American Junior Hereford Association Holds Convention

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A young and motivated group was on hand for the 26th American Junior Hereford Association's annual convention in Kansas City during the American Royal Livestock Show. Some 230 juniors from 23 states attended the threeday conference which featured election of board of directors, the national public speaking contest, and presentations of a number of awards and scholarships.

The presidential duties for the upcoming year were handed to Michael Kelsey, Rush Springs, Okla. Michael is a sophomore in pre-veterinary medicine at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. He is the 20-year-old son of Joe and Mary Ann Kelsey who have both served as members of the AJHA board of directors.

Other officers elected were Calvin Gunter, Rogers, Tex., first vice-president; Jeff Fowle, Etna, Calif., second vice-president; Amy Maddox, Carmel, Ind., secretary; Bryan Lawrence, Coon Rapids, Minn., treasurer; and Dwight Sexton, Ainsworth, Ia., reporter.

Newly elected board members to serve three-year terms included Jenny Allan, Seward, Neb.; Jodi Watson, Jackson, Tenn.; and Robert Weaber, Beulah, Colo.

Retiring from the board were Dale Brown, Lodge Grass, Mont.; Sandra Copeland, Santa Rosa, N.M.; and Carla Sellman, Bruneau, Ida.

The organization recognized Glynn Debter, Horton, Ala., as the honorary member. Mr. Debter has been a longtime supporter of the junior program and served as president of the American Hereford Association in 1988.

Five junior members were presented the Golden Bull Achievement Awards. This is the most coveted honor awarded to an AJHA member. Recognized for their achievements were Terry Barber, Channing, Tex.; Gary Lewis, Buhl, Ida.; Marty McKinzie, Dike, Tex.; Rene Stewart, Sterling City, Tex.; and Jody Watson, Jackson, Tenn.

Awarded the two \$500 Future Cattleman Scholarships were Rene Stewart and Bob Weaber, Beulah, Colo. The scholarship program recognizes outstanding individuals active in the AJHA.

The all-around accomplishments of Terri Barber earned her the B.C. "Bud" Snidow Award.

Kansas, California and Oklahoma advisors were honored as "Advisors of the Year" for working closely with their respective states to improve the activities and programs. Ken and Melanie Fowle, Etna, Calif.; Mike and Betty Jamieson, Quinter, Kan.; and Joe and Mary Ann Kelsey, Elgin, Okla., were presented the awards.

Illinois Junior Hereford Association returned to claim its ninth consecutive Pride of the Nation Award. Oklahoma and Texas junior associations also received

this award. Illinois received the membership increase award with a 18 percent increase during the past year.

Texas returned to claim first place in the scrapbook competition. Illinois finished in second while South Dakota took home the third-place award.

Topping the sweepstakes contest was the Ohio Junior Hereford Association. The contest is based upon participation and results of the convention activities.

Receiving national recognition in the public speaking competition was Lisa Bryant, Ada, Okla., with her speech "Animal Rights - The Challenge of Today." Second place went to Julie Bowlin, Woodburn, Ia.

A new addition to the convention competitions was the photo contest. Topping the prettiest photo division was Dennis Rankin, Fletcher, Okla., while Dennis' sister, Cheryl Rankin, won the funniest photo division.



Plans For Ethanol Plant

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Recent passage of the Clean Air Act and tax extensions for ethanol to the year 2000 have pumped new life into the ethanol industry. Plans to build new ethanol production facilities, which were on hold, are back in action.

Pete Wenstrand, vice president of market development for the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and a corn farmer from Essex, Iowa said, "We have seen substantial interest from investors in building new ethanol facilities over the last several weeks. While we view this as encouraging, it is important to understand that not all of these inquiries will develop into producing plants."

Recent cost estimates of building an ethanol plant range from \$3 per gallon of planned capacity to \$2. It is projected that most new ethanol plants will have an annual capacity of 10 million gallons or more per year. Thus, a minimum investment of \$20-30 million is required for a small ethanol plant.

Mike Bryan, NCGA's program manager for ethanol/sweeteners said, "Many of the new plants, or existing plants that are planning to expand, have not yet announced their plans to the public. What we are seeing is really only the tip of the iceberg. Most, will not announce their plans until they are ready to begin construction."

In order to meet projected demand for ethanol by the onset of the 1992 clean air requirements, an additional 400-500 million gallons of ethanol capacity will have to be added. "There are several new plants in various parts of the country that are either ready to come on line or are now in the final stages before construction.

that will help provide the needed capacity," Bryan said.

"We are confident the ethanol industry will respond to the challenge of meeting this new demand," Wenstrand said. "The role of NCGA is doing whatever we can to help facilitate this expansion process."

There are currently 39 plants producing ethanol in the United States, in 22 states this year. Annual production is estimated to be about one billion gallons. A number of additional plants are shut down, but could be reactivated on fairly short notice. Expansion of current plant capacity, brings an additional 450 million gallons on-line within 18 to 24 months.

NCGA, a national commodity organization representing more than 25,000 com farmers in 45 states, has been a catalyst in developing ethanol markets.

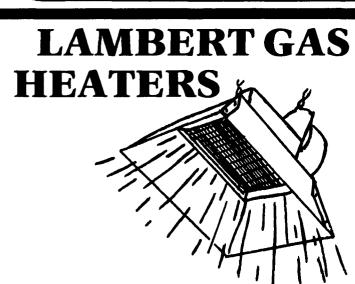
ronment. Since 1980, AFT has been responsible for the protection of thousands upon thousands of acres of farmland across the country. Bringing together farmers, business people, legislators and conservationists, AFT serves as a catalyst for broad-based action to preserve both the quantity and quality of American farmland.

"David Armstrong's exhibition is a special opportunity for us to bring the need for farmland protection into the eyes and hearts of everyone who attends," AFT President Ralph Grossi said. "Armstrong's paintings demonstrate a special commitment and concern for our vanishing landscape."

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The Armstrong exhibit will be open to the public from December 4 to January 5, 1991. For information on the exhibition or the gallery, call (212) 644-4400.





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