

MISSISSIPPI HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

Fall 2015 Newsletter

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MHA to Sponsor Open Show at State Fair

The MHA Board of Directors is excited to announce that it will sponsor an Open Show for any and all MHA and MJHA members on Saturday, October 10, at the State Fair in Jackson. The show will begin at 2 p.m. and will be strictly "blow and go." Junior members will be showing their animals again on Sunday and Monday, so keeping this one casual will make things easier on them and their cattle.

Entry fees are \$20 per head.

(showmanship is an additional \$10) and are due by Friday, Sept. 18. Late entries will be accepted at the show with a fee of \$30 per head. MHA or MJHA dues must be paid in order to enter the show. Adult dues (MHA) are \$20 for the year, or junior dues (MJHA) are \$10. (Entry forms and membership form are attached to this newsletter.)

For more information about the show, contact Mike Dobbins at 601.606.4712 or Ron Melancon at 601.597.5995.

From the President

First of all, thank you for joining and supporting the Mississippi Hereford Association (MHA)! This association has a great tradition and I hope we can continue to build on that! Our membership includes individuals, farms, and others who share a commitment to the Hereford breed.

Our board of directors, representing all areas of the state, wants to hear your suggestions and ideas for the association. I know that we all want to promote our breed, our breeders, and to assist our outstanding group of junior members throughout the state. At the annual meeting in February, during the Dixie National, we will have dates and locations for several events during 2016.

The MHA will sponsor an Open Hereford Show during the State Fair this year, on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. in the Judging Arena. Please see additional details in this newsletter or contact me or Ron

Melancon for more information or entry forms. Help us get the word out to prospective exhibitors!

A special thank you to Ron and Shauna Melancon of Woodville, Miss. They have graciously agreed to donate a Hereford steer for us to raffle as a fund raiser for the association. Tickets will be available at the State Fair, with the drawing held in February during the Dixie National. Tickets are \$5, or 5 for \$20. Two winners will be drawn, each receiving one-half of processed "quality" Hereford beef.

And thanks to Amy Adkerson for agreeing to do the newsletter. We plan to do several throughout the year.

Again, I appreciate your support of the MHA and hope to see you at the State Fair and our Open Show.

— Mike Dobbins

MHA Queen: Danielle Solomon

It has been many years since Mississippi has had a young lady represent the state as the Mississippi Hereford Queen. This year the MHA is proud to have Danielle Solomon serving as its Queen.

Danielle is the 17-year-old daughter of Sharon and Russell King and Ronald Solomon and lives in Columbia. A senior at East Marion High School, Danielle currently serves as President of the Mississippi Junior Hereford Association. In July, Danielle represented Mississippi at the Junior National Hereford Expo in Grand Island, Neb., where she and other state queens assisted with awards throughout the show and mentored younger girls at the Queen and Princess Tea.

Danielle will be busy this fall showing and serving as Queen at the State Fair. Then, on October 30, she will travel to Kansas City, Mo., to attend the AHA Annual meeting and compete in the National Hereford Queen competition. In preparation for this, she has submitted an application, a narrative on her love for Herefords, and a short essay on what being the Queen means to her. While in Kansas City, she will go through an interview process, attend the annual membership meetings of both the AHA and the National Hereford Women, and assist with awards during the American Royal National Show.

We are excited to have Danielle represent Mississippi this year and wish her the best of luck in K.C!



AHA Board Report: Eric Walker

(MHA is delighted to have this contribution from AHA Board President Eric Walker of Morrison, Tenn.)

I certainly hope everyone is enjoying this HOT summer weather. The good news is that Fall is just around the corner.

It has been very busy at the AHA. Jack Ward was selected from a talented field of candidates to be the next EVP of the association. Jack is excited about this new venture, and I'm sure he will be a tremendous asset to the Hereford breed. Shane Bedwell has been hired to become the next Director of Breed Improvement. Shane comes to the AHA from Colorado St. University. He will begin his duties in December.

Another big change has been the format of the registration papers. As more EPDS and data become available it was necessary to change the layout. It will be a little different, but I think you as breeders will like the changes.

The AHA board has also approved a new national ad campaign. "He Wants It All" is the new slogan. You can watch a short video at Hereford.org.

I would like to encourage all breeders to attend the annual meeting in Kansas City on Oct. 30-31. We plan to celebrate 20 years of Certified Hereford Beef. A birthday party is planned for Friday evening at the AHA office. "Celebrate the Brand at 1501 Wyandotte St." will be the theme. More information will be in future Hereford World issues and in Hereford eNews.

The Fall sale and show season is fast approaching. I hope to see many of you at several events. If you have any questions or comments about the AHA feel free to contact me at wphf@blomand.net.

Mississippi Juniors Enjoy Junior Nationals

In late June, nine Mississippi Juniors made the trip to Grand Island, Nebraska, for a week full of fun and memories. These kids all worked hard taking care of and showing their animals, and several participated and placed in the other various contests throughout the week; some even battled sickness while doing so. The teamwork and support of one another was really great to watch and Mississippi was represented by a fine group of young people!

In addition to feeding, washing, fitting and showing, the juniors did find time for some fun. Early in the week they had a chance to spend an afternoon at the nearby waterpark, and several other afternoons were spent playing in and cheering on some competitive Com Hole matches outside the barn. All the families enjoyed cooking out and having dinner together a couple of nights as well. By the end of the week, this group that ranged in age from 9 to 18 years was practically inseparable as they made their way around the barns.

Mississippi Juniors: Emily Adkerson (age 9), Rayce Dearman (10), Stran Melancon (12), Rylie Melancon (13), Walker McGuffee (14), Katie Eley (15), Danielle Solomon (17), Kenny Price (17), and James Eley (18)

JNHE Activities Recap:

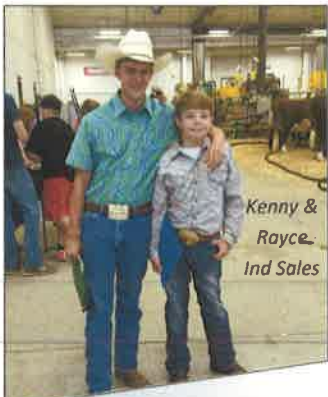
Photography: Katie Eley – 2nd place, Intermediate

Individual Sales: Kenny Price – 1st place, Intermediate;
Rayce Dearman, Junior

Illustrated Speech: Emily Adkerson, Peewee

Showmanship: Rylie Melancon, Junior Finals;
Emily Adkerson, Peewee Semi Finals

Heifer Show: Walker McGuffee, 2nd place & 3rd place (x 2);
Danielle Solomon, 3rd place



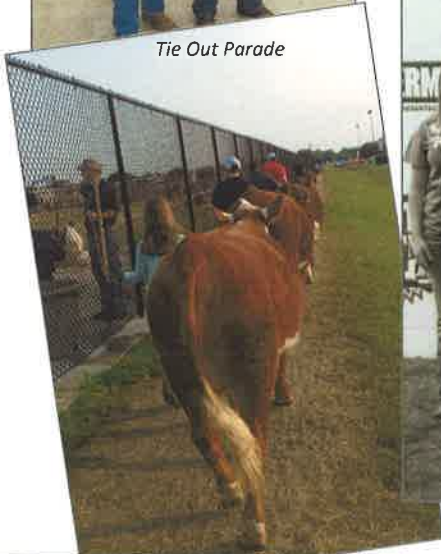
Kenny & Rayce
Ind Sales



Rylie— Showmanship Finals



Teamwork Making Beds



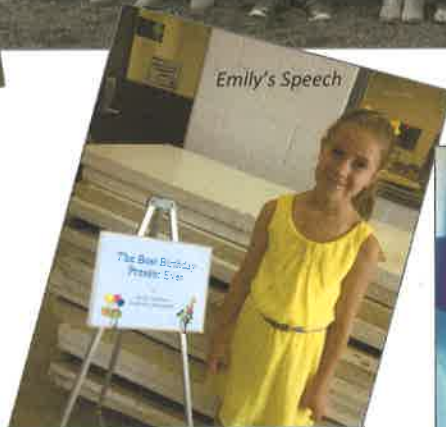
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Danielle & Jayce
Queens Tea



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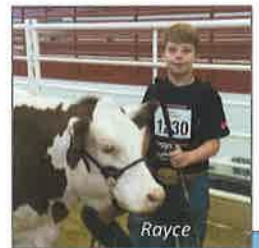
Emily's Speech



Katie & Miss Ladd



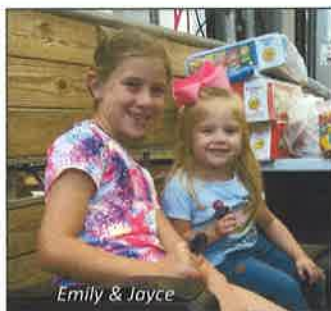
Walker—2nd place



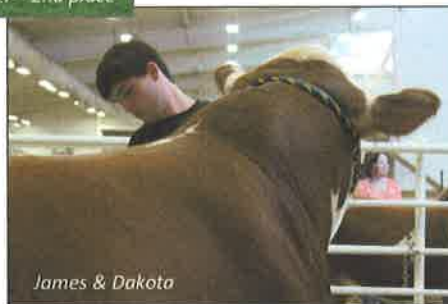
Rayce



Corn Hole—Kenny & Rayce



Emily & Jayce



James & Dakota



Corn Hole—James & Danielle

News from the Field

First of all, I am Tommy Coley, your American Hereford Association field representative for the southeastern United States. I cover 8 states, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. I drive about 75,000 miles a year and spend very few Saturdays at home. I was born and raised in the Hereford business and have been involved with Herefords my entire life. I am excited, to finally be fulfilling my childhood dreams of working for the AHA. My wife Kim and I live in Sewanee, Tennessee. We have five grown children, most of which make their lively hoods from agriculture.

I am truly proud to see the Hereford breeders of Mississippi reorganizing the Mississippi Hereford Association. A state association can serve in many areas for its membership. By uniting into a strong group, it will be much easier for you to not only promote Herefords and support the juniors, but also market Herefords across the state. I hope everyone with an interest in Herefords will join the Mississippi Hereford Association and enjoy your future success.

For those I do not know, I look forward to meeting and visiting with you about your involvement with the Hereford breed. For those I do know, I look forward to seeing you again soon. For everyone, I am always as close as your phone, please call me at any time; 815-988-7051. – Tommy

MHA Hereford Steer Raffle

Tickets: \$5 or 5 for \$20

Available beginning at State Fair
Drawing to be held at Dixie National

Two winners will be drawn, with each receiving 1/2 the meat from a Hereford steer

Contact an MHA Board member to purchase

Steer donated by Ron & Shaunna Melancon

Hereford.org: A Great Resource for Hereford Breeders

If you are not familiar with Hereford.org, you need to be. Hereford.org is the main web site for the American Hereford Association and serves as a tremendous resource for each of us as breeders. The site has everything you need as a breeder of registered Herefords to register, manage and market your herd, plus resources for commercial breeders, information for junior members, and much more.

With tabs like Marketplace, Seedstock, Commercial, Event Central, Education Center, and Records, the site clearly is designed for a variety of audiences. Animal pedigree and EPD information, sale and show results, marketing opportunities, and breed news are just a few things to be found on the site. In addition, links to the sites for Certified Hereford Beef (CHB), National Junior Hereford Association, and the National Hereford Women (NHW) provide even more information about the great opportunities our breed and its organizations have to offer.

Finally, it should be known that Hereford.org is not all business. The CHB and NHW sites offer lots of great recipes, the Hereford store – shophereford.com – is a fun place to shop for everything from CHB to apparel to anything else Hereford that you can imagine.



**Mississippi Hereford Preview Open Show
Mississippi State Fair
Saturday, October 10, 2015
2:00 P.M.**

for show staff use only

Paid: Ck # _____ Cash _____

Received By _____

Date _____

Exhibitor's Name or Farm Name (Please Print) _____

Membership Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

P.O. Box, Street and Number or RFD _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Number _____

Showmanship Yes ___ No ___ Exhibitor's DOB _____ (as or January 1 of current year)

Junior 1. _____ Intermediate _____ Senior _____

Ages 8-12

Ages 13-16

Ages 17- 21

Complete for Registered Animals:

Animal Name- _____

Date of Birth- _____

Sex- _____

Registration Number _____

Tattoo (Right Ear) _____ (Left Ear) _____

Show Staff use only

Tattoo Check by _____

Date _____

Name of County /Counties: _____

****** Entries due September 18, 2015**

Late Fee of \$10.00 per animal day of show

(Must be paid member of Mississippi Hereford or Junior Hereford Assoc.)

MS Hereford Assoc. dues \$20.00, Junior Assoc. dues \$10.00 Payable day of show)

Entry fee is \$20.00 Per Head, \$10.00 Showmanship. Make checks payable to Mississippi Hereford Association and mail to Ron Malancon, P.O. Box 836, Woodville, MS 39669

For any other information call Mike Dobbins 601-606-4712 or Ron Melancon 601-597-5996

Check in will be Saturday October 10, 2015 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Place: Office on left side of Judging Arena.

National Hereford Association rules will apply.

Find them at www.hereford.org

Phone Contact Information for Associations

MS Hereford Association 601.606.4712, 601.597.5995

MS Jr. Hereford Association 601.441.0953

Membership to the Mississippi Hereford Association

Contact: Ron Melancon, P.O. Box 836, Woodville, MS 39669

\$20 Annual Dues Date _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Membership to the Mississippi Jr. Hereford Association

Contact: Sharon King, 200 Swamp Rd., Columbia, MS 39429

\$10 Annual Dues Date _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AT DIXIE NATIONAL
EVERY YEAR**

