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Driven by History, Leadership and Passion

Each year as we celebrate the completion of another Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), we are reminded we will have three great ladies retiring from our board at the National Hereford Women (NHW) Annual Meeting in October during the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo. The NHW board of directors has been driven by history, leadership and passion for the Hereford breed. The NHW would like to thank Suzanne Matheny, Michelle Beran and Maddee Moore for their years of service to the organization.

Suzanne is a fourth-generation Hereford breeder from Mays Lick, Ky. She is no stranger to serving the Hereford breed as she has served as the chairman of the junior board and was National Polled Hereford Queen. Suzanne and her husband, Andrew, own and operate Matheny Herefords. Their two children,



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NHW members work hard to support Hereford youth and promote the Hereford breed. Pictured are NHW board members at JNHE.

Austin and Taylor Belle, work alongside them at home and in the showing. Austin and Taylor Belle are following in their mother's footsteps as each is currently serving on the National Junior Hereford Association board and Taylor Belle served as the 2015-16 National Hereford Queen.

Michelle and her husband, Craig, own and operate B&D Herefords in Clafin, Kan. They have raised two children, Bridget and John, on their Hereford operation. Michelle has served in many capacities while on the board. Spending three years as the secretary and parliamentarian, she possesses a skill set and attention to detail that have benefited all involved. In the last year, she has served the queen committee with passion and dedication for the program. Outside the NHW, Michelle is a 4-H youth development agent for the Midway District. Her passion for agriculture, Hereford cattle and youth will continue to be seen throughout her professional career.

Retiring from the northwest region is Maddee Moore of Nampa, Idaho. Maddee served as the 2015-16 NHW president. She was dedicated to improving communications with the Hereford Youth Foundation of America and

fundraising associated with various scholarships including the National Organization of Pollettes. This last year, she served as the ex officio, working closely with NHW President Jill Folkman. She also has been involved in creating the new NHW website, which is soon to launch.

Thank you, Suzanne, Michelle and Maddee for everything you have done over the years. You all will be truly missed, and you have left some big shoes to fill. Make sure when you see the ladies in the barn or out and about, to thank them for all their hard work on the board and with Hereford youth.

As we look to the next class of board members to join the NHW, we are excited to have great guidance from incoming president Rhonda Eck and Jill Folkman, who will be serving as ex officio. Under their leadership, numerous projects and fundraising efforts and much excitement are sure to continue.

Join NHW

Dues can be paid at any point throughout the year. A membership form can be found on the website or emailed to you. Please contact nationalherefordwomen@gmail.com with questions. Dues and membership forms can be sent to Karen Smith at P.O. Box 1225, Gatesville, TX 76528. **HW**