.; and Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University, Dunlap, Iowa.

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Monday, July 15



Will Clark, Rogers, Ark., participated in the illustrated speech contest Monday afternoon.



Monday kicked off with people registration and cattle check-in.



The Cook brothers from Greenbrier, Ark., competed in Hereford Idol.



Monday board candidates participated in roundtable discussions with state delegates.

Tuesday, July 16



Youth participating in the Hereford Bowl were tested on their industry knowledge.



This year 17 mentors and 12 protégés participated in the JNHE mentor program, which was sponsored by *DRIVE* magazine.



Hereford youth also demonstrated their talents on the basketball court.



Hereford youth demonstrated their Certified Hereford Beef knowledge and cooking and acting skills as they participated in the grill-off.



During opening ceremonies, 2012 JNHE planning committee members presented the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) \$35,000.



Bob Norton, president and chief operating officer of Biozyme Inc., welcomed juniors to the 2013 VitaFerm JNHE during opening ceremonies. VitaFerm has been the JNHE title sponsor since 2007.



National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members Rossie and Mason Blinson, Buies Creek, N.C., sang the National Anthem during opening ceremonies Tuesday evening.

Tuesday, July 16



During this year's JNHE, Gary and Kathy Buchholz, Waxahachie, Texas, retired from their role as NJHA advisors after serving in that capacity for six years.



This year marked the end of their JNHE show career for 42 Hereford youth.

Hereford royalty — young and old — enjoyed a queen's tea hosted by National Hereford Queen Whitney Andras and the National Hereford Women (NHW).



Keyla Harr, Jeromesville, Ohio, won the NHW Heifer Award. This year's award — a \$1,500 credit to the World Class Female Sale — was sponsored by Dale Venhuizen of Churchill Cattle Co., Manhattan, Mont.

Before opening ceremonies, JNHE attendees signed up for the NHW heifer award program.

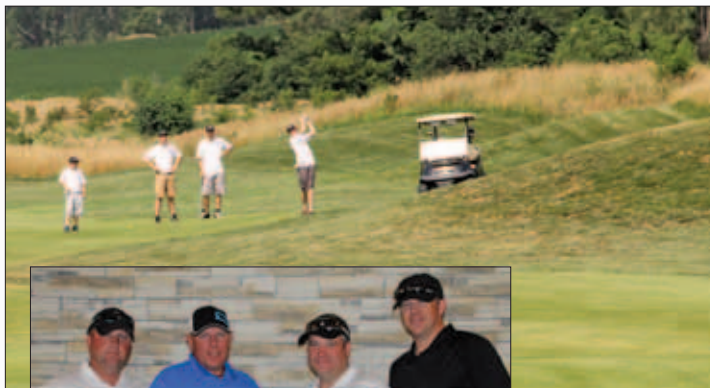


Opening ceremonies on Tuesday evening officially kicked off the 2013 JNHE.

Wednesday, July 17



Wednesday morning kicked off with the judging contest.



First-place team with a score of 59 was Chad Denham, Edwardsville, Kan.; Jon Espenscheid, Marshalltown, Iowa; Rob Schacher, Ft. Worth, Texas; and John Joiner, Basehor, Kan.

Hereford enthusiasts supported HYFA by participating in the annual golf tournament at Falcon Lakes Golf Course. This year 19 teams including 71 golfers enjoyed the event.



Youth enjoyed demonstrating their creative talents by participating in the creative arts contest.



Hereford enthusiasts enjoyed the nutrition clinic hosted by BioZyme on Wednesday.



Wednesday was the finals of the Hereford bowl. Pictured here are Illinois juniors participating in the final round of the junior division.



Twenty-one state teams participated in the Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University team fitting on Wednesday evening.



Wednesday afternoon, Sullivan Supply sponsored a Stock Show University. Attendees had the opportunity to choose among three tracks — showmanship, daily care and clipping, and fitting.

Thursday, July 18



Judge Jim Bloomberg gives Mason Allan, Schulenburg, Texas, the champion peewee showman, a high five.



Abby Geye, Rising Star, Texas, gets the third-place high five in the junior showmanship finals.



Judge Tammy Boatman congratulates champion intermediate showman Miranda Stotz, Skiatook, Okla.



NJHA members Brady Jensen, Courtland, Kan., and Austin Breeding, Miami, Texas, were interviewed by local KCTV 5.



Luke Harker, Hope, Ind., won a showbox full of supplies from Sullivan Supply. Also pictured is his little brother, Chase, and Shawn Pieper, Sullivan Supply.



The top 10 senior showmen demonstrated their fitting skills prior to the final drive on Thursday evening.

Thursday, July 18



Snapshots of the parade of pre-peewees on Thursday afternoon. A total of 48 youth, ages 5 to 7, participated in the first-time event.



Friday, July 19



Judge Jeff Gooden selects Brett, Bailey and Riley Jones' pair as grand champion.



Judge Todd Herman slaps the grand champion progress steer owned by John Thomas Heyl.

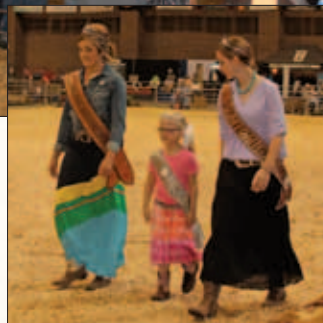


Division winners vie for the grand champion bred-and-owned female title.

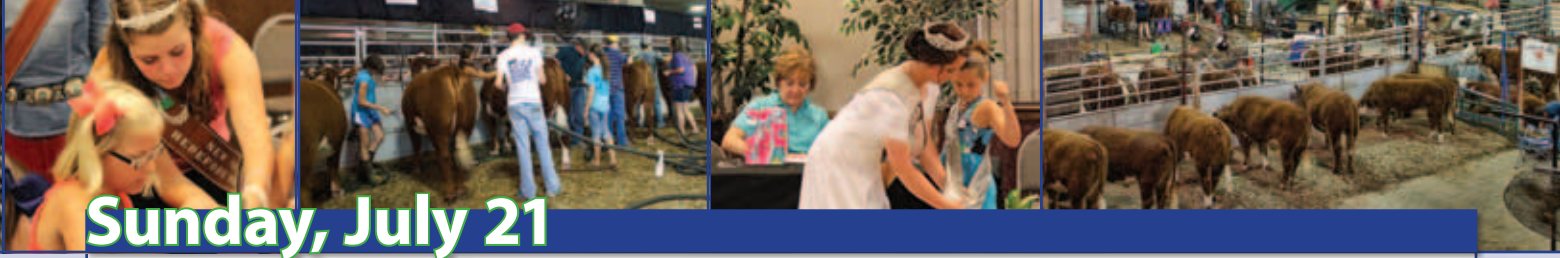
Saturday, July 20



Saturday evening, Hereford youth were recognized during the Awards Banquet.



Eight lucky junior princesses helped the queens lead in classes and hand out awards.



Sunday, July 21



Herdsman of the Year finalists were recognized on Sunday. Pictured (l to r) are: Cameron Curry, McAlester, Okla.; Cody Beck, Bainbridge, Ind.; Austin Howe, New Enterprise, Pa.; Joel Butler, Republic, Mo.; Matt Johnson, Cambridge, Ill.; and Jonathan Chachere, Dayton, Texas.



Polled division champions vie for the grand champion female title Sunday afternoon.



Throughout the week, National Hereford Queen Whitney Andras, along with state queens, helped lead in classes and distribute awards.