

by *Marlena Ballinger*

While talking to ranchers or farmers, the conversation always seems to lead to family. Farming and ranching have always been a family affair and with that comes the age-old question of, “Who’s in charge?” There are so many strong, intelligent and hard-working women in the Hereford community, including the 14 National Hereford Women (NHW) board members. These women believe everyone brings something unique to the table, and they work equally hard in maintaining their own operations.

NHW board president Briley Miller and her husband own and operate Deep Creek Land and Livestock, and their family works as a unit. Miller makes an extra effort to include their children in the day-to-day life on their Wyoming ranch.



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President-elect Sally Wingler, who owns Cedar Forest Farm, says that while her role on their Tennessee farm began as the decision maker, once her boys learned the ins and outs of the operation, they became the ones to make those types of decisions. Wingler still advises and serves as the bookkeeper and showmanship scheduler.

Bellana Putz, co-owner of Putz Cattle and Working Aussies, wears several hats in her operation. While juggling the busy schedules of three boys, farm chores, showing cattle, coordinating several community events and more, she is considered the CFO, or the chief family organizer, of her family-owned operation. Putz works hard to ensure that her boys maintain their responsibilities both on and off the farm.

Cameron Kolinski received her first cow-calf pair from her grandfather when she was 4 years old. When she was 14 years old, she purchased her first registered Hereford, which has turned into a 35-head herd of registered cattle located on Greenview Farm in West Virginia. Kolinski is the sole decision maker for her herd with help from her mother.

Marlena Ballinger, owner of The Dough Hook Meat Market in Bluffton, Ohio, took over the family business in 2013. She learned the craft of meat cutting from her father and grandfather. While she is the main meat cutter of the company, she wears many other hats, which accompany growing a family business. Her meat market specializes in the sale of Certified Hereford Beef®.

Kathy Bryan, owner of Bryan Cattle Co. in Texas, knows the meaning of hard work. Since her husband works away during the week, Bryan must rely on her two daughters to help with daily ranch duties. She contributes to their family’s success both inside and outside of the show arena.

All these women work hard on their ranches, farms and companies while putting their hearts into giving back to Hereford youth through NHW efforts.

Dixieland delight

The NHW is proud to announce a fundraiser that will be held in conjunction with the Tennessee River Music’s Dixieland Delight Red, White & Black Angus & Hereford Production Sale in Fort Payne, Ala.

On Friday, May 5, during the Dixieland Delight Country Social at the ranch, NHW will have commemorative glasses available to purchase for \$50. Anyone who purchases a glass will be allotted free beverages during the event. Money from this fundraiser will help fund scholarships for youth involved in the Hereford community. NHW would like to thank Tennessee River Music for allowing us to hold this fundraiser during their event.

“We are so blessed to have breeders who want to help NHW fund scholarships for our youth,” says Wingler, NHW president-elect and event coordinator. **HW**

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