

Mad Dash to the Finish Line



Female division ages 1-13 winners (l to r) are: first place, **Kynsleigh Krebs**; and second place, **Chyloh Billman**.



Female division ages 1-13 third place, **Cora Belle Chapman**.



Male division ages 1-13 winners (l to r) are: second place, **Jensen Decker**; and first place, **Harry Schlickau**. Not pictured: third place, **Jarrett Worrell**.

Runners made a “Mad Dash” to the finish line in the July 9 Hereford Youth Foundation of America (HYFA) 5K Mad Dash Race during the 2023 VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). Sixty-four individuals of all ages competed.

Zane McAferty was the fastest runner overall in Madison with a time of 18 minutes and 6 seconds. He won the male division, ages 14-30.

Kynsleigh Krebs earned first place in the female division, ages 1-13. Kristin Bielema bested the female division, ages 14-30. Kimberly Stithem topped the female division, ages 31-99.

In the male division, Harry Schlickau was fastest for ages 1-13. Mark Sullivan garnered first-place honors for ages 31-99.

All proceeds from the event support HYFA’s mission of promoting education, leadership and scholarship for Hereford youth. Grand Meadows Farm, Ada, Mich., sponsored the event. The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) and HYFA appreciate the continued support from Grand Meadows Farm and their dedication to the next generation.

“Thanks to Grand Meadows Farm and the Bielema family, the HYFA 5K has become a highlight of JNHE, and this year was no exception as the race signifies the official start to the biggest ‘Hereford Bash’ of the summer,” says Amy Cowan, American Hereford Association director of youth activities



Female division ages 14-30 winners (l to r) are: second place, **McKenna Gatz**; and first place, **Kristin Bielema**. Not pictured: third place, **Dellana Muck**.



Male division ages 14-30 winners (l to r) are: third place, **Jase Beltz**; second place, **Trevor Crutcher**; and first place and overall champion, **Zane McAferty**.



Female division ages 31-99 winners (l to r) are: third place, **Kyla Waters**; first place, **Kimberly Stithem**; and second place, **Jenifer Kirkpatrick**.



Male division ages 31-99 winners (l to r) are: second place, **Jared Decker**; and first place, **Mark Sullivan**. Not pictured: third place, **Chris Campbell**.

and foundation. “The 5K Mad Dash sets the stage for an exciting week of competition. The enthusiasm the race brings to the JNHE carries through to the contest rooms and showing as NJHA members work hard all week to showcase their talents and their Hereford genetics.” **HW**