

Hereford Women | That's A Wrap

by Dana Pieper

The Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) is a wrap, and I do not know about you, but I am beat! It was a wonderful, fun, event-filled week, and now we have the memories and friendships made to show for it. As a member of the National Hereford Women board of directors, I would like to thank everyone who donated their time and/or money to help us make this year's JNHE a success. We could not do all the activities we do without your help, and we appreciate it.

The week started off with our board of directors meeting on Saturday evening. This is a time where we get our "game faces" on and make any final adjustments needed for the upcoming week. Sunday morning, we hosted a breakfast for our scholarship judges and got started with scholarship and speech contests, followed by the queen orientation later in the day. The new queens learned what is expected of them and went over



their dress code in a creative way. Several of our board members dressed up in "appropriate" and "inappropriate" attire to help emphasize their points. The skit was a hit! There were a large number of teams who participated in the Great American Grill-Off on Monday and presented some creative skits about their knowledge of Certified Hereford Beef®. I'm sure the judges had a difficult decision determining a winner.

One of our new activities this year was a silent auction fundraiser during the queen's tea on Monday afternoon. The funds raised will support the queen program. The queen's tea and queen reunion were once again a success, with a large number of up-and-coming queens who participated in the activity to meet older state queens and princesses. The tea is always a

highlight of the week for many of the young ladies.

Tuesday was the extemporaneous speech contest, and we had our NHW semi-annual meeting. At the meeting, we handed out cards for our bingo game for the week. As always, we had a good turnout for our semi-annual meeting. Once again this year, on Wednesday evening after showmanship during the tailgate party, we sponsored a dunk tank. It was a lot fun. Thank you to everyone who were good sports and participated.

I do not know if this year was a year of records, but the involvement and enthusiasm for the Hereford breed seems to continue to grow. It's great to see so many youths excited and passionate about this breed. Hats off to everyone for a job well done! **HW**



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