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national junior hereford association newsletter — Spring 2018

All Aboard The HEREFORD Express

by Steven Green

Spring is in full swing. Pastures are green, calves are growing and everyone is enjoying some warmer weather. With the joys of fresh growth, comes anticipation of the greatest week of the summer. The Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), is full steam ahead. This year Hereford youth will follow the tracks to Grand Island, Neb., and July 1-7 will hold its place in history as one of the largest and greatest youth livestock shows in history. Get prepared to meet more than 900 of America's greatest youth who have come together for one purpose. They and their families will tend to approximately 1,500 head of Hereford cattle. However, competing is just the tip of the iceberg.

The showing will host the very best of the Hereford breed, but even greater things are happening behind the scenes. After the dust settles, the week begins with board candidate and scholarship interviews. Cattle check-in comes soon after with ease as another year of stamped registration papers makes everyone happy. Later, the Hereford

Pen-to-Pen program will debut and queen's orientation wraps up an exciting first day. I hope everyone is training hard for the 5K run first thing Monday morning. Following the race is a full day of Hereford bowl, CHB grill-off, Queen's Tea and an exciting new opening ceremonies. Tuesday brings the judging contest, so have your pencils and minds sharp. Speech contests and the fitting contest are followed by a membership meeting that we welcome all juniors to attend. During this meeting, the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board of directors will give updates and reports. Also join voting delegates to see NJHA board candidates give their campaign speeches. Wednesday is showmanship day. Be aware of class breakdowns and get to the ring on time for your class. Come back to the showing Wednesday evening to watch the fierce competition in senior showmanship finals and hear an educational presentation from our title sponsor BioZyme® Inc. Thursday will bring a busy day of showing cow-calf pairs, steers, bred-and-owned bulls and heifers. Friday and Saturday wrap up our week with the owned heifer show.

Once JNHE starts, the week can fly by at the blink of an eye. Be sure to take the time to look over the schedule and plan ahead. The NJHA board is pumped up and ready to kick off a great junior national. NJHA continues to evolve and there are new and exciting events happening during our time in Grand Island. The junior board

has worked diligently to keep improving the JNHE. Opening ceremonies will be different this year with group classes incorporated. We hope you enjoy the change of pace.

My favorite part of JNHE is seeing friends from across the country. The conversations we have and memories made are worth every mile driven. There are few opportunities to network with as many motivated and talented people like those found at JNHE. Take advantage of this situation and have lots of fun meeting someone new. I also encourage you to sign up for a speech contest or even get a team together for the CHB grill-off. Getting out of your comfort zone may be an uneasy feeling, but is highly rewarding. Competing in 4-H, FFA and Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) speech contests helped me break out of my shell. I remember my favorite speech memory like it was yesterday. I was a junior in high school and thirty minutes from presenting a prepared speech to judges and a crowd during the KFB outstanding youth contest. I was going through my cards one by one trying to stay calm and then came the curve ball. An FFA advisor walked up beside me, took my cards, and gave a warm smile as she walked away. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but now I can't thank her enough for taking those cards. The moment I stepped up to give that speech defined who I am today. I hope you find the threshold of your comfort zone this year at the 2018 JNHE and step across it.

We look forward to seeing you in Grand Island. All Aboard The Hereford Express! ◀



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national shows she attended the national sales as well. Abby assisted with the selling of the foundation female in Denver and enjoyed the stockyards filled with good old Texas hospitality in Ft. Worth.

"That was a very humbling experience to be a part of selling that great foundation female," says Abby.

While in Ft. Worth, Abby held a framed print of "Majestic" by Amanda Raithe that was auctioned to benefit the National Hereford Women. Abby fell in love with the print and was humbled to receive it as a gift from Gary and Kathy Buchholz who purchased the picture in the fundraiser.

As Abby gears up to "Get Aboard the Hereford Express" in Grand Island this summer, she encourages everyone to participate in the Herefords Helping Heroes program.

Hereford families traditionally have deep pride for our country, with many members having served in the armed forces or having family members who serve. Abby thought it would be fitting to honor all past and present men and women since the 4th of July will be celebrated during junior nationals.

"I have many family members and friends that have served or are serving, so being able to help these troops and their families really hits home for me," says Abby.

Donations from junior members and their families will be collected and paired with an encouraging note to be distributed to service members.

Abby is sharing her national queen experience with her family. As her grandfather fights his battle against cancer, he is participating in her journey through hearing her stories. It gives her family a bright spot and something positive to look forward to. It has also taught Abby many lessons.

"Be yourself. It is hard to believe that this is what I have learned, but it is true and I think it is important when you are in this type of position," says Abby. ◀

by Bailey McKay

The National Hereford Queen is the visible representation of generations of Hereford breeders from across the nation. This young woman, dressed in white with a sparkling crown upon her head, walks classes, divisions and championship drives into the ring at all national shows and attends Hereford sales.

Abbygail Pitstick, the 2017-18 National Hereford Queen from South Solon, Ohio, is a 17-year-old self-made Hereford breeder who is proud to become a part of the strong tradition of queens. Abbygail got her start by showing a Hereford heifer with no prior family involvement in the breed. She currently raises 30-40 head of cattle, primarily comprised of registered Herefords but also has Angus, Chianina, Simmental and miniature Herefords sprinkled in.

Confident is a powerful word, and it perfectly describes how Abby ran for state and national queen. After finding out that the Hereford association had a national queen, Pitstick set her goal to be the queen. For three years she has watched the queen program, studied the requirements, and prepared herself for the role.

"We knew she could do it, it was just up to her to get it done," says Elizabeth Pitstick, Abby's mother.

As Abby fulfills her duties, her personal confidence shines through. Abby is looking forward to meeting breeders and creating connections that will turn into lifelong friendships. She plans to use her position to be a role model for younger generations.

Abby has already experienced the curtain call with the Auctioneer's Song in Reno and the emanate beauty of the Rocky Mountains in Denver. During these



Join Abbygail in Grand Island
for her Herefords Helping Heroes program
that will collect donations and cards to
support troops serving in the armed forces.



ARE YOU READY TO SERVE THE NJHA?

by Taylor Belle Matheny

When I reflect on my experience running for the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board of directors one quote comes to mind by H. Jackson Brown Jr., "The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." For many of us, speech contests, competition teams and leadership roles have prepared us to serve a variety of organizations. The preparation to serve NJHA members began the moment our involvement within the Hereford breed started. Each contest at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) or leadership role has prepared you to continue to grow and serve one of the largest youth breed organizations in our nation. The preparation to serve the NJHA started long before now and as the time gets closer, continuing to prepare will help you do your best.

Leading up to the JNHE, it is important to prepare for the questions you could be asked. As a potential member of the board of directors it is important to be knowledgeable about the Hereford breed, the NJHA and the American Hereford Association (AHA). Read and learn about the industry through the *Hereford World*, *The Advantage* junior newsletter and the AHA website. Being familiar with these different areas will help prepare you for the various topics covered during interviews. Delegates will also want to know more about your personal experiences as a leader and your previous involvement with the NJHA. Come prepared to share these things with members and it will help you be your best.

A common question among candidates is; "What should I expect during the JNHE?" The answer is, to expect one of the most unique experiences you will have as a junior. Speaking on behalf of the current board of directors we can all agree it was one of the most memorable experiences we have had. After you arrive in Grand Island, Neb., you will start board candidacy events at 8 a.m., Sunday, July 1. Prepare for various interview situations with current members, NJHA board of directors, AHA staff and board advisors. These interviews are a great way for delegates and others to learn more about you and why you would be able to serve the NJHA. On Tuesday evening at the membership meeting, candidates will be asked to give a short speech to the attendees focusing on your qualifications to



serve on the board of directors. The interview and speech process is a great way to meet other members.

Throughout the week at JNHE it is important to find delegates and answer any questions they may have. Board candidates are required to help with facilitating events, but you will have free time to mingle throughout the barn with members. When you have this time, have fun meeting people from all over the nation. This is a great opportunity to network with other members and meet delegates to discuss your campaign.

The 2018 JNHE is drawing closer and that means four new NJHA board of directors will be elected. If you are considering serving the NJHA in this capacity, please apply. **The application deadline is June 1.** Follow the six steps below to ensure you qualify.

- 1 Submit a color photograph of yourself. Photo must be high resolution for printing purposes (300 dpi or higher).
- 2 Design one copy of an 8x10 inch campaign flyer.
- 3 Obtain at least four letters of recommendation.
- 4 Write a one-page essay (typewritten, single-space) with the topic "My Goal as an NJHA Director."
- 5 State advisor must submit an NJHA Director Nomination Form.
- 6 Application, photos, letters, essay and flyer **MUST** be submitted electronically through the online application system by June 1.

If you are looking for a great experience and an opportunity to serve the NJHA, this is the one for you. Preparation in the months

leading up to the JNHE will allow you to do your best July 1-7, in Grand Island. The week will be busy with events and networking, but when the week concludes no matter the outcome you will have an experience to look back on very few people do. I encourage anyone who is interested to take the chance and become involved on a larger scale as a member of the NJHA. ◀

WANTED NJHA BOARD CANDIDATES

Available Positions

Northwest Region - 2

Southwest Region - 2

Northeast Region - 1

Southeast Region - 3

Check out the regional map at JrHereford.org

Four new directors will be elected at the 2018 JNHE in Grand Island, Neb.

Faces of Leadership is Your Gateway to Opportunity

by Brooke Hinojosa-Sidwell

Being involved with the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA), we are blessed with not one, but two of the best weeks of summer; the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) and the Faces of Leadership Conference. These two events are the highlights of most juniors' summers. However, I always look forward to Faces of Leadership the most. Even though the JNHE hosts many contests and is a phenomenal show, it is sometimes hard to juggle the cattle, contests, and of course, catching up with friends. The Faces of Leadership Conference is a conference that the NJHA puts on as a way for juniors to be exposed to leadership opportunities, unique experiences and of course being able to wind down with friends and not having to worry about the cattle.

This conference has many different opportunities for juniors to gain successful life and work skills. The participants listen to nationally known speakers such as, Heather Schultz, Amberely Snyder and Rhett Laubach. As well as being able to interact with professional speakers, juniors also participate in junior board workshops, which

assist in the enhancement of the individual's leadership talents, communication skills and beef-industry knowledge. Through all of these activities, juniors often gain different skills from different activities.

In an interview with 18-year-old first timer Jarrett Breber, he explained some of the skills he acquired from attending last year. "Some things I acquired are better communication skills. For example, at the ropes course at Kansas State we needed to communicate and strategize a way to beat the challenge we had to face. This helps in everyday life to help figure out challenges that we might face day to day and find ways to get around them." This is just one example of how you can learn leadership skills through an activity that is not completely based on leadership.

Similarly, Jacob Toombs, 16, answered with, "I gained a lot of leadership skills and learned about the Hereford Industry from people that have spent their entire life with cattle." Throughout the short four days, Sarah Lawrence, 18, said the best leadership skill she gained was to "grab your worst fears by the horns."



Speaking of fears, many juniors feel as though we force them out of their comfort zones. At last year's Faces of Leadership, one of Heather Schultz' goals was to get them feeling "comfortably uncomfortable." Jarrett once again related his situation back to Heather in making him "comfortably uncomfortable." He explains that in the activities Heather made them do, he had to break out of his comfort zone as well as the junior board opening the conference with ice breakers to strike up conversations and help get out of that zone early on during the trip.

Jacob Toombs stated, "Faces of Leadership has helped me get out of my comfort zone, because there are people from all over the country and we all have different backgrounds and styles of beef operations. This helps me learn how to talk to others and make friends with people you are not familiar with at all."

On the other hand, Allie Schrammel, 18, took away a quote from famous speaker, Amberely Snyder, "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference, I have carried this quote with me, and remember it every time I have to get out of my comfort zone."

As you can see, Faces of Leadership has many skill sets and opportunities to offer. As Sarah Lawrence says, "I am most excited for who will be there, who I will meet, what I get to learn and the skills I will develop." Similarly, Allie Schrammel stated, "I look forward to arriving at our destination and touring all the places we go."

I think it is safe to say this is an excellent opportunity for juniors to get to know other juniors, gain leadership skills and see different parts of the country. This year, the Faces of Leadership Conference will be held in the Golden State, California. This is an extraordinary opportunity for juniors to experience a side of production agriculture that is not common to anywhere else in the United States. Please join us, August 1-4 in San Francisco for your gateway to opportunity. ◀



Modesto, Calif., Aug. 1-4

- Registration will open in April
- Early bird registration cost – \$400 by June. 15
- Registration includes hotel, meals, transportation, tours and program materials
- Registration cost June 15-July 15 – \$500
- All flights into San Francisco International Airport (SFO) by 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, and out by noon, Saturday, Aug. 4.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

Welcome to Faces of Leadership

Shuttle from the airport will gather juniors at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Francisco Airport

Noon - 1 p.m. — Lunch and registration

1 p.m. — Load buses for Modesto

2 p.m. — Hop off at Golden Gate Bridge

2:30-4:30 p.m. — Travel and check in at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Modesto

6 p.m. — Evening ranch tour

Thursday, Aug. 2

Visit California Cattleman's and the Capitol in Sacramento

Evening pool party and BBQ

Friday, Aug. 3

8-2 p.m. — Area agriculture tours

7 p.m. — Hornblower Dinner Cruise and Dance, San Francisco Bay

Friday evening we will conclude the conference and stay at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Francisco Airport 835 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA 94010

Saturday, Aug. 4

Breakfast buffet and departure, all flights out of SFO by noon

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STEP ON BOARD with the 'Hereford Family'

by Brooke Jensen

The "Hereford Family" is a phrase commonly mentioned throughout the cattle industry. Whether folks see it from the outside, or are involved personally, it's easy to see how special this organization is. As the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) has continued to evolve and transform over the years, there have been activities added for everyone of all ages to enjoy and partake in. So this year, make it your goal to step on board and travel through the experiences offered by the NJHA. It will be your best decision yet.



Whether you're 10 and attending JNHE for the first time or 21 and want to participate one last time, do it. Take full advantage of what this association has to offer. The more you put yourself out there — meeting others and staying involved — the more you'll take away, including skills, courage, support, family and friendships.

"So what should I sign up for?" My answer — everything you can possibly be apart of. The Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) offers more than 20 different contests and scholarship opportunities, outside of exhibiting your cattle. You can also participate

in the newly added Fed Steer Shootout and Hereford Pen-to-Pen programs as well as the Faces of Leadership Conference, state and national queen programs, and the NJHA board of directors.

What can you get out of these events?

As a retired junior member, the first thought that comes to mind is friendship. Friends who will be influences in your life for many years to come. Not only will you grow and experience new challenges together, but you'll learn how to be better leaders and people together. For many, the JNHE is the best week of the summer. However, many juniors would agree the Faces of Leadership Conference is a close second. A time where the competitive element is replaced by industry networking and leadership development, all while traveling the country and spending time with your best friends.

Emily Meinhardt, 19-year-old junior member from Marysville, Kan., agrees getting

involved really helped her connect with her fellow Hereford juniors while expanding her leadership. "The Hereford family has welcomed me with open arms and hearts. Being a new face within the breed, I have benefited from the guidance of several individuals who have served as mentors to me. They have helped my siblings and I get more involved and shown us the ropes. I look forward to working with younger members and promoting the Hereford breed by serving as the 2018 Kansas Hereford Queen."

Nervous? It's okay, put yourself out there. Join a group contest with kids you may not know from your state. Attend the Faces of Leadership Conference and engage with kids from across the country. Run for your state queen or junior board, to put your best foot forward for future members while establishing a relationship with both junior and senior members.

As a 22-year-old retired junior member and soon retiring board member, I could not be more thankful for my junior Hereford experiences. I have friends from across the country, plus their families who are willing to help or encourage me in all facets of life. Now it's your turn, junior members, step on board and get involved in the "Hereford Family." It's a ride of a lifetime.

See you in July at JNHE. ◀



Get on Board

Feed The Future Program Continues in Year Two

by Bailey Jones

For the second year in a row, BioZyme® Inc. has graciously offered to donate \$1 to the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) for every bag/tub of eligible BioZyme supplement that any American Hereford Association (AHA) member buys through 2018.

Receipts for products purchased turned in from Nov. 1, 2017, through Oct. 31, 2018, will count toward the 2018 contribution to HYFA.

Established in 1986, HYFA is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated exclusively to scholarship, leadership and educational support of youth in the business of raising Hereford cattle. The organization's goal is to recruit, support, educate, train and identify future leaders of not only the Hereford industry, but the beef industry as a whole.

Since its inception, HYFA has supported the Hereford youth in many ways including scholarships and sponsoring various contests and activities for youth to participate in throughout the year. This past fall alone, the foundation awarded more than \$170,000 in scholarships. Money raised from "Feed the Future" will directly benefit Hereford youth through leadership and education opportunities such as the Faces of Leadership Conference and the Junior National Hereford Expo.



With more than 7,000 adult and junior members in the AHA and the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA), if each of us bought enough product for a \$30 donation from BioZyme,

we would easily double last year's goal. With seven different products to choose from, I know this goal is attainable. My family has joined with over 100 other farms and breeders in sending in our receipts from our purchases so far. This is just a small portion of the farms and breeders in our great organization that use BioZyme products. You may ask how you can send in your receipts and the answer to that is simple. You can either save your receipts to submit at junior nationals or if you are like me and would lose them by then, simply take a picture of your invoice with your smartphone or camera and email a copy of the invoice to Hereford@biozymeinc.com or text your picture(s) to their office at 816-383-3109. Eligible products include Concept•Aid®, Heat®, Cattleman's Blend™, 30-13% Protein Tub™, Roughage Fortifier®, Sure Start® Pellet and new this year, Vita Charge® Stress Tubs.

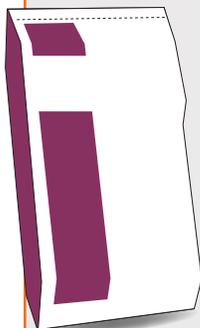


BioZyme Inc., donated \$14,671 to Hereford Youth Foundation of America Oct. 27, 2017 at the Hereford Honorees Reception during the American Hereford Association Annual Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo. Pictured (l to r) are Annah Dobson, 2017 National Hereford Queen; Crystal Blin, BioZyme marketing programs manager; Lisa Norton, BioZyme vice president; Bruce Everhart, HYFA vice president; and Steven Green, National Junior Hereford Association chairman.

With this past summer's goal met of raising over \$100,000 in this amazing program, we are far from reaching the full potential of this program. I challenge each and every breeder that uses BioZyme products to send in their receipts for this coming year. I also want to take this time to thank the breeders who have sent in their receipts this past year. The money raised from this program has helped many different youth further their education and participate in the many events throughout the year. It is up to us as breeders to turn in our receipts. There are

a lot of potential funds just lying around or even in the garbage. Think of your receipts like cash, would you throw perfectly good cash in the trash? I know I wouldn't. I would use it to its full potential and for these receipts, that means remembering to turn them in. It may not seem like much, but even that receipt worth \$1 is worth way more than you will ever know to the youth of this great organization. ◀

AHA members can participate in the Feed the Future program by completing these two easy steps:

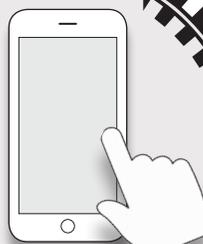


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GOING SHOWING

by Nathan Hopkins

Many long hours and lots of hard work, goes into showing and managing the herd.
Feeding and washing and grooming the ones, you've worked on all year to show and have fun.
Making new friends and learning new things, from show clinics to classes to walking in the ring.
You're ready to show cause you really care, about your bull or your heifer or your cow-calf pair.
We all set high goals we want to achieve, to produce the best beef within the breed.
From genetics to feed management to calving with ease, with correct structure and disposition, you know...the EPDs.
This is something you love and is part of your life, from the cattle to the barn, what we call "farm life."
We wake up each morning with a hope deep inside, the little calf just born will do well and thrive.
The young bulls are weaned and growing good and strong, which reveal the genetics we've been working on.
We work up the ground and plant the new seed, excited to have a good crop we believe.
Excited to have the sunshine and rain, making all things grow and work not in vain.
Walking our cattle and setting them up, so they will be ready and really show up.
Combing their hair and rinsing each day, and rub a dub dubbing the dirt all away.
Turning on fans and keeping them cool, checking before and after school.
They know when it's time to be fed or be washed, because they walk to the fence and give their head a toss.
Seeming to say, "Hey it's time to cool down, come and get me and don't mess around!"
Now is the time to start preparing to load, the trailer we washed and get ready to go.
The shows are across the USA, from county to national and fairs along the way.
We are excited to see our old friends, and plan the activities from beginning to end.
We want to compete wherever we go, showing good sportsmanship and kindness, you know.
There are posters to enter and speeches to do, food to grill and singing, it's true.
There are meetings and meals and oh yeah cleaning the stalls, and walking our cattle for exercise and all.
The judges are ready and raring to go, and all who are showing are excited you know.
It seems like the cattle know just what to do, they are ready to go for the blue.
From classes to divisions and championship drives, we are all ready for the judges to decide.
We all did our best and gave it our all, now is the time to stand and be tall.
Good sportsmanship is the name of the game, win or lose we're all glad we came.
And when it's time to load up and go, we will be ready for the next big show.
Going showing is the best from beginning to end, it's not just a blue ribbon, it's making new friends!

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What Has the Hereford

by Brandt Downing

At the conclusion of most shows, you're bound to hear a judge talk about the opportunities that were given to them as juniors and how it changed their lives in so many positive ways and praise young people for the industry they are a part of.

The cattle industry provides many opportunities for young cattlemen and women across the country to grow, learn and meet people. As Hereford breeders, we are fortunate enough to be a part of an incredibly supportive association. I interviewed Taylor Adcock and Whitney Andras, two of our industry friends at Sullivan Supply, and learned how the Hereford association and its different programs have impacted their lives and the doors that were opened for them. Sullivan Supply is no stranger to anyone that shows livestock and we appreciate their continual support of our Hereford youth.

Below are some questions and answers from our visit:



Taylor Adcock is the content coordinator for Sullivan Supply's The Pulse who was a past Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) Ambassador.

What did you gain from the opportunity to work with the American Hereford Association (AHA) staff during the JNHE?

Working as an ambassador during the JNHE allowed me to get involved in the livestock industry from a different perspective instead of just being an exhibitor. It allowed me to get some internship experience without having to give up one of my last summer's showing as a junior and I am very thankful for that. The ambassador program was a chance to get to work with people that I didn't really know and people that I hadn't gotten the chance to work with before. I was able to build connections that I believe have helped get me to where I am today."

The opportunity I had with the AHA allowed me to realize that I wanted to have a career that allowed me to be in the show atmosphere interacting with juniors and the

great people of this industry, and I get to do that now with The Pulse. The week and half I spent with Amy Cowan, Bailey Clanton and the rest of the ambassadors was an experience I'll never forget.



Whitney Andras, manager of Sullivan Supply's The Pulse was impacted by the AHA and was fortunate enough to be our association's National Hereford Queen in 2013.



How did your involvement with the Hereford association help you get where you are today?

Growing up I was extremely involved in both my state associations, Montana and Oklahoma, and the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA).

We were a small group in Montana, and from a young age we all pitched in and helped with all of the junior activities.

Oklahoma was a much larger organization with more activities, and with the help of the senior and women's Hereford organizations, we worked in a total team effort. So, from a very young age I learned to work with others to accomplish the efforts of our organizations. Our "Hereford Family," as we often say, is second to none. By participating in as many state and national activities as possible, I was able to build long term friendships and make awesome contacts all while learning to work with my fellow members in these associations as we achieved state and national goals.

Even though I have two older brothers, John and Geoff, who have continuously pushed me, even when I felt like quitting, to get me where I am today, there are several other people in the Hereford breed that have helped me get where I am today and without them, I'm not sure I would have the job I do now.

What did you gain from being a part of the association and being a past National Hereford Queen?

I am who I am today because of my many priceless experiences. I learned adult life skills. Being a part of the different associations and cattle industry taught me how to be passionate about our lifestyle and share the many good advantages of our breed with others. I gained the confidence to reach out to a complete stranger and enjoy an adult conversation. I learned to compose myself in uncomfortable situations beyond my control. I learned that even when you least expect it, someone is always watching your actions and how your efforts create a positive impact for others.

Through the many years of participation, I was fortunate to apply for scholarships offered by the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) that enabled me to gain an education to prepare me for my career.

Being the National Hereford Queen was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Traveling across the country to represent the Hereford breed provided experiences beyond my wildest imagination. The people I met and the experiences I had were second to none and contributed to my confidence and training for my future.



What is your role with Sullivan Supply

I am The Pulse and Social Media Manager for Sullivan Supply. To promote the many products Sullivan Supply offers, I develop the advertisement and content schedules for The Pulse and all social media outlets. Along with this, I create social media graphics and The Pulse and Sullivan Supply product advertisements.

For those that don't know what The Pulse is, it is your source of immediate livestock news and free customer advertising offered by Sullivan Supply. We travel across the country covering breed by breed, real time, results of cattle shows.

Association Done for You?

Did you learn things through the AHA that helped you get that position?

All of the above mentioned experiences truly made a difference in preparing me to have the abilities to earn my position with Sullivan Supply. My background and education combined with learning teamwork, confidence, the ability to communicate and how to deal with a variety of personalities, environments and situations, all gave me the experiences that have truly made me who I am.

Do you have any advice for junior members looking to get more involved?

Don't hold back! Immerse yourself in teamwork and participation. Give every activity all you have, and more. Reach out to others and constantly make new friends and contacts. Embrace the leadership training opportunities and apply the knowledge

in your everyday activities. Apply all you have learned and the connections you have made to your future. Always work hard, earn respect, and respect others and the rest will fall into place.

To quote a dear friend of our Hereford family, Sue Rowland, from Marysville, Kan., "Always make two new friends at every show or activity you go to." This is the time of your life when you meet your lifelong friends.

Jump in and participate in as many activities and contests as possible. Learn the skills that you will not learn anywhere else. Even if you are unable to take cattle to shows, you can still go and make new friends and get involved in the different contests.



If you haven't been to the Faces of Leadership Conference, please go. Seeing different parts of the country, different breeder's operations and having the opportunity to listen to industry leaders is more than an education. Get involved. Give it all

you have, and then some!

Please look around the industry. Look at many of our respected breed and industry leaders. How many of them were able to grow through their Hereford experiences and apply their knowledge to achieve their dreams and careers? If you want to grow and achieve what they have, set your goals high and go after them. ◀

Join Us at the Celebrate the 4th Tailgate Party

7 p.m., Wednesday, July 4

★ States are encouraged to bring a little slice of home to Grand Island ★

★ Snack size portions & small plates to serve 500 ★

★ Preparation area will include tables ★

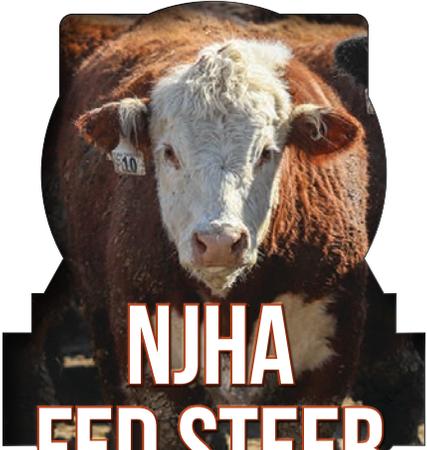
★ Entry deadline is June 25. Sign-up online
at hereford.org/youth/jnhe ★

★ Prizes awarded to the most creative
tailgate and best recipe. ★



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NJHA FED STEER Shootout

by Hannah Williams

We are excited to announce this year's National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) Fed Steer Shootout has a total of 149 steers on feed from 13 states with a total of 37 exhibitors. With this increase from last year's stats of 72 head from ten states with 27 participants, we believe this annual contest will continue to grow and offer junior members an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of feedlot operations and real-life cattle market situations.

The NJHA Fed Steer Shootout was designed to give juniors an opportunity to get involved outside of the showing, to gain knowledge about commercial cattle feeding, to better comprehend the Certified Hereford Beef (CHB®) program and to see the technologies used to gain an understanding of performance measurements gathered when cattle are on feed.

Cattle participating in this year's contest began arrival at Gregory Feedlots Inc.,

Tabor, Iowa, Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 2017, and Jan. 1-5, 2018. Following arrival, the cattle were weighed and ultra-sounded, and then will be ultra-sounded again in a few months to give juniors an update on how their cattle are performing. Ultrasounding the cattle multiple times helps the juniors see on paper exactly how the cattle perform from start to finish and also creates an easy comparison of the beginning and ending points. VitaFerm® has donated the cash prizes for the additional contest being held in 2018. They have also graciously donated VitaCharge® drench for both groups in the contest. This industry support has allowed us to host two contests and have two different weigh dates. Overall, this gives the junior members another opportunity to bring more cattle at a different age and weight providing them a possibility to gain valuable industry education and experience.

Junior fed steer shootout participants will have several chances throughout the year to learn how to build marketing and management skills through an online webinar series that started in March and will continue through the spring. During the webinars last year, professional speakers were brought in to discuss important topics that play a major role in the feedlot industry. Some of the webinars this coming year will feature explanations of ultrasounding, the role of genetics and how they play into the feedyard along with health success tips. In addition to online learning, there will be opportunities for participants to tour Greater Omaha Packing Co. Inc., Omaha, Neb., to see where the cattle will be processed and harvested. Near the steers' finishing points, the junior members will also have the chance to see them in the feedyard setting and how they look finished versus when the cattle first arrived at the yard. The learning aspects of this contest give juniors the ability to see first-hand how the cattle perform in the feedyard, on the rail, and then, overall financially.

This last fall at the 2017 American Hereford Association Annual Meeting and Conference Honorees Reception held in Kansas City, Mo., the results of last year's contest were announced. The overall grand champion highest retail value steer was Tava Gustafson,



Junction City, Kan., and the fed steer shootout junior of the year went to Molly Biggs, Dixon, Ill. To determine the overall champion there was a percent retail product

formula used. Dressing percentage, days on feed, carcass gain, carcass quality and feed efficiency are all contributing factors that go into the formula to determine percent retail product. Feedlot performance data and carcass performance data were also factors used to determine the retail value average per day on feed formula.

With last year's contest we were honored to have the Hereford Research Foundation donate \$5,000 in cash prizes to be awarded to the winners and each division winner as well. We would like to thank everyone who has supported this contest and we look forward to it growing in the future. For a full list of results in all seven divisions visit Hereford.org/youth/njha-fed-steer-shootout.

Junior members, this is a great way to be exposed to the meat production side of the beef industry and a contest that shouldn't be passed up. If you're interested in taking advantage of this program in the future, please contact any junior board member or Trey Befort. We would like to thank all of the sponsors for this year's NJHA Fed Steer Shootout: Gregory Feedlots Inc., BioZyme Inc., Ultrainsights Processing Lab Inc., GeneSeek, Allflex USA, Zoetis Animal Health, IMMVAC, Greater Omaha Packing Co. Inc., and Hereford Youth Foundation of America. ◀

Mark your calendars for
these upcoming educational

Webinars

May 1 at 7 p.m. – Animal Health

May 8 at 7 p.m. – Marketing

Fall delivery dates are Nov. 17-25, 2018

by Austin Matheny

The countdown is on because there are less than 100 days until the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) in Grand Island, Neb. There are many things running through a juniors mind as they start to prepare for one of the most anticipated weeks of the year. As it warms up, the list of chores gets longer and one of the items at the top is completing entries for JNHE. In Madison, Wis., at the 2016 JNHE, a new and very exciting addition to the show was added to the fun filled week. The showcasing of group classes earlier in the week added an exciting way for juniors to present their summer projects.

State group class changes

As the JNHE continues to grow into one of the largest across all breeds, we as a junior board decided to move the group classes to opening ceremonies for a couple of reasons. First, with a week full of excitement we thought this would be an opportunity to spread out the show days. Secondly, we decided to use the state groups to represent each state during opening ceremonies.

With that being said, we are going to have a large state division as well as a small state division. The large state division is for states with 25 head or more entered and will be represented by a group of five in the showing during opening ceremonies. The small states division is classified with less than 25 head and will be represented by a group of three during opening ceremonies. We will pick a grand and reserve from each division and think it is an excellent way to get all states, big or small, involved in the opening ceremonies.

For states not wanting to participate or don't have enough head to do so they can be represented by their states respective flag in the ring. Along with the state classes being moved to opening ceremonies, junior breeder



New produce-of-dam class offered

Each exhibitor can enter one dam represented by only two bred-and-owned progeny, excluding steers.

State groups to headline opening ceremonies

There will be two divisions of any combination of steers, heifers or bulls acceptable. There may be only one group per state.

Large state division – 25 head or more entered by state.

Five animals from one state, owned by three or more exhibitors and representing not more than two animals per exhibitor.

Small state division – less than 25 head entered by state.

Three animals from one state, owned by two or more exhibitors and representing not more than two animals per exhibitor.

group of three, adult breeder group of three are also on tap for opening ceremonies.

New produce-of-dam class offered

With a continuous growth in the size of our event, we decided to remove female get-of-sire from the group class show. In replacement of female get-of-sire we are introducing a produce-of-dam class in its

place. This allows junior breeders to showcase a cow in their operation by representing her with two bred-and-owned progeny. This is something new and exciting that will allow juniors to become more involved in the group class show. We are exciting about seeing everyone in Grand Island this summer and hoping for a record turnout. ◀



Thank you to Rick and Bonnie Coley-Malir for hosting the junior board during its spring board meeting in Ohio. We are very fortunate to have such great support systems in the Hereford breed.



The NJHA board of directors, along with other junior beef organization boards, gathered in Ohio for the 2018 Youth Beef Industry Congress.

Introducing the Hereford Pen-to-Pen Program

by Mason Blinson

When I attended my first Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), I wanted to get really involved. I participated in speech contests, Hereford Idol, photo contests, poster contests and many more. However, my favorite thing I was involved in was definitely the mentor-protege program. This program was what made me love the JNHE. I had something fun to do all week, I was inspired to get more involved in the Hereford breed and I got to meet so many people.

The mentor-protege program was great for many years and, as a junior board, we have decided to bring it back better than ever. This year at the JNHE, we will be reintroducing the mentor-protege program as the Hereford Pen-to-Pen program. We will be taking the industry from the livestock "pens" to communicating through writing "pens." This will be something that goes on during the JNHE as well as the rest of the year. During the JNHE, a mentor and protege will be paired and there will be activities throughout the week like scavenger hunts, fun crafts and more. However, the big difference this year is that you will not only be getting a friend for a week, but you will also have a pen pal for the rest of the year. It is always a great feeling to get something in the mail and we think that this will be a great reminder throughout the year that you are part of the best breed in the best industry with the best people.

When I was a protege, I was introduced to many of the National Junior Hereford Association's (NJHA) board members and I got to do activities with them all week. After interacting with them for just that short week, I wanted to be involved like

them and participate in all of the activities and contests they were a part of. That week of the JNHE was the first time I was able to meet the board and it was a major factor in why I wanted to run for the junior board when I was older. The Hereford Pen-to-Pen program will be a great way for juniors to get inspired and to get involved. It is so important to get involved in the new Hereford Pen-to-Pen program as it allows all participants to build lasting relationships.

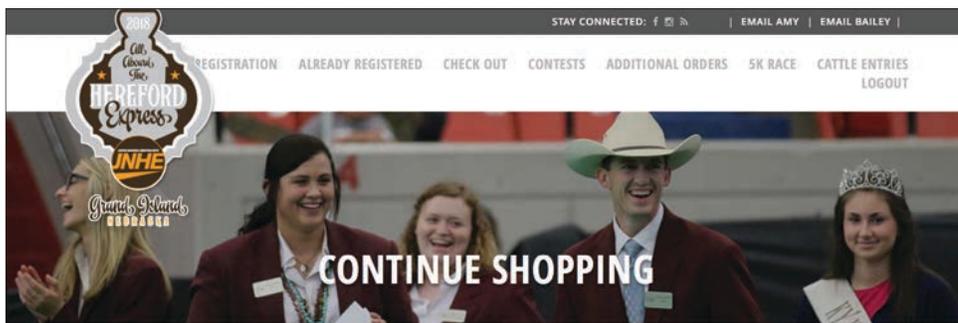
The best part about the Hereford breed is the Hereford family. I have grown so close with people all over the country because we share a common passion for the cattle industry. That is what the Hereford Pen-to-Pen program is all about. When someone is attending one of their first junior national shows, it is so important that they feel welcomed with open arms and that they feel confident that the people they meet will be resources for the rest of their lives. The relationships made through the Hereford Pen-to-Pen program are like no other. I know of a mentor-protege pair who have been friends for over ten years and they always catch up at cattle shows and stay close through social media. They have built relationships with each other's families and recently the mentor needed a place to stay while on the road and they were welcomed with open arms to break up the long trip. I met a past board member of mine, Kelsey Stimpson, through this program when we were both serving as mentors. It was so



nice to go onto the board knowing that we had shared that experience and would already be close because of it. Another relationship I built through the mentor-protege program was with sweet little

Emily and I am so honored that I got to be her mentor. We got to walk around and do a giant scavenger hunt where she got to meet all kinds of people from across the United States. We got to explore all around the grounds and were both able to have a very memorable JNHE. To this day, we always make sure to find each other at any show, we catch up with school and activities and our moms are always taking an annual photo of us together. I know I will always have Emily and her family as friends; they are a big part of my Hereford family and that is all due to this program. There have been so many relationships like this made throughout the years and I cannot wait to see what is in store for the Hereford Pen-to-Pen program. ◀





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- [Rules & Health Regulations Contests & Education](#)
- [Hereford Headlines Facility & Hotel](#)
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Unveiling the **New** and **Improved** JNHE Entry Site

by Rylee Barber

The time has come to start preparing for the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). Everyone is getting ready to pack the trailer, pack the show box, wash all the calves and with that you can wash away our old JNHE entry site. Yes, we have a brand new shiny entry site that is more user and mobile friendly. We have tried to incorporate everyone's suggestions and make the entry process as simple as possible. This new site has been designed specifically with ease in mind. From one page to the next it is simpler than ever to sign up for the contest you want, how many meal tickets you need, to making sure all your cattle are entered correctly.

The site is broken up into 5 different pages: personal information, contests, additional orders, 5K race and cattle entries. Once you have entered all the personal data, this is where the new site really comes in handy. Rather than scrolling through everything on the old site you can click on a certain page to find exactly what you need.

The first page you have the option to select after entering the personal data is the contest page. At the very top it provides a chart of all the different contests offered at JNHE and the age breaks for each division. If anyone is unsure what age category they fall under it is very easy to look up and make

sure it is correct. Under the contest page, exhibitors may sign up for showmanship, livestock judging, extemporaneous speech, pee-wee speech, individual sales, individual Grill-off and the Hereford Pen-to-Pen program. One check of a box is all it takes to enter a contest.

If you are an exhibitor who will show more than one day at JNHE and you might need an extra T-shirt or two you can click on over to the additional orders page. From there you can order extra T-shirts and any other extra opportunities you may want to participate in. Or if you are looking forward to our 5K race the most, we have a separate page for that.

CONTEST AGE BREAKS				
NJHA Age is based on January 1 of the current year				
Contest	Peewee	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Extemporaneous Speech	None	None	14-17	18-21
CHB Grill Off	-	7-21	-	-
Hereford Bowl	-	7-14	-	15-21
Illustrated Speech	7-9	10-13	14-17	18-21
Individual Sales	7-9	10-13	14-17	18-21
Judging Contest	7-9	10-13	14-17	18-21
Photo Contest	7-9	10-13	14-17	18-21
Promotional Poster	Up to 9	10-14	-	-
Showmanship	7-9	10-13	14-17	18-21
Pre-Pee-wee Showmanship	5-7	-	-	-
Team Fitting	7-9	10-14	-	15-21
Team Sales	7-9	10-13	14-17	-

SHOWMANSHIP	
I have previously signed up and/or I do not wish to participate in this contest.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I WOULD wish to participate.	
Showmanship (\$5 entry fee)(must sign up by June 1):	
<input type="button" value="Select One Showmanship Division"/>	

JUDGING	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have previously signed up and/or I do not wish to participate in this contest.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I WOULD wish to participate.	

All you need to enter is your name, age and T-shirt size and you are set to go.

Once everything else is taken care of, its time to get down to business. The last page option is where the cattle entries are made. The information that needs to be entered has not changed and is in the exact same format. You may enter up to three animals on a single page. After that, if you have more to enter, you can hit submit and it will clear the page and you can enter more cattle.

Once you have everything just how you like it, at the top of the page is a check out button. This will bring up your entire shopping cart and will show you what you have entered and what extras you want to purchase. This is your chance to double check everything and make sure you haven't forgotten anything.

If for some reason the plan changes along the way and you need to order extra T-shirts or enter another animal you can do so by selecting the "Already Registered" button on the home page and enter the exhibitor's member number in the search bar and the system will recognize what you have already entered and you can bypass the personal data page. You may keep adding to your order as long as it has not passed the entry deadline of June 3rd.

Another feature of the new site is the easy access links to all the extra information you need to know about JNHE. There are links to health guidelines, contest rules, schedules, hotel information, etc. We have tried to design the site so that any question you may have can be accessed with a few simple clicks.

This entry site is much smoother and easier to navigate than our last one. We have tried to improve it to fit everyone's needs. When it comes time to enter your cattle for the JNHE, if you have any difficulties please let Amy, Bailey or a junior board member know and we would love to help you. We are already looking forward to seeing all our Hereford family in Grand Island and jumping aboard the Hereford express. ◀

CATTLE ENTRY FORMS		
There WILL NOT be a 2017 calf division in the OWNED Female show.		
Earlybird Entry Fee - \$40		
Bedding Fee - \$40		
Heifers in both Break-and-Owned and Owned will be charged \$X Entry Fee and 1 Bedding Fee.		
Cow-Calf pairs will be charged 2x bedding fee for calf.		
If Calf is housed separately, no extra bedding fee applies.		
FREE CATTLE EXHIBITOR T-SHIRT		
Sure Champ will be sponsoring one free shirt to each exhibitor who enters cattle, additional t-shirts can be ordered on the next page.		
Size:	<input type="text" value="Adult M"/>	
Not Entry		
Class:	<input type="text" value="Select One Class"/>	
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2018 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo

Plan to attend "All Aboard the Hereford Express" in Grand Island, Neb., July 1-7.

Tentative schedule, subject to change:

Saturday, June 30

- 6 p.m. Cattle, sheep and swine barns open for setting up stalls — cattle may arrive into tie outs
- 6:30 p.m. National Hereford Women (NHW) board meeting, *Board Room*

Sunday, July 1

Cattle allowed in barns

- 8 a.m. Scholarship judges' breakfast, *Quilt Room*
- 8 a.m. NJHA director candidate interviews, *Board Room*
- 8:30 a.m. Scholarship interviews begin, *Sheep Barn*
- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. People registration — pick up goodie bags and exhibitor packets, *Show Office*
- Noon Illustrated speech, *Sheep Barn*
- Noon-3 p.m. Steer check-in, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- Noon-6 p.m. Breeding cattle check-in, *Five Points Bank Arena* — all cattle in barns by 5 p.m. and checked in by 6 p.m.
- 1 p.m. Hereford Pen-to-Pen program startup, *Quilt Room*
- 4 p.m. Queen's orientation, *Quilt Room*
- 6 p.m. State contest sign ups due electronically
- 7 p.m. Director candidate roundtable dinner, *Quilt Room*

Monday, July 2

- 7 a.m. JNHE 5K Race, *Fonner Park*
- 8 a.m. Hereford bowl written test, *Quilt Room*
- 9 a.m. Individual and team sales, *Sheep Barn*
- 11 a.m. Great American CHB Grill-off presentations, *Quilt Room*
- 1 p.m. NHW queen's tea, *Raising Nebraska*
- 5 p.m. Opening ceremonies and judging of group classes (produce-of-dam, adult breeder group of three, junior breeder group of three and state groups), *Five Points Bank Arena*

Followed by JNHE welcome dinner

Tuesday, July 3

- VitaFerm T-shirt day
- 8 a.m. Judging contest, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- 11 a.m. Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University fitting demonstration, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- 11 a.m. Extemporaneous speech contest (first preparation starts at 10:40 a.m.), *Sheep Barn*
- Noon Hereford bowl final "buzzer" round (top teams compete), *Quilt Room*
- 2 p.m. NHW annual meeting, *Foundation Club*
- 3 p.m. Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University team fitting contest, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- 4 p.m. Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Boot Camp, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- 6 p.m. NJHA membership meeting — election of board members, *Quilt Room*

Wednesday, July 4

- 8 a.m. Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University national showmanship contest, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- Ring 1: senior, intermediate and senior finals*
- Ring 2: junior, peewee and pre-peewee*
- Prior to senior finals Sure Champ Nutritional Clinic, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- 7 p.m. Celebrate the 4th state tailgate party, *in front of Swine Barn*

Thursday, July 5

- 8 a.m. Cow-calf pairs, bred-and-owned heifers, *Ring 1: Five Points Bank Arena*
- 10 a.m. Bred-and-owned bulls, steers, *Ring 2: Five Points Bank Arena*
- 5-7 p.m. Awards night dinner, *Pinnacle Bank Expo Center*
- 7 p.m. Awards night presentations, *Five Points Bank Arena*

Friday, July 6

- 8 a.m. Begin owned heifer show, *Five Points Bank Arena*
- Noon Silent auction closes, *Pinnacle Bank Expo Center*

Saturday, July 7

- 8 a.m. Resume owned heifer show, *Five Points Bank Arena*





Advisor of the Year Award

This award recognizes one of the most important groups of people contributing to the success of the state associations and ultimately the success of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA). Each state junior Hereford association is encouraged to nominate its advisor(s).

Ed Bible Memorial Scholarship

An NHW-sponsored college scholarship honoring Ed Bible. Ed served as director of the American Polled Hereford Association's (APHA) communication program and later vice president, communication director and editor of the *Hereford World* when the APHA and American Hereford Association (AHA) merged. He was a leader of both the National Agri-Marketing Association and the Livestock Publications Council. Ed Bible died in 1998.

Charles E. Boyd Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Charles E. Boyd Sr. was a third generation Hereford breeder that mentored youth in the agriculture industry. Throughout his lifetime, he was recognized on local, state, and national levels for his accomplishments. He was a prominent beef cattle judge at all major livestock shows and exhibited several International and National Champion Hereford cattle.

Determination, hard work, and honesty were qualities he not only passed down to his family, but to those that he helped along the way. He was never too busy to share his knowledge in the areas of feeding and breeding high quality polled Herefords. Selflessly giving to others without recognition is how he lived his life. His service to the agriculture industry has influenced young people and their families for many years. The Charles E. Boyd Sr. Scholarship will continue to help young people in the Hereford breed who plan to go to college and pursue a degree in agriculture.

Extemporaneous Speech Contest

This contest is designed to develop the ability of all NJHA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed their speeches in advance; therefore, NJHA members must formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited time, which is 3-7 minutes in length. Two divisions: intermediate (14-17) and senior (18-21) as of Jan. 1.

Golden Bull Achievement Award

A bronze bull model from the AHA and the NJHA and a cash stipend from the HYFA and the NHW are awarded to four junior members, 18 years of age as of Jan. 1.

Golden Pitchfork Award

This award will be presented to one state association during the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). The Golden Pitchfork Award was developed to encourage junior exhibitors to work together in the display of their cattle, as well as to create state pride during the JNHE. It is presented to a state association that displays a combination of cleanliness, uniformity in stalling (such as exhibitor cards, panels, etc.) and additional decoration of the area representing the state.

Great American CHB Grill-off

Hereford chefs of all ages should bring their imaginations, aprons, Certified Hereford Beef® (CHB) recipes and creativity for food preparation to the Great American CHB Grill-off this summer. CHB LLC co-sponsors the grill-off with the NHW. CHB LLC is excited to participate in this great event and is requiring that all contestants use CHB in their recipes. CHB LLC will provide approximately 2 lb. of meat per team. Each team will pick one of the following items:

- 85% Ground Beef
- Flat Iron
- Sirloin

Herdsmen of the Year Award

This award will be presented to one NJHA member during the JNHE. A nomination committee will observe exhibitors throughout the week and nominate individuals accordingly. The nominees' fellow exhibitors will make the final selection during a ballot vote.

Hereford Herdsman Scholarship

Sponsored by HYFA in cooperation with Hereford herdsman, the Hereford Herdsman Scholarship honors young men and women who take great pride in exhibiting and presenting their Hereford cattle at junior Hereford events.

Hereford Bowl

The primary objectives of the Hereford Bowl are to allow NJHA members to demonstrate their knowledge of Hereford cattle to show good sportsmanship and to provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators in a quiz bowl format.

NEW

Hereford Pen-to-Pen Program

A new event at JNHE that focuses on bringing together Hereford youth of all ages from all over the country. This program will serve as a year-long mentor-protégé program and will help to develop our youth by giving them the opportunity to lead, learn and grow.

Illustrated Speech Contest

Sponsored by the NHW in cooperation with the NJHA, the contest's objectives are to develop character and leadership in Hereford youth while stressing education to stimulate and promote interest in the beef industry and to project Herefords in a positive light. There is no specific topic; however, speeches must relate to the beef cattle industry. Monetary awards for the top three placings of the junior, intermediate and senior divisions.

Individual Sales Contest

A sister contest to team sales, individual sales allows an individual junior to do the selling. The goal of this contest is to give juniors a glimpse at a real life situation of selling an animal, semen, embryo packages or any agricultural related product. Animals are not allowed in this contest, however, participants may use visual aids and juniors will directly sell the product to a panel. Divisions: peewee, junior, intermediate and senior.

John Wayne Memorial Scholarship

The HYFA and the NHW award two college scholarships to an NJHA member who makes outstanding contributions to agriculture and the Hereford industry. Not only was John Wayne (and is) an icon of Hollywood and of timeless movies, he was a Hereford breeder. He owned the 26 Bar Ranch and feedlot in Arizona. The NHW honors John Wayne and his patriotism, courage, integrity and talent by awarding this scholarship annually to an NJHA member.

Judging Contest

Contestants can compete individually as peewees, juniors, seniors or in the open division and will place four classes of cattle with questions on two of the classes. Awards will be given to the top three teams and high individuals in each division.

Junior Golden Bull Award

Junior Golden Bull awards will be presented during the JNHE. The award is a Junior Golden Bull bronze trophy and is sponsored

by the NHW and the NJHA. This award recognizes younger members of the NJHA who are becoming active in Hereford activities and to begin resume-building for their future scholarship awards.

Junior Merit Award

Sponsored by American Livestock Inc., the Junior Merit Award is designed to recognize outstanding college-age junior members and to provide them with further higher-education opportunities. The award encourages individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, excellence, leadership and achievement and singles out those who are promising Hereford breeders and beef industry members. American Livestock sponsors a Hereford trip to the top recipient.

NHW Heifer Award

The NHW Heifer Award is presented annually following the opening ceremonies. Every age-eligible NJHA member in attendance at the JNHE can enter the that precedes the opening ceremonies. One junior receives a \$1,500 credit towards the purchase of a heifer from a participating Hereford breeder who graciously donates this credit. It must be used within one year of winning the credit.

Outstanding State Member

One junior member in each state with junior participants at the JNHE will receive this award. Awards are made in cooperation with state junior associations. Judging of individuals should be based on sportsmanship, cooperation with fellow participants/guests, attitude and work habits. Individual states will conduct their own counting of votes and relay the state winner's name to the NJHA board of directors on official ballots.

Peewee Speech Contest

Peewee speech is strictly a participation activity for NJHA members up to 9 years of age. The NHW, in cooperation with NJHA, are sponsors.

Photography Contest

Photographs should include Herefords or an activity related to Herefords. This contest is sponsored by the NJHA and *Hereford World* and offers several different categories for entries. Note there are new divisions this year, visit JHereford.org for the updated rules.

Poll-ette Founders Scholarship

This scholarship honors the women who laid the foundation for the National Organization of Poll-ettes (NOP). Two scholarships are awarded to NJHA members to continue financing their educations.

Promotional Poster Contest

Poster contest will be offered only to peewee and junior competitors. Sponsored by the NJHA, this contest is intended to promote the 2018 JNHE in Grand Island, Neb.

Prospect Award

The NHW and the NJHA sponsor this award. One Prospect Award for each grade, levels 3-8, will be presented at the JNHE. This is an introduction of learning to apply for awards and is designed to encourage all NJHA members to start building experiences and to record them.

Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Showmanship Contest

Contestants are judged on appearance and showmanship ability except for the final round of the senior division, where animal grooming is also evaluated. Divisions are peewee, peewee, junior, intermediate and senior. Youth do not have to show their own animal except for peeweers, who must show their own or one owned by an immediate family member. The animals exhibited in the contest must be entered in the JNHE. There is a \$5 entry fee and all contestants must pre-enter by June 1. Pre-peewee contestants must be 5-7 years old.

Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University Team Fitting Contest

All contestants must be members of the NJHA as well as members of the state junior association they are representing. The three-member teams should be made up of at least one peewee, one junior and one senior. Teams will have 45 minutes to fit their heifers for a panel of judges. Each team must provide its own animal and supplies.

GKB Super States Award

Sponsored by GKB Cattle this contest was designed to reward the state junior associations for its members' involvement in the contests and exhibition of their cattle throughout the week at JNHE. There will be two divisions based on the number of cattle that are physically entered at the JNHE. The divisions are: Division 1) Less than 25 head; Division 2) 25 head or more. Points are awarded to the top three placings of the individuals or teams.

Team Sales Contest

The objective of this contest is to encourage team participation while promoting the importance of communication skills, marketing technique and an understanding of performance and pedigree information. Each state may enter one junior and one senior team consisting of three members. Each team will try to convince the judges that they should purchase the team's entry by discussing pedigree and performance information, as well as visual characteristics. Divisions: peewee, junior and intermediate.

Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial High Point Senior Award

The Walter and Joe Lewis Memorial Award is one of the most coveted awards a senior member can win at the JNHE. The high point senior competitor at JNHE is recognized for achievement in leadership, teamwork, skills and competition. Selection of the award winner relies on a point system for participation in junior programs and activities. ◀



2018 JNHE Judges

Bred-and-owned heifers and cow-calf pairs

Chris Mullinix, Manhattan, Kan.

Owned heifers

Scott Schaake, Westmoreland, Kan.

Associate: **John Mrozinski**, Marion, Kan.

Bred-and-Owned Bulls and steers

Ryan Rathmann, Lubbock, Texas

Peewee and junior showmanship

Brady Jensen, Brookings, S.D., and

Cody Beck, Stillwater, Okla.

Senior and intermediate showmanship

Jon and Melissa Davis, Bidwell, Ohio ◀



2018 JNHE Health Requirements

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

All cattle entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a current CVI and shall be identified on the CVI. CVIs must list the Nebraska State Fair as consignee.

Each CVI must:

- Be issued by an accredited licensed vet
- Show name and address of owner or exhibitor
- Show all required tests and/or vaccinations
- Be issued within 30 days of the exhibition

General Health Requirements for all Animals

- 1) Representatives of the State Veterinarian's Office will be in attendance to verify CVIs.
- 2) Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
- 3) Only animals not showing sign of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.
- 4) Animals that have active ringworm, lesions, visible warts, dermatitis or abscesses will not be allowed entry into the Nebraska State Fairgrounds for exhibition.
- 5) The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun re-growth in the area and is so stated on the CVI.
- 6) All animals entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds will be subject to examination by a veterinarian or a representative of the State Veterinarian's Office upon arrival or during the show. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases may be immediately withdrawn from the show and held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered or until properly released to return to owner's premises following treatment.
- 7) Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-on inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- 8) Any animals that are sold or staying in Nebraska after exhibition must meet Nebraska import requirements. For information, call the Bureau of Animal Industry at 402-471-2351

** If Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) is detected in Nebraska or any other state, additional requirements may be put in place.

Nebraska Origin Beef Cattle

- 1) Tuberculosis – no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- 2) Brucellosis – no test required to exhibit. Must be from a herd not under quarantine.
- 3) Trichomoniasis – no test required.

Out-of-State Origin Beef Cattle

- 1) Tuberculosis:
 - a. Accredited Free States or Zones:
 - a) no test required
 - b. Modified Accredited States or Zones: Beef cattle which originate from a herd not under quarantine for Tuberculosis shall:
 - b) Originate from a TB accredited herd, with the accredited herd number listed on the CVI
 - 1) Have obtained a permit for entry
 - 2) Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI
 - 3) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to entry
 - c) Originated from a herd which has tested negative to an official whole herd tuberculin test within 365 days prior to entry and shall:
 - 1) Have obtained a permit for entry
 - 2) Be individually identified with the identification listed on the CVI
 - 3) Have tested negative to an official tuberculin test within 60 days prior to entry
- 2) Brucellosis
 - c. Class-Free States: no test required. Must be from a herd not under quarantine
- 3) Trichomoniasis
 - d. Cattle entering Nebraska for exhibition purposes are exempt from the requirements of the "Nebraska Amended Trichomoniasis Import Order." Animals remaining in Nebraska for any reason, other than slaughter, after exhibition, shall meet the requirements of the Order.

**For questions regarding the order please contact the Nebraska Dept. of Ag, Bureau of Animal Industry at 402-471-2351



2018 JNHE Lodging

Hotels

Boarders Inn & Suites by Cobblestone

3333 Ramada Rd., Grand Island, NE 68801
Phone: 308-384-5150

Camping

Fonner Park

700 E. Stolley Park Rd., Grand Island, NE 68801
For information on RV parking, please call 308-382-1620.

**NATIONAL
JUNIOR
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HEREFORD
EXPO**

**Monday, July 2, at 7 a.m.
at Fonner Park**

**Register online at *HerefordJuniorNational.com* — \$30 pre-register • \$40 day of race
Proceeds to benefit the Hereford Youth Foundation of America**



2018 JNHE Rules and Regulations

ENTRY INFORMATION:

- Online entry site: HerefordJuniorNational.com
- All steers showing at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) must be registered by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and out of a registered sire and dam. ALL steers must have a DNA profile on file at the AHA at the time of entry. No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers.
- The online entry system will not work without a registration number, so please plan ahead to ensure registrations and transfers are handled in advance of the May 1 and June 3 deadlines. **"PENDING" or "APPLIED FOR" will not, under any circumstances, be accepted online in the registration column. YOU MUST have a registration number before completing online entry. This includes calves on the side of cows for the cow-calf pair show.**
- Please be sure to indicate whether your heifer(s) will show in the owned show, the bred-and-owned show, or both. Heifers exhibited in both shows will require two entry fees and one bedding fee.
- All entries and additional orders must be submitted through HerefordJuniorNational.com. Sure Champ will be sponsoring one free shirt to each exhibitor; additional shirts are \$20. You will be able to order meal tickets, extra T-shirts, and showmanship entries via the online system till June 3.

BARN AND TIE OUT POLICIES:

- 1) Porta Cool Units WILL NOT BE allowed in the barns or in the tie out areas. It was the decision of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) Board to no longer allow Porta Cool Units due to the space issues in the barns.
- 2) No tents will be allowed in tie outs.
- 3) No need to arrive early and mark tie outs since tie outs will be pre-assigned by state and marked by state advisors. All cattle will be tied on the panels provided in the tie out area and NO INDIVIDUAL PENS will be built in tie outs. We appreciate your cooperation with this and your help ensuring everyone has adequate space in tie outs.
- 4) No generators inside the barns.

STALLING POLICY:

- NO HEREFORD cattle will be allowed on the grounds, in tie outs or in the barns to begin stall set-up until 6 p.m., Saturday, June 30. NO CATTLE will be allowed in the barns until Sunday, July 1. You will be stalled by state in the barn and advisors are in charge of stalling assignments within each state. **We ask that exhibitors do not set up stalls prior to your state advisor assigning the stall space. The state advisors will have final say in stalling for each state, so we ask that everyone cooperate with this stalling process in order to get the week off to a good start.**

- ALL CATTLE EXHIBITING AT THE JNHE MUST BE STALLED WITH THE STATE THE JUNIOR EXHIBITOR IS FROM. If under special circumstances the case arises that the junior exhibitor is competing with a different state association, it must be specified at the time of entry, no exceptions.

GENERAL RULES:

- 1) Exhibitor must be 7 years old and not 22 years old by Jan. 1, 2018, and a member of the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA). Dues are \$15 and must be paid prior to entry. Membership forms may be downloaded at JrHereford.org
- 2) All animals must be registered with the AHA.
- 3) Each entry, except in the bred-and-owned bull show must be owned solely by the junior exhibitor(s) and in his/her recorded ownership before **June 3**. Siblings may jointly own animals, provided both are members of the NJHA and meet NJHA age requirements. No animal is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership (other than the sibling rule and bred-and-owned bull rule), and no joint ownership with farm name or family name.
- 4) Horned or de-horned animals are eligible for the horned owned breeding show; polled cattle or cattle with scurs are eligible for the polled owned breeding show. Horned and polled cow-calf pairs, steers, bred-and-owned bulls and bred-and-owned heifers will show together in their respective shows. Scurs, if present, must be loose and not firmly attached to the head; they must not be removed or tampered with.
- 5) **EARLY BIRD ONLINE ENTRY FEE IS \$40 PER ENTRY.** ONLINE ENTRIES processed by June 3 are \$60 per head. A onetime bedding fee per entry is \$60 and this includes bedding for tie outs.
- 6) **Final Entry and Ownership Deadline is June 3.** All animals must be registered and transferred prior to the June 3 entry and ownership deadline date. No late transfers or entries will be accepted. Entries with "pending" listed, as the registration number will not be accepted and entry will be refused. This includes calves showing on the sides of cows in the cow-calf pair show. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 7) All cattle must be in place in the barn by 5 p.m., Sunday, July 1. Steers must be processed by 3 p.m., Sunday, July 1, and breeding cattle must be processed by 6 p.m., Sunday, July 1.
- 8) Original registration certificate must be presented at check-in. All animals will have tattoos checked unless the original registration paper has been stamped VERIFIED by an AHA staff member. Tattoos that are missing, illegible, altered, incorrect and/or in any other way disagree with the official AHA records will be justifiable cause for disqualification of entry. **Check tattoos well before leaving for the JNHE.**
- 9) Entries must meet Nebraska health regulations. All animals must have an official health certificate. Refer to Nebraska health requirements at JrHereford.org.
- 10) Exhibitor must show his/her own animals. Only exhibitors who are in attendance at the JNHE and are physically unable to show the animals due to illness or injury will be excused. In the case of extenuating circumstances, the family must come to the NJHA board and AHA Youth Director, in which case, the board of directors and AHA Youth Director have sole discretion as to whether the animal may be shown by a substitute showman. Owner may secure another junior member to show his/her animals if excused or if exhibitor has more than one entry in the same class. It is recommended that if you have more than one animal being shown in a class you utilize a fellow junior from your own state to assist. No adult or fellow junior may assist exhibitor in showing.
- 11) Exhibitor must wear official show shirt in both showmanship and in the entire cattle show along with entry numbers on chest and back. Additional show shirts may be purchased for \$20.
- 12) Exhibitor must follow AHA fitting rules as stated in the official "Show Rules and Classifications" of the AHA.
- 13) State herdsmanship (neatness, decoration, workmanship and cooperation) will be judged.
- 14) If all requirements aren't met, the NJHA Board and Youth Director reserve the right to disqualify any entry.
- 15) All persons making entries in the show shall agree to abide by all the rules and regulations as outlined and will not hold the American Hereford Association or the 2018 Junior National Hereford Expo organizers responsible for accident, loss or injury to any person, animal or article.
- 16) **No farm signs or videos may be displayed at the stalls.** Family signs may be displayed if junior exhibitor(s) names are included.
- 17) There will be five showmanship divisions: pre-peewee, peewee, junior, intermediate and senior. All contestants must pre-enter by June 3. There will be no entries accepted at the show. The entry fee is \$5.
- 18) Calves at the side of cow-calf pairs may show in separate heifer or bull shows, however, additional entry fees will apply. If the calf is not showing separately an additional \$60 bedding fee applies.
- 19) Breeding cattle will not be weighed or measured.
- 20) The most current EPDs will be used. EPDs for breeding cattle will be provided to the judge for him/her to use at their discretion. Junior members will only have EPDs if they are compliant with Whole Herd TPR or purchased an animal from a Whole Herd TPR breeder. If you feel that you are not compliant with Whole Herd TPR, please call the AHA records department immediately.

- 21) Steers will be weighed and ultrasounded at processing. This data will be used when breaking classes and will be provided to the judge.
- 22) Steers will be exhibited by weight.
- 23) A carcass evaluation competition will be held in conjunction with the steer show, with carcass information gathered on live steers through ultrasound.
- 24) Horned and polled owned heifers will be shown separately, alternating at the divisions. Horned and polled bred-and-owned heifers will show together in one show, with one grand champion bred-and-owned heifer. Bred-and-owned heifers may also enter the owned show, but must indicate this on the entry form and must pay an additional entry fee.
- 25) Due to Fonner Park regulations and safety of exhibitors **NO DOGS** will be allowed on the grounds, in the tie outs, in the barns or in the Five Points Bank Area with the exception of service animals with proper identification.
- 26) Any animal a junior enters may be used in the team-fitting competition and/or be asked to be used in the judging contest.
- 27) When entering contests be sure to use your age as of Jan. 1 of the current year.
- 28) At the JNHE, the exhibitor of any animal that wins competition shall, promptly after the announcement that such animal has won such competition, permit the Association to secure a DNA sample from such animal. Please see Rule 4 of Section VII of the Association rules and regulations for how DNA testing is handled.
- 29) It is a policy of the NJHA board of directors that if an animal gets loose in the showing, an exhibitor will be given two chances to regain control of said animal throughout the duration of that particular show. After the third instance exhibitor and animal will be dismissed from the showing by an NJHA board member or AHA staff member
- 30) Only Junior National Hereford Expo exhibitors are allowed to show animals in the showing. This includes ALL special classes.

CLASS BREAK RULES

- 1) Class breaks are based on the AHA classifications for national shows, except for steers classes which will be split by weight.
- 2) There WILL NOT be a 2018 calf division in the OWNED female show.
- 3) If the number of entries warrant, classes will be divided.
- 4) Division breaks will be decided after all entries are processed.

SPECIAL COW-CALF RULES

- 1) Cows born prior to Aug. 1, 2016. No maximum age for cows. Calf must be her natural calf, no more than 270 days in age as of the day of the show. Calves must be born on or after Oct. 8, 2017. There will be a bred-and-owned cow-calf class and standard cow-calf classes. Winners of the bred-and-owned and standard classes will compete for champion pair.

- 2) Polled and horned pairs will be combined in one cow-calf show.
- 3) Bred-and-owned cow-calf class – Exhibitor must be the breeder and owner of both the cow and calf. The same cow-calf pair may not show in both the bred-and-owned and standard cow-calf classes.
- 4) Standard cow-calf classes – Exhibitor must be the breeder of the calf, and must have been the recorded owner of the cow at the time of conception.
- 5) Bull and heifer calves on cow-calf pairs are eligible to show in individual classes. They must be entered individually and pay the additional entry fee. The bred-and-owned bull show ownership rules apply to bull calves in the cow-calf show.
- 6) There will be no nurse cows allowed in the cow-calf pair show or stalled in the barns.
- 7) All calves on the side of cow-calf pairs MUST be registered and tattooed.

BRED-AND-OWNED SHOW RULES

- 1) To be eligible for the bred-and-owned show, the exhibitor(s) must have owned the entry's dam at the time of conception and must be listed as the breeder and original owner on the registration certificate.
- 2) Bred-and-owned heifers calved after Aug. 1, 2016 are eligible.
- 3) Bred-and-owned heifers may also show in the owned show. An additional entry fee will be charged.
- 4) Horned and polled bred-and-owned heifers will show together.
- 5) Bred-and-owned bulls calved after Aug. 1, 2016 are eligible. There will not be a class for 2-year-old bulls.
- 6) Horned and polled bulls will show together.
- 7) Bred-and-owned bulls must have been bred by the junior member/exhibitor, but may be owned jointly with an adult/farm, provided that the junior/exhibitor is the sole breeder, original owner and is officially recorded as a current owner of that bull.
- 8) All bulls calved before Jan. 1, 2018, must be shown with a nose lead

STEER RULES

- 1) All steers showing at the Junior National Hereford Expo must be registered by the American Hereford Association and out of a registered sire and dam. **All steers must have a DNA profile on file at the AHA at the time of entry.** No steer certificates will be accepted, only registration papers.
- 2) Steer classes will be divided by weight. Classes will be determined after check-in. **There will NOT be a separate prospect steer show.**

ULTRASOUND CARCASS STEER RULES

- 1) All steers are automatically entered in the carcass evaluation without further entry fee.
- 2) Carcass information will be gathered on live steers during processing through the use of ultrasound technology. Steers will first compete in the visual show, with champions

selected. Following the visual steer show, the top 10 steers in the carcass evaluation will be announced.

SPECIAL CLASSES

- 1) **State Groups** – Two divisions of any combination of steers, heifers or bulls is acceptable. There may be only one group per state.
 - **Large state division – 25 head or more entered by state.**
Five animals from one state, owned by three or more exhibitors and representing not more than two animals per exhibitor.
 - **Small state division – less than 25 head entered by state.**
Three animals from one state, owned by two or more exhibitors and representing not more than two animals per exhibitor.
- 2) **Junior Breeder Group of Three** – Three animals bred by the same junior breeder as designated on the registration paper. No steers are allowed.
- 3) **Adult Breeder Group of Three** – Three animals bred by the same adult breeder as designated on the registration paper. No steers are allowed.
- 4) **Produce-of-Dam** – Each exhibitor can enter one group consisting of two bred-and-owned progeny representing one dam. No steers are allowed.
- 5) **Premier Adult and Junior Breeder** – Award points are computed from winnings in breeding animal Classes: 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, and 1 point for 5th place. Points are given only for individual classes; no points for champions or groups. The Senior Premier Breeder Award is given to the adult or farm with the top point total. The Junior Premier Breeder Award is given to the junior member with the top point total, regardless to the number exhibited. Computed the same as the National Hereford Open Shows.
- 6) **Premier Exhibitor** – Award points are computed from winnings in breeding animal Classes: 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, and 1 point for 5th place. Points are given only for individual classes; no points for champions or groups. The Premier Exhibitor Award is given to the junior with the top point total, regardless of the number exhibited. Computed the same as the National Hereford Open Shows.

CONDUCT

The JNHE is a family event. Any false representation, interference or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any attendee will be dealt with by AHA staff according to the equities of the case. If any attendee interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the show, the JNHE may withhold any awards or take any other steps deemed desirable. ◀

NJHA Dates and Deadlines

Note: NO late entries or applications will be accepted after the deadline date.

- May 1** Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) early bird online entry deadline (No paper entries will be accepted.)
- June 1** Advisor of the Year Award nominations due
NJHA board candidate application deadline on hereford.myreviewroom.com
Photo contest entries due to njhaphotos@yahoo.com
- June 3** **JNHE final online entry, ownership and showmanship deadline** (Online only! No late entries accepted.)
Showmanship and pre-peewee showmanship entry deadline
- June 15** Early bird Faces of Leadership registration online at JrHereford.org
Extemporaneous Speaking Contest entries due at HerefordJuniorNational.com
Great American CHB Grill-off recipes and entries due
Hereford Pen-to-Pen program entries due
- June 15** Illustrated Speech Contest applications due
Individual Sales Contest entries due at HerefordJuniorNational.com
Peewee Speech Contest applications due at HerefordJuniorNational.com
Promotional Poster Contest entries due (if unable to attend the JNHE)
- July 1-7** Junior National Hereford Expo, Grand Island, Neb.
- July 15** Final Faces of Leadership registration deadline (may sign up in the office at JNHE)
- Aug. 1-4** Faces of Leadership Conference, San Francisco, Calif.
- Sept. 1** HYFA scholarship applications due
- Nov. 17-25** NJHA Fed Steer Shootout delivery to Gregory Feedlots Inc., Tabor, Iowa

2018 JNHE Important Updates

- ⇒ **NO HEREFORD cattle, exhibitors or advisors will be allowed on the grounds or in tie outs until 6 p.m., Saturday, June 30.**
- ⇒ **NO CATTLE will be allowed in the barns until Sunday morning, July 1.**
- ⇒ **No porta cool units allowed in the barns or tie outs.**
- ⇒ **No pens or tents allowed in tie outs.**
- ⇒ **There will not be a class for 2018-born calves in the owned show.**

Regional and State Junior Hereford Shows

(this is the information available at press time, more detailed information may be found at JrHereford.org and on the NJHA Facebook page)

April

27-29 Northwest Regional Jr. Show, John Day, Ore.

May

4-6 The Big E Jr. Show, W. Springfield, Mass.
4-6 Washington State Jr. Show, Chehalis
12-13 Maryland Jr. Hereford Preview Show, Gaithersburg
19 Pennsylvania Jr. Show, Martinsburg
25-27 Kansas Jr. Show, Manhattan
26-27 Southwest Regional Jr. Show, Turlock, Calif.

June

1-2 Kentucky Jr. Hereford Show, Horse Cave
1-3 Wisconsin Jr. Preview Show, Jefferson
1-3 Nebraska Jr. Show, Kearney

7-9 Southwestern Regional Jr. Show, Stillwater, Okla.
8-9 Ohio Buckeye Jr. Hereford Assn. Premier Show, Wooster
8-9 South Dakota Jr. Hereford Field Days, Winner
8-10 Indiana Jr. Preview Show, Danville
8-10 Missouri Jr. State Show, Sedalia
9-10 Idaho State Jr. Show, Bruneau
9-10 Wyoming Jr. Show, Torrington
10 Eastern Ohio Hereford Assn. Jr. Show, Wooster
13-16 Texas Jr. State Show, Belton
14-15 Georgia Jr. Hereford Assn. Field Day, Perry
15-16 Southeast Regional Jr. Hereford Show, Perry, Ga.
15-17 Illinois Jr. Preview Show, Altamont
16-17 Iowa Jr. Preview Show, Manchester
22-24 Midwest Classic Jr. Hereford Preview Show, Pipestone, Minn.