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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*



# All Aboard The HEREFORD Express



Plan to attend the 2018 Junior National Hereford Expo in Grand Island, Neb.

The National Junior Hereford Association's (NJHA) biggest event of the year is fast approaching. This year's Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), "All

Aboard the Hereford Express," July 1-7 in Grand Island, Neb., will again be a premier Hereford family experience.

Hereford youth looking for the latest information on contests

and scholarships can visit [Hereford.org/youth](http://Hereford.org/youth) to find rules, entry deadlines and applications.

JNHE entry packets, including the spring *The Advantage* newsletter, were mailed to all active NJHA members in early April.

#### Online entries

New this year — youth must submit all entries online at [HerefordJuniorNational.com](http://HerefordJuniorNational.com). The final entry deadline is June 3, and the early bird deadline is May 1. The early bird online entry fee is \$40 per entry, and entries submitted after the early bird deadline by June 3 are \$60. A one-time bedding fee per entry is \$60 and includes bedding for tie-outs.

**NEW**

#### Stalling policy

Porta Cool Units will not be allowed in the barns or in the tie-out areas. No tents will be allowed in tie-outs.

Tie-outs will be preassigned 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. No generators are allowed inside the barns.

#### State group class changes

State group classes will headline the 2018 JNHE during opening ceremonies at 5 p.m., Monday, July 2. New this year — the state group class

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State group classes will represent each state during opening ceremonies at this year's JNHE.

will have two divisions: large state division and 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 for states with less than 25 head entered and will be represented by a group of three during opening ceremonies. Grand and reserve state group will be selected in each division.

Along with the state group classes, junior breeder group of three and adult breeder group of three will take place Monday evening.

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

- Must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition

For more information visit [nda.nebraska.gov/animal/imports/index.html](http://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/imports/index.html).

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### New produce-of-dam class offered

New in 2018 — the JNHE will offer a produce-of-dam class in place of the female get-of-sire class.

Junior breeders can showcase a cow in their operation by representing her with two bred-and-owned progeny, excluding steers.

### Health policy

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

### New JNHE entry site

Youth visiting [HerefordJuniorNational.com](http://HerefordJuniorNational.com) to enter for the JNHE will find a new and improved entry site. Now mobile-friendly, this site is broken into five pages: personal information, contests, additional orders, 5K race and cattle entries.

For more details on the new site, check out Page 15 of the *The Advantage* newsletter mailed to NJHA members or online at [Hereford.org/youth/njha/advantage-newsletter](http://Hereford.org/youth/njha/advantage-newsletter).

### June 1 contest deadline

Show off your photography skills and creative eye by participating in the NJHA/Hereford World photo contest. Photo categories include Hereford cattle, Hereford people and Hereford enhanced. The entry deadline is June 1.

### June 3 contest deadline

Put your showmanship talent to the test by participating in the Sullivan Supply/Stock Show University national showmanship contest. The showmanship and pre-peewee showmanship entry deadline is June 3.

The main objective of the showmanship contest is to evaluate youth on their ability to show their animal. Contestants will be judged primarily on their own appearance (neatness) and showmanship ability until the final round of the senior division when grooming will be considered. The contest is hosted during the JNHE each year.

### June 15 contest deadline

Youth can gain livestock judging experience through the judging contest. Interested participants must sign up for the judging contest by June 15.

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. Recipes and entries are due June 15.

The JNHE hosts numerous opportunities for young Hereford breeders to grow in public speaking abilities, leadership skills and to develop character. The extemporaneous speaking contest, the illustrated speech contest and the peewee speech contest provide just that opportunity.

Creativity shines through the promotional poster contest at the JNHE. Even those unable to attend the event can participate in this contest — just submit entries by June 15. Juniors attending the JNHE may bring their posters to Grand Island.

# NATIONAL JUNIOR 5K HEREFORD EXPO

## 5K Race at JNHE to benefit HYFA

The 2018 JNHE will host the second annual JNHE 5K Race with all proceeds to benefit the Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and the "Growing a Lasting Legacy" campaign. Last year more than 80 Hereford enthusiasts and local runners laced up to run the 3.1-mile course.

The event will kick off at 7 a.m., Sunday, July 16, at Fonner Park. To register, visit [HerefordJuniorNational.com](http://HerefordJuniorNational.com). The preregistration fee is \$30, or participants can pay \$40 on the day of the race. For more information, contact Bailey Clanton at [bclanton@hereford.org](mailto:bclanton@hereford.org) or Amy Cowan at [acowan@hereford.org](mailto:acowan@hereford.org).

## Celebrate the 4th Tailgate Party

Make plans to celebrate Independence Day with your Hereford family at the Celebrate the 4th Tailgate Party at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 4.

The tailgate party has quickly become a favorite among JNHE participants. States are encouraged to bring a slice of home to Grand Island, Neb., to share. Participants should serve snack-size portions on small plates for 500. The preparation area will include tables. The entry deadline is June 25, and sign-up is available online at [Hereford.org/youth/jnhe](http://Hereford.org/youth/jnhe).

Prizes will be awarded to the most creative tailgate and the best recipe.



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### New Hereford Pen-to-Pen program

The NJHA is excited to offer a new event at the JNHE that focuses on bringing together Hereford youth of all ages from all over the country.

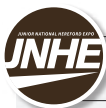
The Hereford Pen-to-Pen program will serve as a year-long mentor-protégé program and will help to develop our youth by giving them the opportunity to lead, learn and grow.

Hereford youth interested in this new program should plan to attend the startup meeting at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 1.

### National Hereford Queen service project

Join National Hereford Queen Abigail Pitstick in her service project, "Herefords Helping Heroes," honoring men and women who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

While at the JNHE, Abigail Pitstick will be collecting donations and encouraging notes to be shared with service members. **HW**



## 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.



### Owned heifers

**Scott Schaake**, Westmoreland, Kan., was raised on a cow-calf ranch and row crop operation near Lawrence, Kan.

He graduated from Kansas State University (K-State) in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in animal sciences and industry. He earned his master's degree at Clemson University and his doctorate at the University of Kentucky, specializing in meat science.

Schaake is an associate professor at K-State and is involved in teaching Foundations in Animal Science, Introductory Animal Science Lab, Livestock and Meat Evaluation, and advising students.

He served as the coach of the K-State livestock judging team from 1992 to 2013. His teams won five national championships during his tenure.

Schaake has judged livestock shows in 32 states, Canada, South America and Mexico. His family includes wife, Kandi, and their sons, Shane and daughter-in-law Melissa, and Shilo.



### Owned heifers associate

**John Mrozinski**, Marion, Kan., grew up on a sheep operation in northwest Indiana. Mrozinski attended Butler Community College, was a member of the 2006 National Champion Livestock Judging Team and was named an All-American.

He then transferred to K-State where he was a member of the reserve national champion team, individually winning competitions at the National Western Stock Show and the American Royal, and was a corecipient of the F.W. Bell Award.

He attended graduate school at South Dakota State University and coached the livestock judging team.

Mrozinski was later employed by Magnum Feedyard, Wiggins, Colo., where he helped manage the 20,000-head feedlot and 300-head cow herd.

Recently, Mrozinski moved to central Kansas where he consults on feedlots and grow yards. Additionally, he has a small herd of Hereford cows and a flock of Southdown ewes.



### Bred-and-owned heifers and cow-calf pairs



**Chris Mullinix**, Manhattan, Kan., serves as the livestock judging team coach and faculty member in the Department of Animal Sciences at K-State.

Born and raised on a diversified cattle and farming operation in central Maryland, Mullinix was involved in the Hereford breed and served on the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board of directors.

He attended K-State, where he was a member of the 1995 National Champion Livestock Judging Team. To date, he has coached more than 30 national contest winning teams including reigning back-to-back national champion meat animal evaluation teams and back-to-back reserve national champion livestock judging teams.

He has judged cattle shows in 42 different states including the North American International Livestock Exposition, the American Royal, National Western Stock Show and several other national junior shows.

Mullinix and his wife, Elissa, have a five-year-old son, Mason, and a two-year-old daughter, Kinsley.

### Bulls and steers

**Ryan Rathmann**, Lubbock, Texas, is an assistant professor in animal science at Texas Tech University.

He received his bachelor's degree in animal science, a master's degree in beef cattle reproduction from Texas A&M and his doctorate in ruminant nutrition from Texas Tech.



Rathmann coached the Texas Tech livestock judging team, and under his leadership, his livestock judging teams garnered seven national championships in the eight years he has coached, three at Texas A&M and four at Texas Tech.

He is the all-time winningest coach in the 100-plus-year history of collegiate livestock judging. In addition, Rathmann has coached four national champion meat animal evaluation teams at Texas Tech.

He coordinates judging and leadership activities for 4-H and FFA students and also serves as a livestock judge at livestock events both internationally and domestically. His family includes wife, Kayla, and their daughters Kinlee and Karlee.

### Peewee and junior showmanship

**Brady Jensen** resides in Brookings, S.D., with his wife, Allie, where he serves as the livestock judging team coach at South Dakota State University.

Jensen completed a master's degree at K-State, focusing on the genetics of feet and leg structure in Red Angus, while serving as assistant livestock judging coach. Prior to that, he judged at Butler Community College and K-State, each time achieving All-American status.

Jensen grew up in the NJHA and is a past chairman of the organization. He and Allie assist Jensen Bros. Herefords, the family Hereford operation located in Courtland, Kan.

Jensen has judged across the country including the American Royal, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and multiple state and regional shows.



**Cody Beck**, Stillwater, Okla., is a fourth-generation Hereford breeder with his family's cattle operation, Beck-Powell Polled Herefords in Bainbridge, Ind.

Beck was active in the Indiana Junior Hereford Association and exhibited at every Indiana preview show and Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) while a junior member. At his final JNHE, Beck was named Herdsman of the Year.

He was a member of the livestock judging team at Butler Community College, where his team won the Reserve National Champion title. He attended Oklahoma State University (OSU) and worked at the Oklahoma State Purebred Beef Center.

Beck is the southwest representative for the American International Charolais Association. Cody is engaged to be married to Taylor Mefford this fall.

### Senior and intermediate showmanship

**Jon and Melissa Davis**, Rio Grande, Ohio, were raised showing Angus cattle and coincidentally met while showing at a national show.

Upon graduation from Southern Illinois University, Jon Davis became the show and sale cattle manager for Champion Hill Farms in Bidwell, Ohio.

After the recent dispersal of Champion Hill Farms, Jon Davis has elected to stay involved with Champion Industries, where he is a regional sales representative.

Melissa Davis is a graduate of Western Kentucky University. After graduation, she moved to Ohio to work for Certified Angus Beef, where she promoted the brand across the country. The highlight of her cattle involvement included serving as chairman to the National Junior Angus Association board. She currently works with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals as a primary healthcare representative.

Jon and Melissa Davis have two children, Maggie and Logan. **HW**

