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State Fair Open Show Results

For the first time since the 1960s, the Mississippi State Fair included an Open Show for Herefords. The goal of the open show was two-fold, and it accomplished both. The show helped draw new members into the association and gave members a change to exhibit their cattle on the public stage. Members from three states exhibited 65 head in the Saturday afternoon show on October 9. Tony Tolar of Taylorsville sorted the cattle.

Champion heifer was exhibited by Woolfolk Farms of Jackson, Tenn. WF 0109 Country Girl 989 1588ET is a January 2014 daughter of H W4 Pure Country 0109.

Michael Banner of College Grove, Tenn., exhibited the Reserve Champion Heifer with Delhawk Whimsical 1416 ET, a November 2014 daughter of Purple MB Womanizer 14U.

Woolfolk Farms and Empty Pockets Herefords also took Champion bull honors with WF 88X Ribeye T137 1607 ET, a February yearling by NJW 98S R117 Ribeye 88X ET.

Reserve Champion Bull was shown by Stran and Rylie Melancon of Woodville. He was 4M Time is Money 430, a January yearling son of RST Times a Wastin 0124.

Showmanship winners in the open show were Stran Melancon (junior), Rylie Melancon (intermediate), James Eley (senior), and Chelsea Dobbins (adult).

Thanks to all who exhibited, helped organize, helped on show day, or just came out to support the show. And thanks to Greg Young and the State Fair for allowing us to have this show. By all accounts it was a success, and we are already looking forward to next year.

Champion Heifer

Champion Bull

Reserve Champion Heifer

Reserve Champion Bull

MHA Annual Meeting — 6:30 Feb. 6 — MCA Office

President's Comments: Mike Dobbins

Happy New Year, Everyone! It is amazing to believe that 2016 is here. I'm not sure where 2015 went! As we begin this year, I hope you will see that the MHA is making progress and that this year will be even better.

Annual Meeting. Our **annual meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Jackson. The location will be the Mississippi Cattleman's Association office across from the fairgrounds. Dinner will be provided.

Steer Raffle. We are having a **raffle to raise funds** for the association and two winners will each get one-half side of Certified Hereford Beef, processed and packaged. The steer has been donated by Ron and Shaunna Melancon of MG/4M Farms in Woodville. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20 and should be available at the upcoming district shows and Dixie National. The drawing will be February 9th at the Dixie National Junior show, but you don't have to be present to win. Please support this project!

Field Day. The **MHA Field Day** will be Saturday, April 9, at Mississippi State University. We are working on the complete program, and a highlight will hopefully be a tour of the Vet School. I hope we have a great turn out. More details will be available as we get closer to April, but go ahead and mark your calendars.

Directory. Our **membership directory** is being printed and will be available at the annual meeting. Thank you to everyone who purchased an ad. I think you will be pleased!

Our board of directors is actively working to recharge the MHA and have an association that benefits our membership, adults and juniors likewise. Your support and participation is needed and appreciated!

Hereford Steer Raffle

$5 per ticket or 4 for $20
See a director to purchase

2 winners will be drawn
to receive 1/2 side of beef
processed and packaged

Donated by 4M/MG Farms
Ron & Shaunna Melancon

Important Dates

Feb. 6 6:30	MHA Annual meeting, MCA building, Jackson
Feb. 9	Steer raffle drawing
Feb 13	Dixie National Open Show
April 9	MHA Field Day MSU Beef Unit

Congratulations to MHA Members who exhibited in Denver at the National Western Stock Show:

McGuffee Polled Herefords, Mendenhall
S&W Polled Herefords, Burnsville
Claiborne Perry, Madison

MHA Queen: Danielle Solomon

Hey y'all. For those of you who do not know, my name is Danielle Katelyn Solomon, and I am the Mississippi Hereford Queen. I am proud to say that I ran for National Hereford Queen this past October. I really felt that I was prepared for the whole experience and knew everything that I needed to. Boy, was I wrong! I learned so much there and met some of the most amazing people I could ever imagine. Being a Hereford Queen is about more than skirts, crowns, and sashes. State Queens and the National Queen have a responsibility to represent the Hereford breed to the world in a positive light while still trying to educate the public on how beef goes from pasture to plate. Queens have a huge responsibility and I believe that I had the best group of Queens to share the experience with. I was not the least bit prepared for how many clothes I would need, and the other queens were quick to jump to my rescue in any way possible. I made friendships with those amazing ladies that will never go away. It was an experience of a lifetime that I would never give up. Even though at certain shows you have to give up time with your cattle, family, and friends, being a Hereford Queen is an amazing opportunity and I encourage any lady who would like be a Queen to try.

Late this past year I decided that I would like to have a toy drive for the Kids at the Blaire E. Batson Children's Hospital. I had the help and support of many people who donated toys such as a farm playset, puzzles, stuffed animals, books, and more. I went December eighteenth to give the toys to the kids. I had a great time with every kid I had a chance to spend time with. The hospital would not allow us to take pictures, but a picture could never hold the joy the kids held when they could hold the hand of or get to hug a queen.

Juniors Excel at Mississippi State Fair

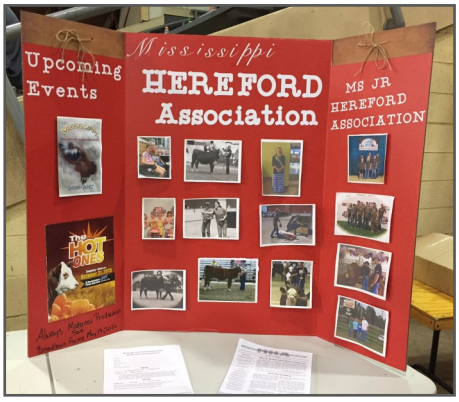
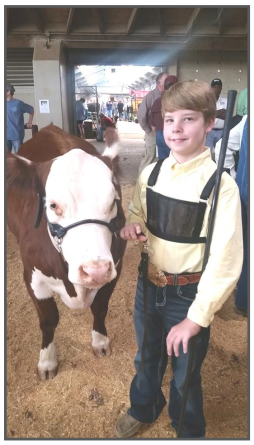
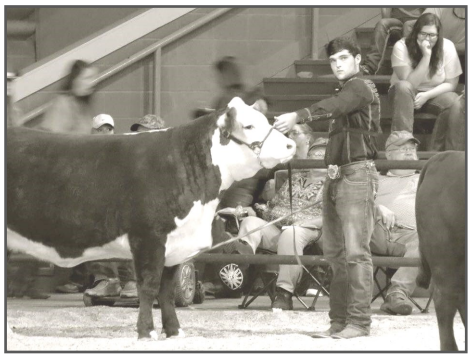
More than 50 Mississippi 4-Hers and FFA members hit the ring Oct. 12 in the Junior Show held at the State Fair. All total, 56 heifers and 24 bulls were exhibited. Cary Crow from Hearne, Texas, judged the show.

Champion heifer honors went to Claiborne Perry of Yazoo 4-H with EXR Dominett 486, a February 2014 daughter of TH 89T 743 Untapped 45X ET. Bralynn Newell of Newton 4-H had the Reserve Champion heifer with SULL TCC Harley 4262ET, an April 2014 daughter of C Miles McKee.

Champion Heifer: Claiborne Perry

Rylie and Stran Melancon took home both Champion and Reserve Champion bull titles. 4M Time is Money 430, a January 2014 son of RST Times a Wastin 0124 was the champion, and 4M Victor Domino 606 549, a December 2014 son of SF Domino 163 was reserve. Rylie and Stran are members of Wilkinson 4-H.

In addition to exhibiting a great set of cattle, our Hereford juniors also exceled in the Showmanship competition. Stran Melancon won the 13 year old division, and several other Hereford youth placed in the Top 5 in their age groups.

Champion Bull: Stran and Rylie Melancon

Juniors in Action!