



Lot 1 in the Ladies of the Royal sale on Oct. 21 was the street sign in front of the American Hereford Association (AHA) headquarters with proceeds going to the NJHA. PTP Alliance, a group of 10 Hereford breeders, purchased the sign.

We Are Thankful

Sometimes I believe it is necessary to take a step back from your life, consider everything your life has blessed you with and take time to be thankful for your many blessings.

Last year when I left for my first year of college, I thought I was ready to be out on my own. Little did I know that once I moved into my new apartment, 16 hours from home, I would end up calling my mother almost every day. I'd ask her ridiculous questions like "How do you cook an egg over-easy?" and "Why isn't my iron working?"

Before moving to college, I didn't have to think about these "little instances" on my own. Suddenly, I had to learn to do things without help from mom, dad or other family, when before I

always had someone right behind me to guide me along. My family has always done so much for me, and I never really considered all of the little things that I was given, or that were done for me each day without question.

We are all guilty of taking some things for granted, and as we get older, we realize how wonderful these "little things" really are. For example, the way nothing tastes as good as mom's cooking, the fact that laundry is free at home, the way your bed feels, or looking out into your backyard and seeing a pasture full of Hereford cattle every morning.

National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members, we have a lot to be thankful for. When we are remembering all the

opportunities that we have been given in our lives, sometimes it takes some digging deep down in our minds, beyond all the fun memories and blue ribbons, to think about and remember the people who were actually responsible for our life experiences.

While I was at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., this fall, I had the opportunity to attend the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) Casino Magic Fundraiser. This was my second year to attend the HYFA gala. This year's gala was themed "casino night" and it was definitely a great time. It was also once again a big success for the HYFA.

Every time someone was dealt a bad hand of Texas Hold 'em, HYFA benefited. Breeders also bid on vacations, art, wine and other special items in the silent auction, and a long list of names came together to purchase the 2006 Foundation Female.

There are a lot of fund-raising events that benefit Hereford youth each year, but this event is one of my favorites. Not only do I get the opportunity to dress up, socialize with fellow breeders and eat some good food, but I'm also able to meet the people behind all the great opportunities we are given each year as Hereford juniors. We have so much support from the adults in our breed, and now is the time to give a big thank you to all of them.

Thank you Hereford breeders for your generous support. Thank you to those who purchased a casino night ticket, bid in the silent auction or chipped in on the Foundation Female syndicate! Each of you is a huge factor in the success of the HYFA and Hereford youth. We are all truly appreciative. The fact that you are willing to invest in our future means so much, and though we may not say it enough, every NJHA member is thankful for what you do to contribute to our success. Yes, we are all very thankful. **HW**

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