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### **Champions Named at Western States National Hereford Show**

**RENO, Nev.** – Hereford exhibitors took a gamble to see if they could win the title of grand champion Dec. 5–7 in Reno, Nev. A total of 202 Herefords were exhibited throughout the event.

Judge Daniel Fawcett, Ree Heights, S.D., evaluated the open bull show on Dec. 6 followed by the open female show on Dec. 7.

Grand champion horned bull, C BAR1 Candy Belle 9036 ET first won the horned junior bull calf division. Owned by Piper Colyer, Bruneau, Idaho, Candy Belle is a Jan. 4, 2019, son of BR Belle Air 6011. The reserve grand champion horned bull and yearling bull champion titles went to BAR S LHF 2043 Mr 49C 801ET, owned by Stephens Hereford Farms, Taylorville, Ill., Joseph Barry, Madras, Ore. and Loehe Hereford Farms, Peoria, Ill. He is a Jan. 1, 2018, son of NJW 79Z 22Z Mighty 49C ET.

Winning grand champion polled bull and junior bull calf champion bull was Colyer Herefords, Bruneau, Idaho, with C SULL Who Maker 9245 ET. He is a Feb. 22, 2019, son of ECR Who Maker 210 ET. Reserve grand champion polled bull and champion senior bull honors went to WRB Harfst 2296 Louie 5317 ET. He is the May 14, 2017, son of UPS Sensation 2296 ET and owned by Behrends Farms, Mason City, Ill., and Sara McCann Harfst, Jacksonville, Ore.

Saturday in the female show, grand champion polled female and champion junior heifer calf honors went to Hadley and Hannah Harrison, Montague, Calif., with HL Rita 1904 ET. She is a March 25, 2019, daughter of H Deberard 7454 ET. Piper and Cruz Colyer claimed the reserve grand champion polled female and champion junior yearling female title with C BAR1 Bailees Double Miles ET. She is a Jan. 13, 2018, daughter of C Double Your Miles 6077 ET.

Piper and Cruz Colyer exhibited the grand champion horned female, KLD RW Mercy Me D83 ET. The March 17, 2018, daughter of UPS Sensation 2296 ET first claimed champion horned junior yearling female. Carly Wheeler, Paso Robles, Calif., won the reserve grand champion horned female and champion spring yearling female banner with CBW Carla 809. She is a March 15, 2018, daughter of TFR KU Roll The Dice 1326.

At the conclusion of the show, Sara Harfst, Jacksonville, Ore., was named polled premier exhibitor and breeder. Piper Colyer was named horned premier breeder and Lindsey and Andrew Eldred, Bellingham, Wash., were named horned premier breeder.

On Saturday evening, the Western States Social was held at the Nugget Hotel and Casino. During the social Ryan Rogers, Eatonville, Wash., received the Brice Dean Anderson Memorial Scholarship. This award is given by the Anderson family in memory of Dean, who was an active National Junior Hereford Association member.

Bailey Kelton Klug, Yerington, Nev., received the Willard Wolf Award. Willard, who lost his battle to cancer in March, was a longtime American Hereford Association Western regional field representative and was very instrumental in organizing the Western Nugget show. When Wolf retired, a belt buckle was awarded at the show in his honor to recognize someone who exemplifies the same passion for Herefords and Hereford breeders as Wolf.

The final award of the night honored John Ascuaga, a fundamental leader in laying the ground work for establishing the Western Nugget National Show and Sale. Ascuaga's memory is honored along with the Reno tradition at the Nugget by awarding youth with a \$1,000 scholarship each year. Shelby Burlile, Emmett, Idaho; Bailey Morrell, Willows, Calif.; and Bailey Kelton Yerington, Nev., received this year's scholarship. This award is made possible by the Western states Hereford breeders and funded through the Hereford Youth Foundation of America.

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