

# Hereford Juniors Excel In Contests

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Enthusiasm abounded in junior members who converged on Milwaukee at the 19th Junior National Polled Hereford Show and Forum.

This year's youth extravaganza drew 300-plus exhibitors and participants from 32 states. Along with exhibiting 502 heifers, cow-calf pairs and steers, American Polled Hereford Association (APHA) youth were able to compete, learn, and be recognized for their efforts in contests and activities that annually highlight this national junior Polled Hereford event.

A variety of contests provide junior members with an opportunity to participate and to expand their leadership abilities. The following list includes all contests featured prior to or at the Junior National and the junior members who were recognized for their excellence in the events.

## Leadership Contests/Activities Junior Merit Scholarship

This award recognizes enthusiastic individuals who are tomorrow's leaders of the beef industry and the breed. This award is based on several factors, but especially on the applicant's overall achievement in leadership, citizenship and beef production.

1st place — Susan Waters, Stet, Mo. (\$1,000 scholarship and a trip, sponsored by Harding and Harding Livestock Insurance, to any Polled Hereford operation in the continental U.S.)

2nd — Katy Beckett, Birmamwood, Wis. (\$750 scholarship)

3rd — Kim Camey, Girard, Ill. (\$500 scholarship)

## Walter & Joe Lewis Memorial Award

One of the most coveted awards given at the Junior National, the Lewis Award recognizes individuals who excel in individual and team competitions.

1st — Jay Picklesimer, Pleasantville, Ohio (\$500 scholarship)

2nd — Heather Hicks, Cullman, Ala. (\$375 scholarship)

3rd — Tammy Riffel, Enterprise, Kan. (\$250 scholarship)

## Newly Elected National Junior Council Directors

Area 2 — Mike Selzer, Orland, Calif.

Area 6 — Tim Lockhart, Red Oak, Texas

Area 8 — Stanley Hathorn Jr., Louisville, Miss.

Area 10 — Heather Hicks, Cullman, Ala.

Area 12 — Mandy Peak, Mansfield, Ohio

Newly Elected National Junior Council Officers

Chairman — Susan Waters, Stet, Mo., Area 5

Vice Chairman — Jock Beeson, Wayne, Neb., Area 3

Secretary — Katy Beckett, Birmamwood, Wis., Area 9

Reporter — Judy Anderson, Gold Hill, Ore., Area 1

Ex-Officio — Michael Poss, Harlem, Ga

National Illustrated Speech Contest

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Junior Division: 1st — Derrick Roberts, Woodward, Okla.; 2nd — Darbie McMahon, Blue Hill, Neb.; 3rd — Ginger Merry, Hartford, Wis.; Senior Division: 1st — Sonja Jensen, Cottage Grove, Wis.; 2nd — Jenny Hartzell, Redmond, Ore.; 3rd — Beth Miller, Mt. Crawford, Va.

Outstanding State Junior Members

Alabama — Tom Boatman, Blountsville

Arkansas — Leslie Swank, Rogers

Georgia — J.J. Lee, Statesboro

Illinois — Kurt Peterson, Danvers

Indiana — Matt Siedling, Laurel

Iowa — Margie Maurer, Aurora

Kansas — Mari Valek, Agenda

Maryland — Michele Blackert, New Windsor

Massachusetts — Tod Wheeler, Southwick

Michigan — Christie Bressbois, Merrill

Missouri — Susan Gniffiths, Kearney, and Ivan Klippenstein, Maysville

Nebraska — Missy McGee, Fairbury

New Jersey — Jon Faber, Pittstown

Ohio — Lynne Wise, New Philadelphia

Oklahoma — Knotchie McCrary, Tahlequah

Pennsylvania — Jennifer Altobelli, Dover

South Carolina — Heather McGranahan, Gray

Texas — Tim Lockhart, Red Oak

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Team Competitions

Team Marketing (22 entries)

Junior Division: 1st — Nebraska; Team members: Darbie McMahon, Blue Hill; Missy McGee, Fairbury; and Blake McGee, Fairbury; 2nd — Oklahoma; Team Members: Sara McGaha, Macomb; Sarah Miller, Sallisaw; and Derrick Roberts, Woodward; 3rd place — Wisconsin; 4th place — Georgia; and 5th place — Texas; Senior Division: 1st — Wisconsin; Team members: Sonja Jensen, Cottage Grove; Both Otman, Mt. Horeb; and Nathan Pierce, Baraboo; 2nd — Missouri; Team members: Kevin Owen, Lamar; Jill Elwing, Pierce City; and Craig Reed, Green Ridge; 3rd place — Oklahoma; 4th place — Texas; and 5th place — Kansas.

Beef Bowl (24 state teams)

Junior Division: 1st — Wisconsin; Team members: Brent Wirth, New Richmond; Jarred Searls, North Freedom; Brandon Boettcher, Fairchild; and Matthew Merry, Hartford; 2nd — Minnesota; Team members: Sarah Frederickson, Starbuck; Nathan Frederickson, Starbuck; Karla Delaney, Lake Benton; and Jon Ewald, Waldorf; Senior Division: 1st — Kentucky-Tennessee; Team members: Scott Burks, Smiths Grove, Ky.; Whit Cothorn, Riddleton, Tenn.; Scott Woolfolk, Jackson, Tenn.; and Amy Woolfolk, Jackson, Tenn.; 2nd — Wisconsin; Team members: Matt Wirth, New Richmond; Tracy Wirth, New Richmond; Tiffany Boettcher, Fairchild; and Jennie Lundstedt, Hartland

Scrapbook Contest (14 state entries)

1st — Alabama, 2nd — Ohio, 3rd — Oklahoma; 4th — Illinois, 5th — Kansas.

State Exhibit (15 state entries)

1st — Iowa; 2nd — Texas; 3rd — Missouri; 4th — Pennsylvania; 5th — Kansas.

Computer Cow Game (Top Five State Teams)

1st — Oklahoma; Team members: Amanda Seidl, Garber; Knotchie McCrary, Tahlequah; James Baker, Vinita; J.T. Langston, Luther; and

Matthew McCrary, Tahlequah; 2nd place — Wisconsin; 3rd place — South Dakota; 4th place — Pennsylvania; and 5th place — Texas.

Judging Contest (teams)

Junior Division: 1st — Pennsylvania #1; Team members: Chad Findlay, Franklin; Curt Stockdale, Dayton; Ben Cross, Kennerdell; and Jennifer Altobelli, Dover; Senior Division: 1st — Pennsylvania; Team members: Jason Osterstock, Lenhartsville; John Vidovich, Midland; and Dustin Hoeter, Oil City.

Sweepstakes Contest

1st — Wisconsin; 2nd — Oklahoma; 3rd — Texas; 4th — Missouri; 5th — Pennsylvania.

Individual Competitions

Showmanship

Peewee Division: Champion — Nolyn Holley, Bowling Green, Ohio; Reserve Champion — Lyndee Peterson, Minneapolis, Kan.; Junior Division: Champion — Kip Peck, Ft. Cobb, Okla.; Reserve Champion — Curt Stockdale, Dayton, Pa.; Senior Division: Champion — Tammy Riffel, Enterprise, Kan.; Reserve Champion — Scott Burks, Smiths Grove, Ky.

Photography Contest (nearly 60 entries)

1st — Katherine Lewis, Holt, Mo.; 2nd — Russell Simmons, Petrolia, Texas; 3rd — Jessica Mattison, Hoosick Falls, N.Y.

Poster Contest (17 entries)

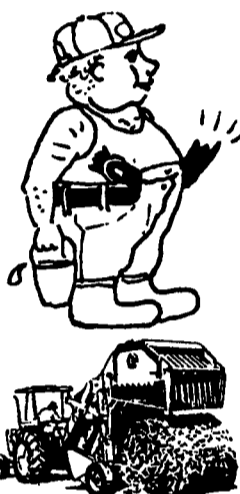
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Peewee Division: 1st — Precious Atlas, Grandview, Texas; 2nd — Matthew McCrary, Tahlequah, Okla.; 3rd — Dustin Malone, Emporia, Kan.; Junior Division: 1st — Russell Simmons, Petrolia, Texas; 2nd — Leslie Feerer, Fargo, Okla.; 3rd — Kelly McMullan, Highland, Ill.; Senior Division: 1st — Dustin Simmons, Petrolia, Texas; 2nd — Knotchie McCrary, Tahlequah, Okla.; 3rd — Bobby Fogle, Walkersville, Md.

Computer Cow Game (Top 10 Individuals)

1st — Amy Jester, Perryville, Ark.; 2nd — Amanda Seidl, Garber, Okla.; 3rd — Knotchie McCrary, Tahlequah, Okla.; 4th — Katy Beckett, Birmamwood, Wis.; 5th — Brian Raap,

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