2015 NJHA/HW Photo Contest Results

It's been said a photo is worth a thousand words. With the snap of a camera shutter, a moment is frozen in time.

But, it's not always as simple as pushing that button. Composition, lighting, sharpness and attention to detail can make a good photo great.

The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and the *Hereford World* (*HW*) sponsor an annual contest for junior members interested in photography. This year, the contest had 180 entries in four age divisions and three categories — Hereford cattle, people and enhanced.

Judges were pleased to see the participation and interest in photography from young people. They commented on the great quality of photos throughout the contest.

The judges agreed that the contestants showed great talent in capturing unique moments in creative settings.

The judges shared these suggestions for improvement:

- In the enhanced category, it would have been interesting to see some of the original photos. Also, make sure you do not take the edits too far.
- People category needs to focus on the person and we like to see the faces of those in the photo.
- We prefer natural shots rather than staged portraits.
- Continue to picture clean, healthy and compositionally correct cattle.
- Choose subject matter well.
- Pictures that used the rule of thirds showed more depth and drew the viewer into the photo allowing them to capture the moment more fully.
- Work to get a unique angle while capturing the moment.
- Be careful when taking close-ups not to distort.
- Do not enter a picture of a picture.
- Please do not add a signature to entries.
- No phone shots allowed.
- Please turn date and time off.

PEEWEE PHOTOGRAPHY

Peewee photography winners (l to r) are: **Trevor Lockhart,** Bryan Texas, first-place Hereford cattle; **Waylon Lee,** Wellington, Ill., first-place people and third-place Hereford cattle; **John Crane,** Utica, Ill., first-place enhanced and third-place people; **Kinsley Gillig,** Schuyler, Neb., second-place Hereford cattle and second-place people; and **Bailey Laudeman,** Bremen, Ind., third-place enhanced.

Pictured separately is **Kennley Hardin,** Imboden, Ark., second-place enhanced.

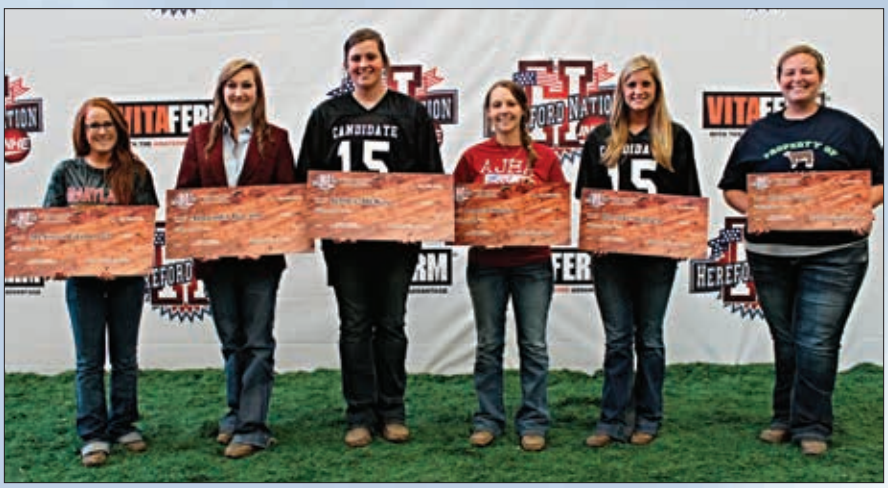
JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Junior photography winners (l to r) are: **Ella Stiefvater,** Salem, S.D., first-place Hereford cattle; **Victoria Allen**, Quincy, Ill., first-place people; **Maggie Anderlik,** Dayton, Iowa, first-place enhanced; **Lane Hardin,** Imboden, Ark., second-place Hereford cattle; **Ashby Dauer,** Panhandle, Texas, second-place people; **Wesley Denton,** Blue Rapids, Kan., third-place Hereford cattle; and **Chase Laudeman,** Bremen, Ind., third-place enhanced. Not pictured are: **Clayton Hayes,** Ada, Okla., second-place enhanced; and **Colton Seagraves,** Pocahontas, Ark., third-place people.

INTERMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHY

Intermediate photography winners (l to r) are: **Kristen Clerico,** Hillsborough, N.J., first-place Hereford cattle; **Kalie Seagraves,** Pocahontas, Ark., first-place people and second-place Hereford cattle; **Kendi Miigerl,** Ravenna, Neb., first-place enhanced; **Reid Allen,** Quincy, Ill., second-place people; **Jaymee Graves,** Oak Harbor, Wash., second-place enhanced; **Katie Eley,** Luredale, Miss., third-place Hereford cattle; **Blakelee Hayes,** Ada, Okla., third-place people; and **Ashton McMillen,** Walnut Grove, Mo., third-place enhanced.

SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHY



Senior photography winners (l to r) are: **Melissa Grimmel,** Jarrettsville, Md., first-place Hereford cattle, second-place enhanced and third-place people; **Amanda Bacon,** Siloam Springs, Ark., first-place people; **Bailey McKay,** Marysville, Kan., first-place enhanced; **Lauren Martin,** Beebe, Ark., second-place people; **Brooke Jensen,** Courtland, Kan., second-place Hereford cattle and third-place enhanced; and **Katie Burns,** Coulterville, Ill., third-place Hereford cattle.

Peewee Hereford Cattle
1st place

"Wonder Woman" by
Trevor Lockhart, *Bryan, Texas*
The lighting is good and the photo has good focus. It also has a good depth of field.

Peewee Hereford Cattle
2nd place

"Trim" by
Kinsley Gillig, *Schuyler, Neb.*
This was a great moment and was captured very well. The detail and subject are good.

Peewee Hereford Cattle
3rd place

"Best of Friends" by
Waylon Lee, *Wellington, Ill.*
The judges liked the use of the rule of thirds. This photo also has good lighting.

Peewee Hereford Cattle
Honorable Mention

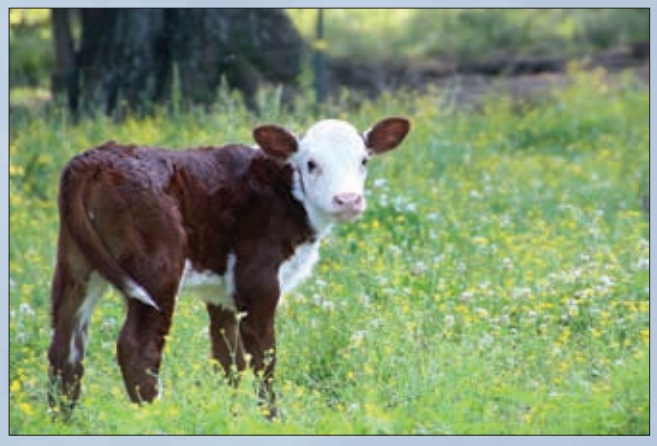
"One Happy Family" by
Piper Colyer, *Bruneau, Idaho*
This is a cool photo with a great subject but could have been a little more in focus.

Junior Hereford Cattle
1st place

"Eye of the Bovine" by
Ella Stiefvater, *Salem, S.D.*
The focus of this photo is awesome. It has great lighting and is a creative shot.

Junior Hereford Cattle
2nd place

"Spring Baby" by
Lane Hardin, *Imboden, Ark.*
This photo is very clear and has great color and exposure. Judges really liked the composition and subject as well.



Junior Hereford Cattle
3rd place

"On Target" by
Wesley Denton, *Blue Rapids, Kan.*
The depth of field and focus on this photo are good and it has a creative composition.

Junior Hereford Cattle
Honorable Mention

"Living the Good Life" by
Wyatt Lange, *Clifton, Kan.*
This photo has a nice backlight but judges would have liked the calf to be more exposed. The subject is cute but try to keep from centering the subject.

Intermediate Hereford Cattle
1st place

"In the Eye of the Hereford" by
Kristen Clerico, *Hillsborough, N.J.*
The composition and subject of this photo are great and are complimented by the great attention to detail.

Intermediate Hereford Cattle
2nd place

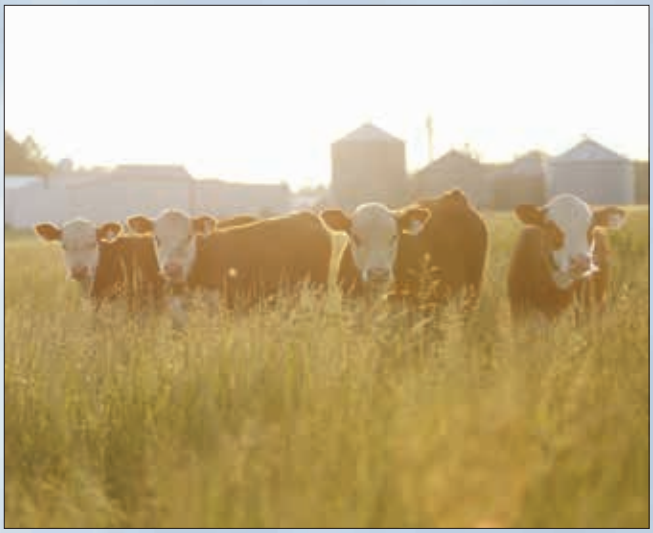
"Thirsty Herd" by
Kalie Seagraves, *Pocahontas, Ark.*
This photo has good composition and an excellent subject. Judges liked the reflection but felt it could have been a little brighter in color.

Intermediate Hereford Cattle
3rd place

"The Color of Money" by
Katie Ele, *Lucedale, Miss.*
There is a good concept in this photo but the position of the head needed to be a little different.

Senior Hereford Cattle
1st place

"The Faces of Agriculture" by
Melissa Grimmel, *Jarrettsville, Md.*
This is an awesome photo and the judges can tell you took a risk with this photo.



Senior Hereford Cattle
2nd place

"Proud Heifers" by
Brooke Jensen, *Courtland, Kan.*
The lighting is good in this photo and it's very clear.

Senior Hereford Cattle
3rd place

"Curious Calf" by
Katie Burns, *Coulterville, Ill.*
Great color and angle make this photo pop and it has a good focus on the post.

Senior Hereford Cattle
Honorable Mention

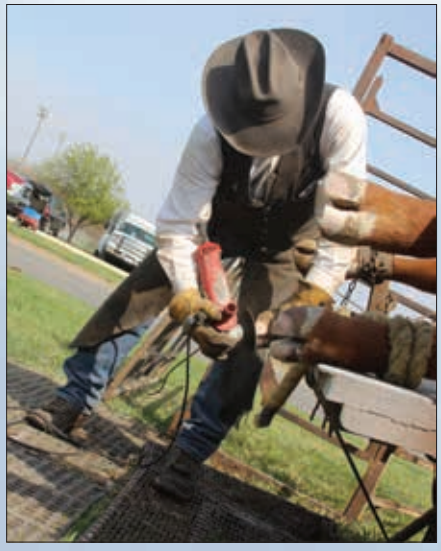
"Becky and Calf" by
Makayla Reynolds, *Huntsville, Mo.*
This photo is very clear and tells a great story. The color is captured well.

Peewee People
1st place

"Hi Friend" by
Waylon Lee, *Wellington, Ill.*
This photo has excellent lighting and focus. It really tells a story.

Peewee People
2nd place

"Black Hat" by
Kinsley Gillig, Schuyler, Neb.
The mystery in this photo appealed to judges. It has a unique subject and is complimented by a creative angle and good focus.



Peewee People
3rd place

"Hereford Generations" by
John Crane, *Utica, Ill.*
Judges really liked the angle and composition of this photo but they agreed it was too dark. It's a creative photo and the judges liked what it represented.

Peewee People
Honorable Mention

"Double Trouble" by
Dustin Denton, *Blue Rapids, Kan.*
Focus and subject matter in this photo are both good but judges would prefer if the subject wasn't in the middle of the photo.

Junior People
1st place

"Drink Up" by
Victoria Allen, *Quincy, Ill.*
Judges loved the story this photo told and felt that the moment was very clear. Photo enhancing would have helped it as well.

Junior People
2nd place

"Lil Cowhand" by
Ashby Dauer, *Panhandle, Texas*
This is a neat story and a good use of the rule of thirds. The subject choice was good but judges would have liked to see the kid's face.

Junior People
3rd place

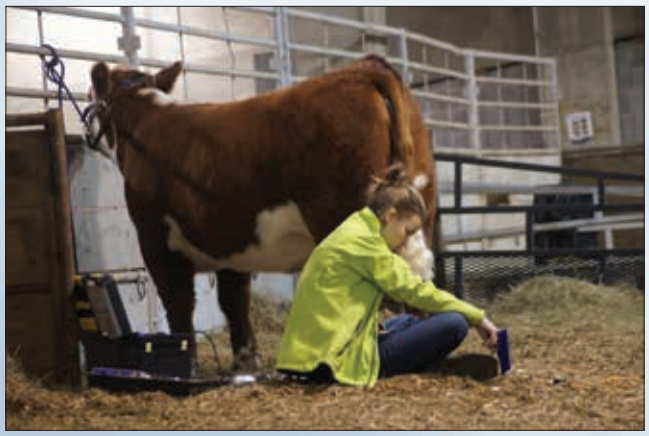
"Who's Chasing Who?" by
Colton Seagraves, *Pocahontas, Ark.*
Lighting is excellent in this photo and the use of the rule of thirds was good. Judges liked the live action.

Intermediate People
1st place

"The Stand Off" by
Kalie Seagraves, *Pocahontas, Ark.*
Judges loved this photo. It has great color and sharpness and a very good subject which is immediately the focus of the photo.

Intermediate People
2nd place

"Waiting to Show" by
Reid Allen, *Quincy, Ill.*
This could have been a little brighter in the lighting but has a good meaning behind the photo and a good concept.



Intermediate People
3rd place

"A Boy and His Heifer" by
Blakelee Hayes, *Ada, Okla.*
The color and focus of this photo were good and judges thought it was a heart-warming picture.

Senior People
1st place

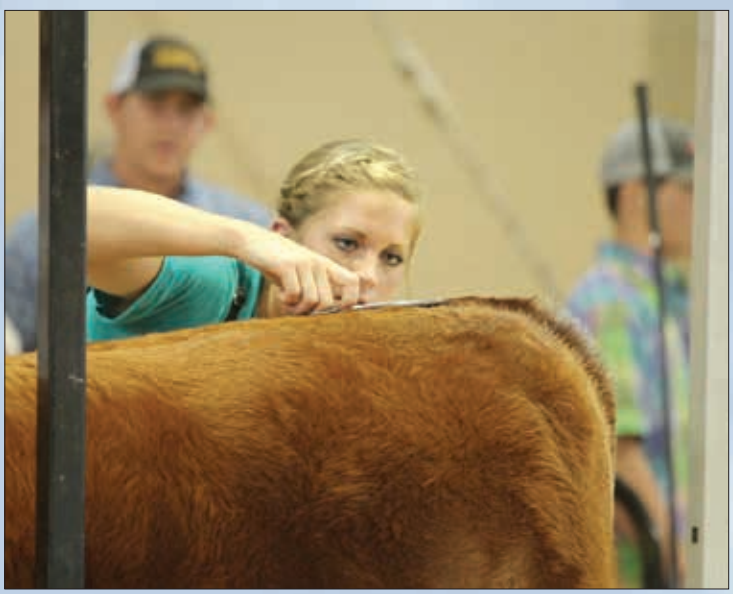
"Falling For a Hereford" by
Amanda Bacon, *Siloam Springs, Ark.*
This is a fun and clear shot and has good, distinct colors.

Senior People
2nd place

"Hiding in the Fescue" by
Lauren Martin, *Beebe, Ark.*
The color in this photo is good and it has a cute subject. It was a creative shot.

Senior People
3rd place

"Snippin' for Success" by
Melissa Grimmel, *Jarrettsville, Md.*
There is a lot of intensity in this photo and judges liked the subject choice and the moment that was captured.



Peewee Enhanced
1st place

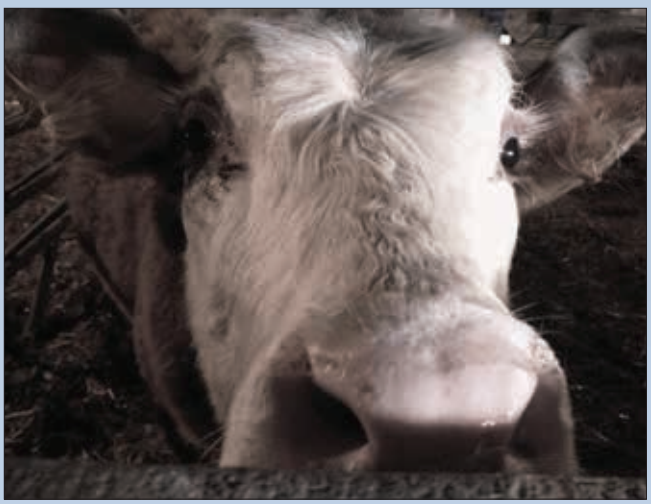
"Face of the Future" by
John Crane, *Utica, Ill.*
There is nice detail in this photo and the cropping choice is creative. Judges liked the filter choice.

Peewee Enhanced
2nd place

"Grazing" by
Kennley Hardin, *Imboden, Ark.*
The concept of this photo is good and has a good use of the rule of thirds.

Peewee Enhanced
3rd place

"Up Close and Personal" by
Bailey Laudeman, *Bremen, Ind.*
This is a very creative photo and the judges liked the unique angle. Good job of capturing the moment.

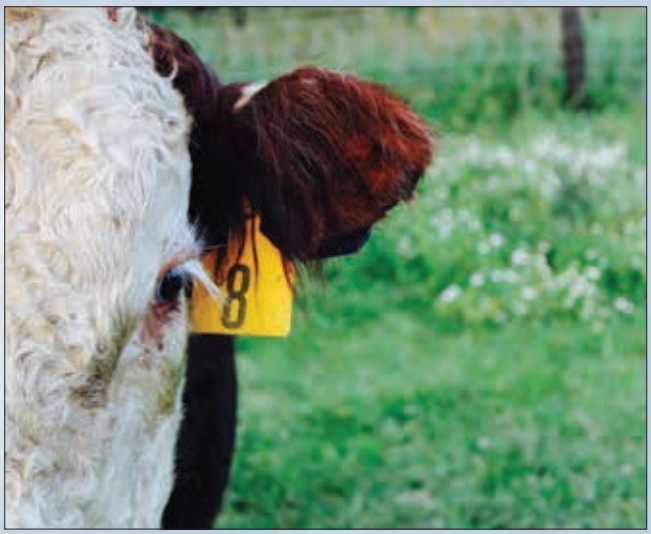


Peewee Enhanced
Honorable Mention

"I've Got My Eye on You" by
Piper Colyer, *Bruneau, Idaho*
Good subject and cool photo but the image is a bit soft.

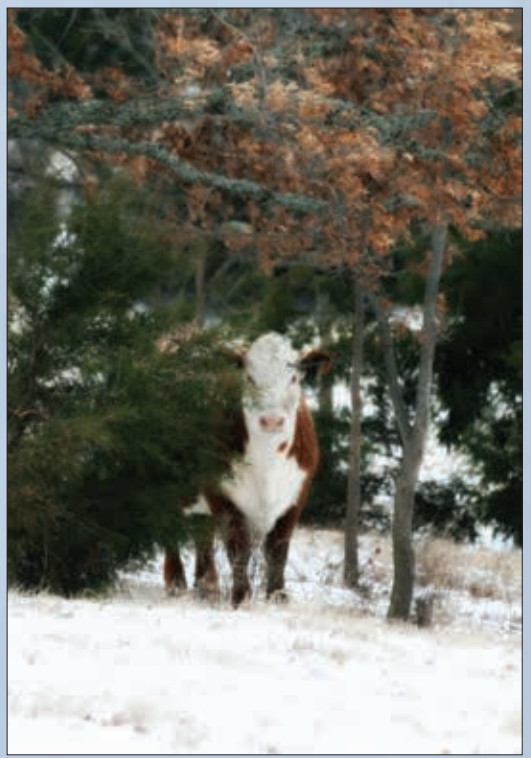
Junior Enhanced
1st place

"The Bull's Head" by
Maggie Anderlik, *Dayton, Iowa*
This has a good rule of thirds and uses color, focus and detail excellently.



Junior Enhanced
2nd place

"Hide and Go Seek" by
Clayton Hayes, *Ada, Okla.*
Judges loved the snow and layout of this photo. It has a great subject but move the subject out of the center of the photo. Judges also liked how the trees framed the photo.



Junior Enhanced
3rd place

"We Love Our Baby Herefords" by
Chase Laudeman, *Bremen, Ind.*
This is a special moment and a very cute idea. Judges would have liked to have seen the subject in closer.

Intermediate Enhanced
1st place

"Eye of the Steer" by
Kendi Miigerl, *Ravenna, Neb.*
There is good detail in this photo and the feather effect is well used. It has a creative spin on the eyelashes.

Intermediate Enhanced
2nd place

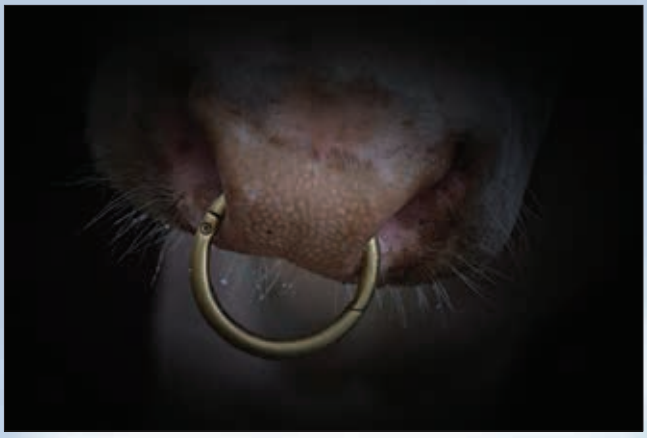
"Nap Time" by
Jaymee Graves, *Oak Harbor, Wash.*
This has great shading and is a very clear photo. Judges also liked the contrast.

Intermediate Enhanced
3rd place

"Hayfield Sunrise" by
Ashton McMillen, *Walnut Grove, Mo.*
This photo has a great use of color with a good concept and angle. Judges felt that the sky could have been brightened up.

Intermediate Enhanced
Honorable Mention

"Continuing the Legacy" by
Kelsey Decker, *Pickerington, Okla.*
The detail in this photo is good and it has a cool subject but there needed to be less black around the subject.



Senior Enhanced
1st place

"Look of Wisdom" by
Bailey McKay, *Marysville, Kan.*
Judges loved the washed out background of this photo and thought the moment captured was an excellent choice.

Senior Enhanced
2nd place

"Nurturing the Future" by
Melissa Grimmel, *Jarrettsville, Md.*
This photo has a cool subject and judges liked the soft matte filter and thought it showed a great bond. You have to be in the right place at the right time to capture this type of photo.

Senior Enhanced
3rd place

"In Charge of Herd" by
Brooke Jensen, *Courtland, Kan.*
Judges would have changed the angle but thought it was a creative way of capturing the moment.