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The Highland HOOFBEAT

MISSION STATEMENT: North Central Highland Cattle Association shall protect the integrity and sustainability of the Highland breed by promoting education and social interactions of its members.

The Recipe Corner

A sweet treat can't be beat!

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Melinda Cowell

President

Melinda and her husband Shawn own Beyond Hope Farm in Ellendale, MN. Where Melinda is a farm, home, kid and dog manager, and educator.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the weather turns colder and a little drearier, I tend to look back on the summer and fall and evaluate all the wonderful experiences they afforded. The NCHCA as an organization had a wonderful summer and fall in 2024.

The Green family hosted a lovely July picnic at their farm in Wisconsin that was enjoyed by many breeders! Thank you Mid- lakes Highlands for your contribution to the association and your hospitality!

In early summer, the NCHCA board was approved to begin planning a 2027 AHCA gathering in our region. It is exciting to anticipate sharing the North Central region with breeders from around the country. Thank you to our current ACHA representative Janet Larson for taking on the coordination of this event. We will need lots of volunteers and sponsors for this event. We will keep you updated as the planning continues!

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SAVE THE DATE!

The NCHCA Annual Meeting

February 8, 2025
Cranberry Country Lodge
Tomah, Wisconsin



The President's Message Continued

In September, the NCHCA hosted both a show and sale. The show was a great success with nearly 90 animals, over 30 farms and 36 juniors attending. I cannot express enough gratitude to all the sponsors, exhibitors and volunteers who make this show a success every year. It is a great effort and could not be done without the support of so many fantastic and dedicated individuals.

The Females of Fall sale also was a success and was beautifully executed by the sale committee! With 10 animals sold and an average of \$9,300.00, we want to thank the committee for their excellent efforts.

Finally, I would like to recognize our 2024 board. It has been a great joy to work with these creative, capable and amazing women. We have accomplished so much this year, and I cannot thank you all enough for your hard work and dedication! May you all have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in February!

Melinda Cowell
President NCHCA

JUNIOR ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

President - Lauren Cowell

Vice President - Berretta Semmler

Secretary/Treasurer - Tate Pape

Hoofbeat Reporter - Shaelyn Cowell



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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CASEY PAPE OF LONE PINE LIVESTOCK

Roving reporter Julianne has an opportunity to talk to our Junior Committee Chair Casey Pape.

Without further ado, let's introduce Casey!

Tell me about your farm:

Our farm, Lone Pine Livestock is located in Pisgah, Iowa. My husband Todd, my boys, Tucker and Tate, and I run the farm together. We raise highlands, commercial cow/calf pairs, horses, goats, as well as row crop corn, beans, brome and alfalfa hay. It was established by my father-in-law in the early 1960's who raised commercial Limousin cattle. The farm went a "bit by the wayside" for a while but my sons, Tucker and Tate, decided we should bring it back to life. And, as a family, we did.

When did you start raising highlands and what drew you to the breed?

We started raising highlands in 2022.

Our friends and neighbors, Brylee and Jamie Sherer with Cobb Hollow Farms, had highlands at our local county fair. That was it! Tate loved their first highland named Opal and we decided then and there we wanted to support the breed. Tate has been showing cows, mostly commercial, since he was four hears old. Now he only wants to show highlands!

What does the future look like for Lone Pine Livestock?

Well on April 26, 2024 we lost everything. Our homestead, farm, barn, buildings, fences, everything due to a pair of tornadoes. We were stuck in our basement, sheltering from the destruction and our friends and neighbors, the Sherer's, rescued us. Our animals were scattered, they show up with a trailer and housed our highlands as we have been rebuilding. We are doing good now as the barn is almost up. We were

able to bring our highlands home right after the NCHCA show in Austin. A happy day. We've been living out of a camper and a rental. Everyone has a journey, and this has been ours. My husband has been battling cancer for the last five years and is doing well right now. We are looking at this as a new beginning. It's been tough, but we are managing. I think grandpa would be proud at how we are representing him and honoring his legacy.

The Recipe Corner

SPECIAL K BARS

Recipe submitted by Casey Pape



My grandma used to have Sunday dinners and we'd have them every single Sunday. We'd sit down at a table anywhere from 10 to 35 people at a time and on holidays there's probably up to 65 of us, but the one go to that everybody had to have for sure was special K bars and that's what I remember of that

INGREDIENTS

1 c. sugar
1 c, dark Karo syrup
6 c. Special K Cereal
5 plain Hershey bars
1 1/2 c. peanut butter

Let sugar and syrup come to boil and add peanut butter. Stir in cereal and press into 9x13-inch greased pan. Lay Hershey bars over top and soften in oven. Spread evenly.

NCHCA JUNIORS

OUR FUTURE IS SECURE!

At the September NCHCA Show in Austin MN, this roving reporter had the opportunity to attend the show for the first time. Of course, the cattle were amazing and being around fellow members is always fun but really what made it super wonderful were the NCHCA Juniors. They are hard-working, courteous, professional, and really know how to have a blast! If you are thinking about getting your child involved in the NCHCA Juniors Program, read on and don't hesitate! Casey Pape, our Junior Committee Chair, shares her vision for the program below.

This is my first year as NCHCA Junior Committee Chair. My oldest son participates in rodeo. Before he left for college I helped with roping clinics and always tried to get people involved to support the kids. He is in college now and I have the energy and experience to help, so I did. My goal is to create an atmosphere for the kids where they belong and feel included. This year at the show we had a scavenger hunt for the kids. As a team, they successfully completed their hunt and were rewarded with a big bucket of goodies that were donated by Sullivan Supply and other businesses. They had a blast and were so happy!

I want the kids to tell us what they want from the program. They have a chance to take ownership and get excited. This isn't just about the show in the fall. I look forward to activities throughout the year. We are working on a new award, Rookie of the Year, so younger and newer kids have a chance to be celebrated and recognized.

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Kids thrive when they have purpose.

Being a NCHCA Junior can provide so many things:

- A sense of purpose
- An opportunity to make lifelong friends
- Compassion for animals and other people
- Skills building
- Responsibility
- Leadership

I hope people bring their kids to the NCHCA Annual Meeting in February! There will be fundraising opportunities throughout the year. If folks are feeling grateful and generous this holiday season, think about supporting our Juniors! The future of the highland breed and our farming culture are in good hands with these kids.



Casey Pape & Lauren Cowell

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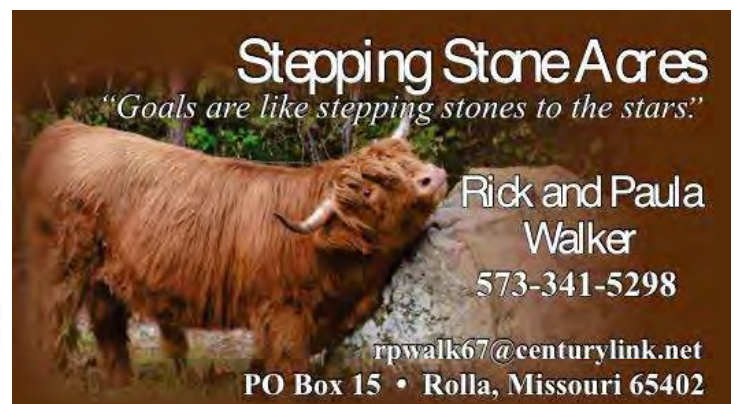
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2024 N.C.H.C.A. Annual Show Results

JUNIOR SHOW RESULTS

September 21, 2024

Lindsey Wolles - Judge

36 Junior Members Showing

39 Heifers

1 Sovereign

3 Market Animals



JUNIOR OF THE YEAR - Lauren Cowell

JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - TC Loretta (A1,D)

JUNIOR RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - Prairie Creek Violet

GRAND CHAMPION SOVEREIGN HEIFER - Round Tuit Bella

CHAMPION PUREBRED MARKET STEER - Round Tuit Cosmo

RESERVE CHAMPION PUREBRED MARKET STEER - Wild Winds Nitro (D)

CHAMPION OVERALL MARKET ANIMAL - Round Tuit Cosmo

GRAND CHAMPION OVERALL SHOWMAN - Maryn Cowell

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION OVERALL SHOWMAN - Lauren Cowell



OPEN SHOW RESULTS

September 21, 2024

Cody Williams Ponto - Judge

36 Exhibitors

61 Heifers

4 Cow/Calf Pairs 14 Bulls

3 Sovereigns

4 Market Animals

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - TC Loretta (AI,D)

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - CSF Calypso (PV,D)

GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF - Ledyards Tiffany Talia (D)

RESERVE GRAND COW/CALF - Apple Hill Alysanne

GRAND CHAMPION BULL - Trafalgar Maddox (ET,PV,D)

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL - Beyond Hope Fort Knox

GRAND CHAMPION SOVEREIGN HEIFER - Round Tuit Bella

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SOVEREIGN HEIFER - TFF Rosie Jo

GRAND CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL - Round Tuit Cosmo

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL - Rocky Acres Rudy

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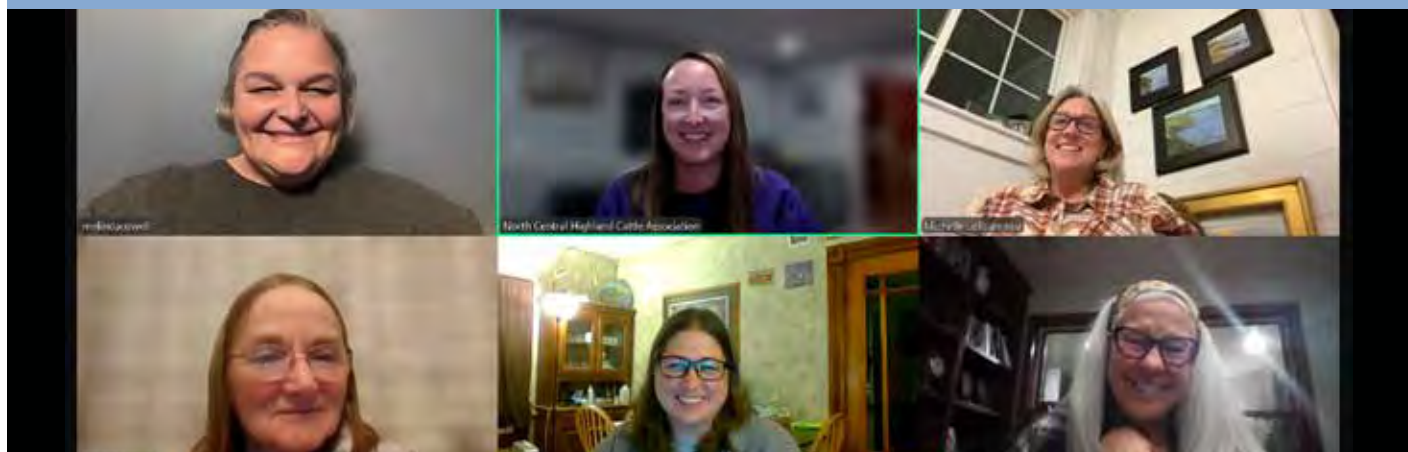
PREMIER BREEDER - Beyond Hope Farm MN LLC

PREMIER EXHIBITOR - Mid-Lakes Highlands



JOIN OUR BOARD!

A CHANCE TO NETWORK,
MEET NEW PEOPLE
BE IN THE "KNOW"
HAVE FUN AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT



The business and affairs of the North Central Highland Cattle Association are managed by a board of five directors, of which two are officers (President and Vice President).

Directors are elected by the Association membership at the annual meeting. The term of each Director is two years until the election of a successor, with a two term limit. After serving two consecutive elected terms, a director shall not be eligible for reelection for one year, except as provided in the bylaws to serve as President .

The duties and expectations for Directors are:

Represents the interests of the membership in all decisions consistent with the Association's mission.

Participates in annual, regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board holds monthly conference calls, except February when the annual meeting is held.

If a director is absent from more than two meetings of the Board and those absences are not excused by a majority of the other directors, the remaining directors may declare the position vacant

Participates when possible in NCHCA events and activities

Serves on at least one NCHCA committee and acts as liaison between the committee and the board

Maintains active membership in the American Highland Cattle Association

Understands that each Director represents one vote on the Board and no single Director can make commitments on behalf of the Association without Board consent

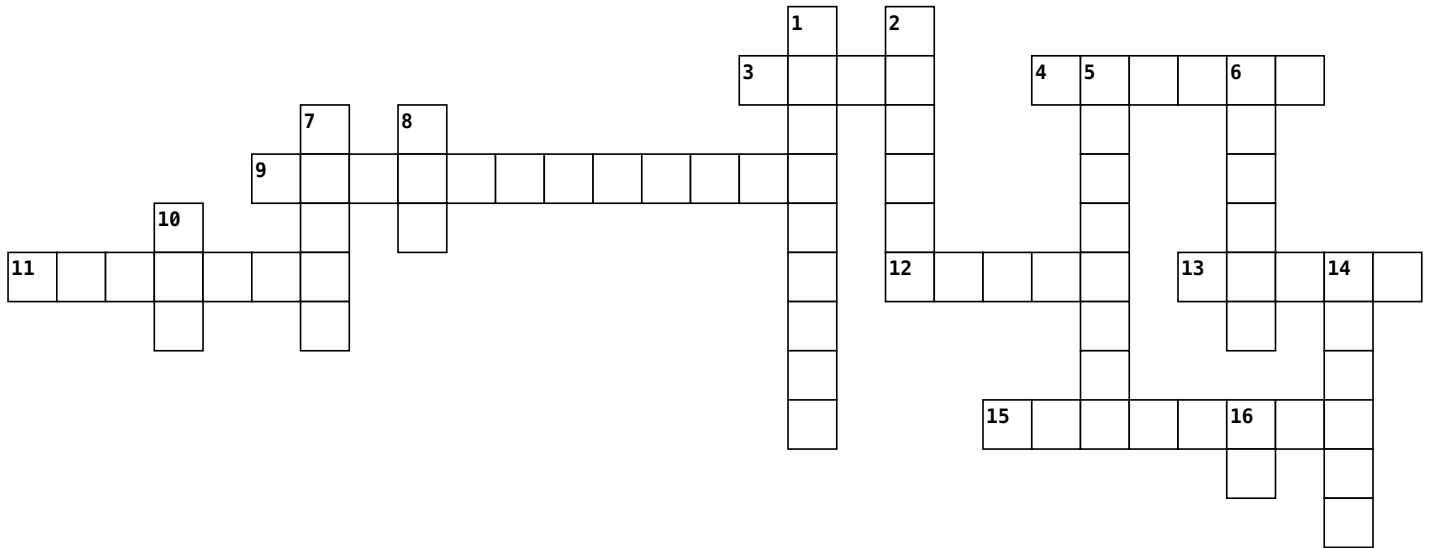
Abstains from voting if there is any conflict of interest

Directors receive no compensation. Directors have no rights, titles or interest in or to any property or assets of the Association and shall not be liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the Association.

To volunteer or nominate someone please contact a board member

The board members contact information is listed on the last page

HOOFBEAT CROSSWORD



Across

- 3.** Predominately black cattle raised on the western island of Scotland and tends to be on the smaller size
- 4.** One of AHCA's three founders
- 9.** One copy of the black allele and one copy of either the red or wild type allele.
- 11.** Instrument that has a drone, a chanter and a bag
- 12.** Regional association formed in 1982 to promote Scottish highland cattle
- 13.** 2023 NCHCA grand champion female Finola Katie 32nd breeder
- 15.** To bring food back from a stomach into the mouth and chew it again

Down

- 1.** Deletion of what gene causes the double-muscled phenotype in cattle
- 2.** A long fringe that covers Highland cattle eyes
- 5.** The fourth stomach of a ruminant
- 6.** 2023 NWSS Grand Champion Highland Bull
- 7.** Traditional highland colors
- 8.** Queen Victoria's preferred color of highland cattle
- 10.** A way to compare and rank cattle for their genetic potential as parents
- 14.** NCHCA current president
- 16.** Provides genetic material from high value sires at a relatively low cost

Answers found on page 12



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Down: (1) myostatin (2) Dossan (5) abomasum (6) encore (7) seven (8) red (10) EPD (14) Cowell (16) AI

Across: (3) Kyo (4) Baxter (9) hereerozygous (11) bagpipe (12) NCHCA (13) Urock (15) ruminate



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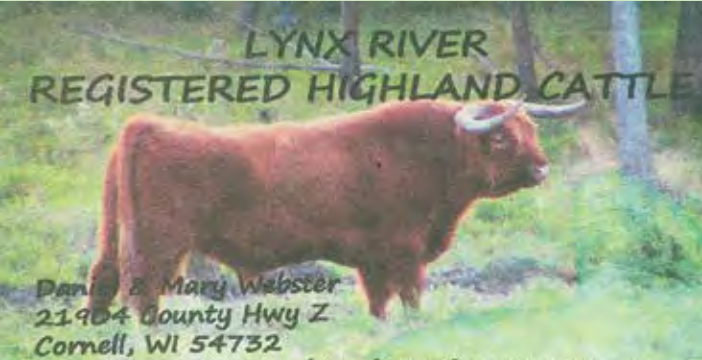


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The North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA) was formed in 1982 to promote Scottish Highland Cattle, form a marketing unit for breeders, and to provide a local organization closer to home. The organization has done this and provides opportunities for youth and families to have fun with their Highland cattle. Our association provides networking and educational opportunities for its members, has an active junior program for youth, and provides a local voice to the national organization, the American Highland Cattle Association.

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