

Mad Dash to Madison

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The National Hereford Women (NHW) enjoyed supporting this year's VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE). This event provided many opportunities for the youth to reconnect, and NHW was excited to be a part of it.

Catching vibes

The second annual "Catch a Vibe" brought our Hereford women together to start the week with an event focused on uplifting hard-working women in the Hereford community. Led by a fashion show hosted by the Solo Cowboy, women were shown that if you must get dressed every day, you might as well look good doing it! Nate Lowen dressed women of all ages, shapes and sizes, using clothing from his several lines, which proved to be a huge success.



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Queen's Tea attendees built "buddies" with the National Hereford Queen Madison Katzenberger as a reminder that they're never alone and always have friends who care.

Supporting scholarship

The NHW is always proud to award deserving Hereford youth with scholarships during the JNHE. The National Junior Hereford Association has so many talented young people who are deserving of these scholarships. This year NHW presented 11 youth with a scholarship to attend the Faces of Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Serving with a crown

This year's Queen's Tea was the highlight of the day for several young ladies. National Hereford Queen Madison Katzenberger from Wisconsin took advantage of the fact that JNHE was held in her home state. Madison's service project this year focused on mental health. She tied her service project together with Queen's Tea by providing each young person in attendance with a "build a buddy." Youngsters were given a Build A Bear® kit to assemble a stuffed animal, which showed them that they are never alone.

"I wanted all the kids at my tea to remember that they are never alone. They will always have their stuffed buddy and the friends around [them] to depend on," Madison says.

Madison also hosted a "Penny War" to raise money for T.U.G.S., or Talking, Understanding, Growing, Supporting. This local organization addresses the stigma surrounding mental health challenges. The "Penny War" winner was Noah Benedict, and he was "cheese crowned" after receiving the most donations. Madison thanks everyone that participated in this worthwhile cause.

Gather in Texas

Join us Sept. 21-24 for NHW's annual "The Gathering" held in Desdemona, Texas, at GKB Cattle. The weekend retreat will host speakers Amanda Radke, Calli Thorne and Diane Johnson. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in a paint-and-sip event, several breakout sessions, a tour of the ranch and delicious food. NHW would like to thank this year's sponsors — Sale Day and GKB Cattle — for their assistance with this event. **HW**

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