

# HEREFORD YOUTH HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) and its donors proudly awarded \$163,000 in scholarships to 27 National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) members at the 2023 American Hereford Association (AHA) Annual Meeting and Conference in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 20.

“The foundation takes great pride in our scholarship program and the opportunities we are able to provide to assist our young people throughout their post-high school journeys,” says Amy Cowan, AHA director of youth activities and foundation. “The selection committee continues to be impressed by the high caliber of applicants and is confident that today’s NJHA members will be tomorrow’s leaders in whatever industry they pursue.”

The scholarship fund is the bedrock of HYFA, and countless youth are benefactors of its mission. During the last fiscal year, the foundation celebrated net assets reaching \$6.3 million, and in total, \$221,500 was given back to Hereford youth to help them further their educations.

## Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship

Kaylee Lunsford, Fort Scott, Kan., received the Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship.

Lunsford is a freshman at Oklahoma State University (OSU), studying animal science and international agricultural leadership. A recent recipient of the NJHA Golden Bull Achievement Award, a coveted award for junior members each spring, she hopes to pursue international agriculture to promote the U.S. agriculture industry. As a certified scuba instructor, she volunteers with the Scuba Schools International Scuba Rangers Program as an assistant instructor and has developed a passion for assisting the next generation through this program.

“This program has shown me that investing in future generations and striving to be a quality leader or role model is something that is important and essential for the future of my community,” says Lunsford. “My current goal is to complete my double major in animal science and international agricultural leadership at OSU, where I plan to continue using these experiences to dedicate my life to agriculture and investing in future generations.”

The \$5,000 scholarship honors the legacy of Nancy Keilty’s late father and mother, Ed and Virginia Ball. They instilled in her the mentality of always “leaving the campsite better than you found it,” and this scholarship is designed to recognize a Hereford junior

with the same mentality. Nancy and her husband, Tim, own Cottonwood Springs Farm, in Cedar, Mich., where they raise Hereford cattle and focus on their Leelanau Natural Beef program, offering home-grown beef to local consumers.

## Bar One Ranch Scholarship

Regan Mitchem, Vale, N.C., was awarded the Bar One Ranch Scholarship. Mitchem is a first-year student at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She credits the NJHA and the North Carolina Junior Hereford Association for pushing her outside of her comfort zone and encouraging her to create connections across the country. She plans to focus her career efforts after graduation in rural areas and agriculture.

“There is a nationwide shortage of food animal veterinarians,” Mitchem says. “What better way to give back to the industry that I love than to provide veterinary services to areas in need?”

The Bar One Ranch Scholarship, sponsored by HYFA, is a \$5,000 scholarship offered by George and Karen Sprague of Bar One Ranch in Oregon. The scholarship is in memory of their late friend, Ken Tracy, who was a friend to the entire Hereford breed.



HYFA board members, George Sprague and Ray Ramsey, join **Kaylee Lunsford**, Fort Scott, Kan., the recipient of the Ball Foundation/Cottonwood Springs Farm Scholarship.



HYFA board members George Sprague and Ray Ramsey, join **Regan Mitchem**, Vale, N.C., the recipient of the Bar One Ranch Scholarship.



HYFA board members, Jill Bielema and Bill King, join **Kira Sayre**, Arenzville, Ill., the recipient of the Blin Family Scholarship.

### Blin Family Scholarship

Kira Sayre, Arenzville, Ill., was awarded the Blin Family Scholarship. Sayre is a graduate student at Colorado State University, studying animal science, livestock behavior and welfare, with goals of working in higher education as a university professor. She is already working to achieve that goal with two focuses in her research: dairy calf health and teaching first-year students.

“I will be hosting weekly support sessions for this project where I help prepare students for their college career by discussing varying topics with them, including, but not limited to, study tactics and quiz/exam taking strategies,” Sayre says. “I will also be acting as a teaching assistant for one class per semester for the two years in this program.”

The Blin Family Scholarship, sponsored by HYFA, is a \$2,500 scholarship in recognition of the first Lot 1 Foundation Female ever sold at the Mile High Night Sale in Denver, Colo. Star Lake Cattle Co. and the Blin family of Iowa consigned the female. She sold for \$100,000 and founded a fund that’s grown to nearly \$1 million.

### CBY Polled Herefords, Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship

Wesley Denton, Blue Rapids, Kan., was awarded the CBY Polled Herefords, Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship. A senior at Kansas State University, Denton will be receiving his degree in animal sciences and industry in the spring of 2024. His career goals center around



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beef production, wanting to work as a cattle buyer or beef merchandiser, while also assisting with his family’s operation, Springhill Herefords. He is in his final year serving on the NJHA board of directors and has succeeded inside and out of the showing, learning impactful lessons throughout his junior career.

“Showing and raising Hereford cattle taught me how to keep records, how to lose with grace and that there are always opportunities to improve,” Denton says. “Being an NJHA member has helped me increase my confidence, enhance my public speaking skills and has greatly impacted the person I am today and who I strive to be.”

The CBY Polled Herefords, Bob and Dolores Call Scholarship, sponsored by HYFA, is a \$5,000 scholarship offered in honor of Dolores Call and her late husband, Bob. Bob was a founding member of the HYFA board of directors and an integral part of building the framework for the scholarship pillar that is making a difference for so many young people.

### EE Ranches Scholarships

Bryden Barber, Channing, Texas, and Haley Mouser, Tenstrike, Minn., were awarded EE Ranches Scholarships.

Barber is a senior at Oklahoma State University, majoring in animal science livestock marketing, with hopes of pursuing a master’s degree in either cattle nutrition or reproduction. Barber has been a heavily involved junior member, recognized over the years for

his success in and out of the showing, including being named Herdsman of the Year at the 2022 Junior National Hereford Expo. He has an active role in his family’s Hereford operation and assists with growing and marketing the Barber Ranch and their genetics.

“Getting my master’s in either nutrition or reproduction will allow me to bring an outside eye to our operation and allow our operation to become more efficient,” Barber says. “It is also a very big goal of mine to give back to the NJHA for always putting me into a position to succeed in life.”

Mouser is a sophomore at Butler Community College, where she is studying agribusiness and is a member of the livestock judging team. Following her time at the junior college, she plans to achieve her undergraduate and graduate degrees before continuing on to a doctorate degree program in ruminant nutrition.

“My underlying career goal is to tell the story of science — the science of the beef industry,” Mouser says. “This truly is an all-encompassing statement for the passion that drives me. I am fueled by a desire to learn. I aspire to understand concepts and industries on an in-depth, scientific level. I have a love for cattle and an investment in the beef industry, and some of my greatest joy is found when sharing these passions with others.”

EE Ranches, Dallas, Texas, annually sponsors two \$5,000 scholarships through HYFA. These scholarships are made possible by Jo Ellard and her late

husband, Bill, of Texas. EE Ranches was one of HYFA's first scholarship endowments; the funds have helped many young people achieve their goals since its inception.

### Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship

Libby Rushton, Waverly, Tenn., was awarded the Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship. Rushton is finishing her senior year at the University of Tennessee at Martin, studying agricultural business. This summer she retired her maroon jacket as a member of the NJHA board of directors. She is an active member of her university's Chi Omega Fraternity Chapter, recently serving as the community service chair.

"When I think of my future, I know I want to do one thing: use my voice for the agricultural industry. I want my future to be a continuation of the past that has given me the strong traits with which to reach this objective," she says.

The Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship, given on behalf of HYFA, is a \$2,500 scholarship in memory of Gary Bishop. The Oklahoma native first began working for the AHA in 1973, serving as the assistant director of Total Performance Records, director of feedlot and carcass programs and director of field services. He also served as director of youth activities, which was a job he held in high esteem throughout his life. He dedicated much of his energy to working for the betterment of Hereford youth organizations. The scholarship is

awarded to a deserving NJHA member to continue their college education.

**Not pictured:** Libby Rushton, Waverly, Tenn., recipient of the Gary Bishop Memorial Scholarship.

### HYFA Scholarship

Isaac Rhode, Stewartsville, Mo., was awarded the HYFA Scholarship. Rhode is a junior at the University of Missouri, studying agriculture with emphasis areas in animal science, agricultural business management and agricultural education and leadership. While he wants to continue in production agriculture as a Hereford breeder, he also wants to work with other livestock producers on efficiency and profitability.

"As beef producers, our role is to produce high-quality protein products to feed our global population. I have always connected my volunteer work with food drives and my job as a beef producer as one lifelong responsibility," Rhode says.

The \$2,500 HYFA Scholarship is designed to provide recognition for outstanding members of the NJHA and encourages individual and cooperative effort, enthusiasm, excellence, leadership, academic success and achievement.

### Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship

Logan McFatrige, Otterbein, Ind., was awarded the Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship. McFatrige is a junior at Purdue University, majoring in agribusiness with future goals of expanding his own family's business

and cattle operation. Currently the membership chair for the NJHA board of directors, McFatrige focuses his studies and future career goals on both economic and leadership growth.

"Going into the future, whether it be in a career or in other activities in my community, my goal is to always try to make a positive impact on somebody," McFatrige says. "Becoming a mentor is a very important step in life because we have all had mentors."

The Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship, sponsored by HYFA, is a \$2,500 scholarship awarded in honor of the many years Bob Kube from Virginia served on the HYFA board of directors. Kube's passion for youth and his commitment to future generations is represented in this scholarship that honors a young student who shows leadership outside of Hereford circles and in their community.

### Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship

Kaylee McInvale, Cumby, Texas, was awarded the Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship. McInvale is a senior at Tarleton State University, finishing her undergraduate degree in animal science and hoping to enter a graduate program in the spring to study nutrition and reproductive health. A previous National Hereford Queen and currently serving on the NJHA board of directors, McInvale is an active NJHA member.

"I want to end up doing research for a university or be involved with the Texas AgriLife Extension. In the future,



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HYFA board members George Sprague and Ray Ramsey join **Haley Mouser**, Tenstrike, Minn., a recipient of an EE Ranches Scholarship.



HYFA board members Jill Bielema and Bill King join **Isaac Rhode**, Stewartville, Mo., the recipient of the HYFA Scholarship.



HYFA board members Jill Bielema and Bill King join **Logan McFatridge**, Otterbein, Ind., the recipient of the Bob and Lucy Kube Scholarship.

I would like to be heavily involved with seedstock operations,” McInvale says.

The Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship, sponsored by HYFA, is a \$2,500 scholarship awarded annually in honor of Ken and Carolyn Larson of Texas, who are longtime supporters of Hereford youth and purchased the first Foundation Female sold at the Mile High Night Sale in Denver, Colo. This purchase initiated a fundraising effort that over the years has grown to \$1 million dollars to support youth and education.

### **Merry Family/MGM Memorial Scholarship**

James Brody Rogers, Bryan, Texas, was awarded the Merry Family/MGM Memorial Scholarship. Rogers is working toward his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine. He has goals of opening his own veterinary practice in a rural community as well as offering bovine reproductive services. To achieve this, he wants to spend his fourth-year clinical rotation at Trans Ova for experience in the reproductive field.

“Living in a small town helped me decide that I would like to go back into a rural community after graduation,” Rogers says. “I understand small towns, and living in one showed me their shortcomings, especially when considering veterinary medicine. That is why I wish to help provide these services to a rural community in need.”

The Merry Family/MGM Memorial Scholarship of \$2,500 is sponsored by HYFA and dedicated to students

pursuing a degree in veterinary medicine, carrying on the legacy of Gordon and Marian Merry from Wisconsin. MGM Polled Herefords believes the future of agriculture lies in the hands of our industry’s hard-working youth, and the Merry family recognizes the dedication required from young people to raise and exhibit livestock and rewards juniors who are passionate about Hereford cattle with this annual scholarship.

**Not pictured:** James Brody Rogers, Bryan, Texas, recipient of the Merry Family/MGM Memorial Scholarship.

**National Hereford Queen Scholarship** Madison Katzenberger, Monroe, Wis., was awarded the National Hereford Queen Scholarship. Katzenberger is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Platteville, where she received a degree in animal science and a minor in science. Currently working for Boviteq, as a laboratory embryology technician, she has served the NJHA and AHA membership for the past year as a spokesperson and role model in the Hereford breed.

As the 2023 National Hereford Queen, Katzenberger completed her reign during the National Hereford Show at the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 22. The \$10,000 National Queen Scholarship is the result of the National Hereford Women (NHW) partnering with HYFA to elevate the queen program and to annually assist the queen with her education and tuition costs.

The National Hereford Queen is elected to represent the breed at national shows, sales and events and serves as a historic symbol for the Hereford breed. At the recent Junior National Hereford Expo in Katzenberger’s home state of Wisconsin, she coordinated a community service project raising money for mental health awareness. She orchestrated a Penny War for TUGS: Talking, Understanding, Growing, Supporting, a nonprofit aimed at overcoming the mental health stigma in rural America.

“We young leaders have so much to be thankful for,” she says. “By giving back to communities, we are allowing a spot for younger generations to take our place.”

### **Ostgaard-Breiner Memorial Scholarships**

Tate Johnson, Centerville, S.D., and Jordan Gatz, Fairview, Kan., were each awarded \$1,500 Ostgaard-Breiner Memorial Scholarships.

Johnson is a sophomore at Mitchell Technical College (Mitchell Tech), where he is studying progressive welding technology and small business management. He has started his own mobile welding business, specializing in pipe fence and feedlot construction, but has bigger goals after finishing his classes at Mitchell Tech.

“My current career goal is to work as a non-destructive welding technician, and then when I reach experience eligibility, continue my studies to

become a certified welding inspector,” Johnson says.

Gatz is receiving a master’s degree from Kansas State University after completing his undergraduate degree in three years. He is also studying for the CPA exam after finishing the 150 hours required. A career in public accounting and auditing is his goal, and he hopes to work for large-scale firms. “Choosing a career in auditing and public accounting aligns with my aspiration to promote ethical conduct within organizations,” Gatz says. “It allows me to hold companies accountable, safeguard stakeholders from fraud and ensure that businesses make ethically sound decisions.”

In 2019, the NHW board of directors lost two of their beloved board members, Sandra Adams Ostgaard of Dayton, Ohio, and Callea Mae Breiner of Alma, Kan. Adams Ostgaard was incredibly active within the Hereford breed, serving on the NHW board, as Ohio Hereford Women president and as an Ohio Hereford Junior Association advisor. She passed her love of the Hereford breed to her children and grandchildren. As a retired high school home economics and elementary teacher, Adams Ostgaard held education of all forms in high regard.

Breiner was not only active on the NHW board but was also active in the Kansas Hereford Association and served as a local community 4-H club leader. Her love for the Hereford breed continues to be carried on by her husband and sons. As an advanced

practice registered nurse, Breiner had a love to learn as reflected through her successful pursuit of a doctorate degree.

### Perks Ranch Scholarship

Morgan Richardson, Capron, Ill., was awarded the Perks Ranch Scholarship. Richardson is a sophomore at Black Hawk East College, working toward an associate degree, after which she plans to transfer and continue her educational goals of veterinary science. She is part of her school’s livestock judging team and is an active member of the Illinois Junior Hereford Association.

“Growing up surrounded by so many different species of livestock has really sparked a passion for animal health and treatment for me,” Richardson says. “This career goal obviously will not be an easy one to obtain, but I know there are many ways I can make this achievable.”

The \$5,000 Perks Ranch Scholarship is given by HYFA. It honors the Perks Ranch of Illinois and highlights Doug Perks’ legacy and leadership during his time on the HYFA board of directors. He helped lead the \$5 million capital campaign and laid the groundwork for the foundation’s pillars.

### Tennessee River Music Inc., Randy and Kelly Owen Scholarship

Madison Sifford, Goldvein, Va., was awarded the Tennessee River Music Inc., Randy and Kelly Owen Scholarship. Sifford is a senior at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), pursuing dual degrees in dairy science and

communications. She has two career goals following college, pursuing a communications career in agriculture and acting as an advocate for the industry. The second is to develop and build her own herd of Holstein and Hereford cattle.

Speaking about her own herd and family’s operation, Sifford says, “I am proud of myself for stepping up and learning how to develop stronger genetic lines as well as making bold decisions for the herd in hopes of improving a certain issue. I am proud of what I have learned and continuously tell myself to keep learning.”

The Tennessee River Music Inc., and Randy and Kelly Owen Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship in recognition of the event, Music on the Mountain. Music on the Mountain was a historic event held by the Owens that grew momentum for HYFA’s success and growth.

**Not pictured:** Madison Sifford, Goldvein, Va., recipient of the 2023 Tennessee River Music Scholarship.

### Vanier Family Scholarships

Ten NJHA members received the prestigious \$10,000 Vanier Family Scholarship. Since 2008, the Vanier family of CK Ranch in Kansas has awarded scholarships to Hereford youth, and since 2016, they have annually given \$100,000 in HYFA scholarships, totaling more than \$800,000 to assist NJHA members as they work hard to better their education.

“The Vanier Family name and HYFA are synonymous with



HYFA board members Jill Bielema and Bill King, join **Kaylee McInvale**, Cumbly, Texas, the recipient of the Larson Polled Herefords Scholarship.



NHW board president Briley Miller joins **Madison Katzenberger**, Monroe, Wis., the recipient of the National Hereford Queen Scholarship.



NHW board members Briley Miller and Sally Wingler join **Tate Johnson**, Centerville, S.D., a recipient of an Ostgaard-Breiner Memorial Scholarship.



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supporting Hereford youth, and over their lifetimes, the late Jack and Donna Vanier gave so much to so many, in the most humble way," says Cowan. "The foundation is built on the pillars of scholarship, leadership, research and education, and we are so grateful to the entire Vanier family for all they have given and all they have done to pave the way for youth in agriculture through scholarship and education."

The Vanier family is proud of NJHA members and believes the work ethic young people learn growing up in the Hereford breed sets them apart in today's workforce. The foundation is proud to carry on Jack and Donna's legacy through this prestigious scholarship program.

The 2023 Vanier Scholarship recipients are:

**Molly Biggs**, Dixon, Ill., is a senior at Kansas State University, majoring in agricultural communications and journalism with dual minors in animal sciences and industry and mass communications. She has career goals of communicating with consumers and increasing transparency between producers and consumers. "Wherever I go, I aim to impact the industry through communication and consumer education. I dream to be a lifelong Hereford breeder and advisor to a junior association, giving back to an industry that has given me so much," Biggs says.

**Blake Bruns**, North Platte, Neb., is a junior at Kansas State University,

studying animal sciences and industry while competing on the livestock judging team. Following his bachelor's degree, Bruns wants to pursue a master's in beef cattle nutrition and aspires to work for a university and eventually manage a purebred beef unit. He says a career focused on these goals would combine his interests in the production aspects of the purebred industry as well as give him the opportunity to work with young people, leaving a lasting impact on those with whom he interacts.

**JW Cox**, Flemingsburg, Ky., is in his first year at the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine, with goals of following in his late stepfather's footsteps as a large animal veterinarian. He hopes to start his own practice with a focus on embryology. The past NJHA chairman has also worked with 4-H, FFA and other youth organizations, assisting with showmanship and animal care techniques. "Just working as a group leader and getting to help out all of those kids was one of my favorite things. Just getting to be involved and hopefully help shape these young people into showmen, breeders and great leaders in this industry that we all love so much," Cox says.

**Lauren Gatz**, from Fairview, Kan., is a junior at Kansas State University, studying agricultural communications and journalism. Having previously served as the National Hereford Queen and

currently serving her first year on the NJHA board of directors, she is extremely involved in the Hereford breed. "I'm positive that I will stay connected through my involvement in the local 4-H program and the NJHA," Gatz says. "In my future career, I aspire to advocate for the agricultural industry, bridging my passion for service with my chosen profession."

**Clayton Hayes**, Ada, Okla., is a freshman at Oklahoma State University, studying natural resources ecology and management, with future career goals of working for the state of Oklahoma as a game warden. He says, "Oklahoma is an ecologically diverse state and rich in wildlife habitats. Training and educating individuals to be good stewards of Oklahoma's resources and upholding wildlife laws is important."



Tom and Tammy Boatman, Rockford, Ill., join **Morgan Richardson**, Capron, Ill., the recipient of the Perks Ranch Scholarship.

**Trevor Johnson**, of Centerville, S.D., is a senior at Kansas State University, studying agribusiness. Johnson's dedication to Herefords and the beef industry starts with the commercial sector and feedlot industry, where he participated in the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout and has spent his summers interning for feedlots. Johnson says, "Since high school, I have had career aspirations of working into a feedlot management career with the intent of making a lasting impact on both the cattle and beef industries and earning induction into the Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame."

**Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis., is a junior working to receive her degree in animal science with a concentration in livestock merchandising from Oklahoma State University. She has completed several internships, including a Simmental National Classic Show internship and a communications internship with Tanbark Consulting, while serving her final year on the NJHA board of directors. "I have interest in multiple potential careers including nutritionist, embryologist and veterinarian. I am focused on taking classes that push me toward my degree, but also keep my foot in the door of each career avenue that I am exploring," Jones says.

**Savay Sexton**, Cost, Texas, is a freshman at Texas A&M University, studying agricultural leadership and development. "My career goal is to

work in international agritourism, bringing people together to have agricultural experiences to grow their understanding of agriculturists' dedication to creating a safe and wholesome food supply," Sexton says. "I will do this by coordinating tours across the United States and Europe, showcasing agricultural entities and how the effects of policy, culture, technology, history and legacies weave together."

**Logan Topp**, Carrington, N.D., is in his junior year at Kansas State University, studying animal sciences and industry with a business option. His goal is to return to the family ranch operation after gaining experience in the cattle feeding and packing industries. Topp says, "Knowing more about how the whole industry works can help us improve how we manage our ranches." He also hopes to bring back more hands-on experience in finance management and cattle merchandising.

**Weston Wolf**, Alexandria, Ky., is in his sophomore year, working toward a degree in agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky. His goals are to work alongside farmers and ranchers in their financial management and marketing. Wolf is active in different programs supporting those with autism and has learned from those programs himself, stating, "The most important traits that I have acquired that will help me through college and my career are

patience, communication, empathy and compassion. I know that whatever career I choose, I will have to communicate and work with others, and I am grateful that the lessons I have learned through those who battle autism will assist me in all of my endeavors."

### Whitehead Ranches Scholarship

Luke Bludau, Hallettsville, Texas, was awarded the Whitehead Ranches Scholarship. Bludau is a junior at Texas A&M University, studying biological and agricultural engineering. As a first-generation registered Hereford breeder, he has quickly become involved in the Texas Hereford Association and is passionate about environmental sustainability and stewardship and the part that ranchers play in that cycle.

"I aspire to be a biological and agricultural engineer who develops innovative solutions to improve efficiencies, help achieve agricultural sustainability, provide biosecurity to our food and feed supply, and better the lives of farmers and ranchers," Bludau says.

The Whitehead Ranches Scholarship sponsored by HYFA in the amount of \$2,500 honors Loyd Whitehead of Texas. Whitehead was an instrumental part of HYFA in its early years, serving on the board of directors and as financial chairman. **HW**

**Not pictured:** Luke Bludau, Hallettsville, Texas, recipient of the Whitehead Ranches Scholarship.



Pictured (l to r) are: HYFA board members Bill King, Jill Bielema and Kathy Buchholz; Vanier Family Scholarship recipients, **Blake Bruns**, North Platte, Neb.; **Clayton Hayes**, Ada, Okla.; **Trevor Johnson**, Centerville, S.D.; **Logan Topp**, Carrington, N.D.; **Lauren Gatz**, Fairview, Kan.; **Lauren Jones**, Darlington, Wis.; **Molly Biggs**, Dixon, Ill.; **Weston Wolf**, Alexandria, Ky.; and HYFA board members Ray Ramsey, George Sprague and Steve Folkman. Not pictured: **JW Cox**, Flemingsburg, Ky., and **Savay Sexton**, Cost, Texas.