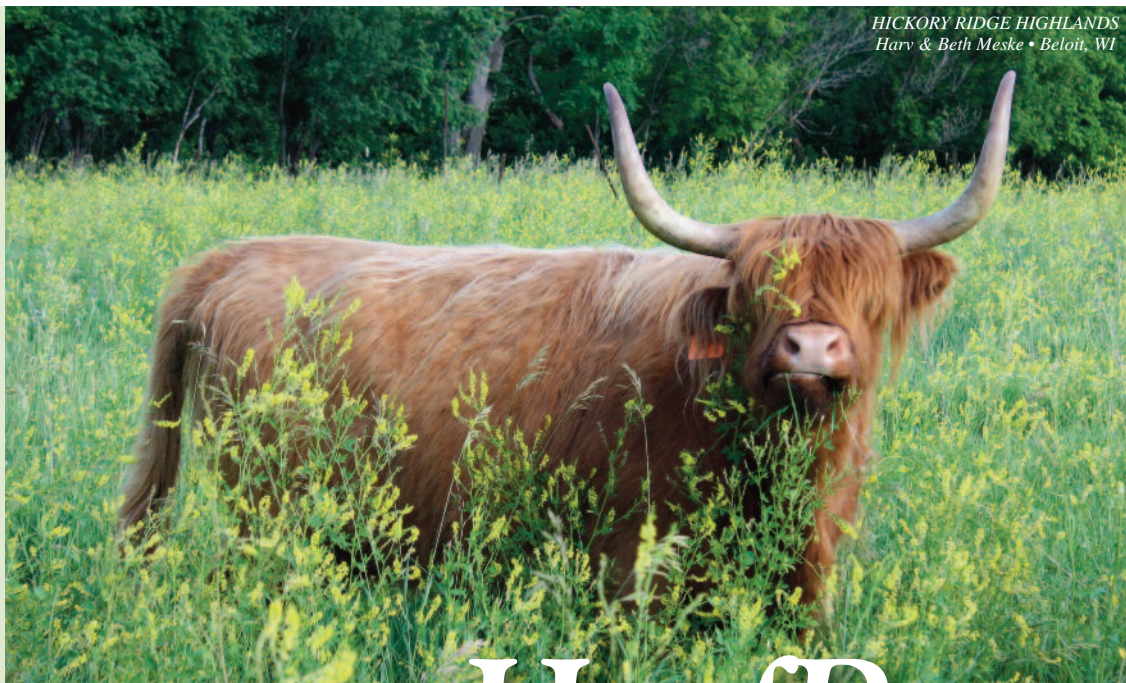




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President's Message – *Larry Sassen, President*

We had a very successful first-ever NCHCA production sale. My thoughts go to all the commitments made by the sale committee to make our first sale a success. Without their active participation and contributions, no sale would have been possible. All of them brought something to the group that made it possible. With the commitment they have made, I can't see how the sale can be anything but a success for the NCHCA again next year.

As president and directors, we see this uniqueness of talents and experience across the membership of the NCHCA and desire to improve the attendance from the membership at all association events. With improved attendance, it may be possible to provide knowledge of working with and caring for the wonderful animals we own for income and or show. We all are operate in a different manner, using different procedure and equipment which in some way may make things easier or give and idea to another member.

As I write we may have two picnic-tours lined up for this year, what a great place to swap ideas and make ties with someone you can swap information with. The dates may be announced in as little as two weeks before, so watch the web site and look for a mass e-mailing.

Happy Highlandling!
Larry Sassen

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.

NCHCA Junior of the Year

It is time to submit your application for the NCHCA Junior of the Year award. We are looking for applicants who not only represent dedication to the Highland Breed, but to their communities as well. If you know of a young person who fits these criteria, please take a few moments and fill out an application. You never know. Your young person could be the next to receive this honor

You can find the application on www.nchca.org. Fill it out and send it to Sue Dyke via USPS or email it to Sue at sue@almostafarmhighlands.com by **September 1st**. Please help support our young people who are the future of this wonderful breed.

Due Date: September 1, 2017

Send to:

**Sue Dyke
PO Box 27
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1. What is the age of the Junior? _____
2. How long has the Junior been involved with NCHCA? _____
3. Is the Junior active in 4-H, FFA? _____
If so...how long? _____
What have they done within that/those organization? _____
4. Does the Junior do any volunteer work/church activities? _____
If so...what? _____
If so...how long? _____
5. Please supply a teacher reference: _____
6. What, if any extracurricular activities does the Junior participate in at school? _____

7. In your own words, please tell us about your special Junior: _____

**NCHCA 2018 Calendars
are available and can be
ordered at NCHCA.org**



Hello, My Name is Jamie Schulz

My name is Jamie Schulz. My husband, Mark, and I operate Flatland Farm, LLC, in Elko, MN. Back in February, I was elected to represent the North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA) on the American Highland Cattle Association Board of Directors. As you are reading, this I am probably at or have just come back from the AHCA National Convention down in College Station, Tex. I hope that some of you could attend. It is always good to gather together and talk with other breeders from other areas of the US. I understand that vacation leave and other commitments can interfere, but I hope that those that can attend make the time to do so.

Mark and I have raised Highland cattle for 10 years. We are a small, grass fed and grass finished operation. We only have about 22 acres of pasture, and that limits how big our herd can be – always varying between 18 and 25 head with calves/yearlings/steers included. We enjoy sharing our animals with others through promotional activities like fairs, showing and farm visits. We started raising Highland cattle because we wanted to raise our own meat. We have fallen in love with them because of their hardiness, grazing efficiency, intelligence and charisma.

My job as a representative is to make sure your voice is heard at the national level. Please know that you can always call or email me, if you have questions, suggestions or concerns. I am still new and learning the ropes. A big thanks to Dave Larson, our past director, for helping me feel comfortable with things. My goal is to share what the expectations are for this position, so that some of our newer members feel comfortable stepping forward in the future for positions in the association like this. Everyone has different experiences and different views, and it is important that they are heard. This is what makes an association strong.

If you have something on your mind, let me know, so I can carry things forward to the board. I have only attended one meeting, and it was a good introduction to how things operate. I am looking forward to the next two and a half years representing you on the AHCA Board.

Sincerely,

Jamie Schulz

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Minnesota State Fair

Highland Cattle will be back in the spotlight for a FIFTH year in a row at the Minnesota State Fair Moo Booth. For the last 30 plus years, the Minnesota State Fair has been a great place to promote our breed, but with the added bonus of being in the Moo Booth, it puts our breed in the spot light even more. Most of the time there is a different breed in the booth each year. The

main reason we are back is that our Association staffs the booth from 7:00 a.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m. every day. We also engage the public and offer answers to their questions. In addition, we keep a tidy and attractive display. This is all done through our volunteers that come and help.



Having said that, I am asking for volunteers, again this year, to come and help out at the display. The display will open August 24 and runs through Labor Day, September 4. Sunday, August 27 and Thursday, August 31 are changeover days so we would be less likely to need volunteers on the afternoon of those dates. Otherwise, we welcome any help you can give, even if it is just for an hour. If you want free passes to get into the fair I need to know you are coming for certain by Wednesday, August 10. We request you work the booth for 4 hours to get a pass. I hope to hear from you.

You can e-mail or call with questions.

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“Thanks to Everyone involved in making the first-ever Highland Production Sale presented by NCHCA a success!”

Save the date for next year – June 23, 2018 at Four T Acres.

NCHCA Production Sale Report

The North Central Highland Cattle Association hosted their first Production Sale. The sale was held at Four T Acres in Burlington, Wisconsin. Consignor's brought animals from Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. A consignor's dinner was held at Cobblestone Farm Friday evening prepared by Timm Bailey, onsite chef.

Saturday proved to be gorgeous with mid-70 degree weather, sun and a light breeze. A beautiful day for a cattle auction. Auction cattle were presented in pen fashion, inside open- air barns for potential buyers to view. Buyers appraised cattle all day Friday and Saturday prior to the sale.

The auction began at 1:00 p.m. with DV Auction displaying video footage of the cattle consigned, both online and on large screens in front of the audience. Bob Hagemann Auction Service started the auction off with the high selling bull- CSF Halvdan the Black, consigned by Climbing Stump Farm of Harris, Minnesota, sold for \$3600.00 to Roundtuit Farm in Austin, Minn. High selling female was Windemere Envy, consigned by Windemere Farm, sold for \$4200 to Litera Farms in Grove City, PA.

The sale averages verified the quality of the animals. 30 live lots sold for an average of \$2273.00 and 3 embryo/semen packages averaged \$592.00. The sale grossed \$69,975.00 with 24 lots of females averaging \$2300 and 6 lots of bulls averaging \$2168.00.

The NCHCA Production Sale committee would like to extend a huge thank you to Four T Acres for the auction facilities, and the entire family's commitment to making this sale successful. We would also like to thank Hagemann Auction Services for providing a relaxed but momentous auction, with some good laughs through out. A big thank you to Dr. Bob Entwistle, DVM of Elkhorn Veterinarian Services for providing Health Certificate and inspection services.

Thank you to our NCHCA Juniors for staffing the food booth. We would also like to thank our sponsors who generously supported the sale: Agriview, American Livestock Magazine, Cobblestone Farm, Elkhorn Veterinary Clinic, Four T Acres, Heartland Highland Cattle Association, Minuteman Press, Pat's Sanitary Service, Rural Mutual Insurance, TJ Associates and Windland Flats. To all our consignors who provided the livestock that made this sale a success, we not only thank you, but applaud you for your willingness to provide quality stock to the sale. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all buyers who purchased animals and animal products. The NCHCA Sale committee has set the date of June 23, 2018 at Four T Acres in Burlington, WI to hold the NCHCA Production Sale. **Save the date.**

NCHCA Fall Show

The North Central Highland Cattle Association will once again be holding their fall show at the Mower County Fairgrounds in Austin, MN. The date of the show is Saturday, September 30, 2017. Additional show information will be coming soon and will be posted to the North Central website. If you haven't taken part either by showing cattle or watching this fine display of cattle as a spectator, you are missing out. This is a great family event for all ages. We look forward to seeing you at the show.

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Local Beef with a Twist of Highland

By Josh Krenz, Farmer

May flowers are here with newborn calves chasing each other in a green pasture. The bluffs brighten with green leaves and cool streams wash away our winter blues. Just another day in Scotland –or perhaps a look closer to home here in the Upper Midwest? The similarity in climates is not the only thing these beautiful regions have in common.



It's not only the similarity in climate that drew me to Highland beef cattle, but also the breed's ability to produce lean beef – and produce it locally. Highland cattle fit our personal goals for our family to raise high-quality beef that is lower in fat and cholesterol. Plus, what's more local than my own backyard?



A 2016 research study concluded that Highland beef is not only lean, but also tender. Under the guidance of Bryon Weigand, professor of animal science at the University of Missouri, the study showed Highland beef has an average shear force value of 3.6 kilograms in the ribeye muscle. To frame this, most store-purchased beef measures between 4 and 6 kilograms of shear force, with the lower scores being more tender.

What started as a hobby has launched into a full-fledged grass-fed-beef business. We started small, like most hobby farms. We were initially drawn to how docile Highland cattle are, as well as their ability to more efficiently convert grass into beef. Plus, as we learned, they are great mothers. As the demand for our 100 percent Highland grass-fed beef grew, so did our herd.

Four T Acres of Burlington, Wisconsin, has been raising Highland cattle on the fourth-generation farm for more than 10 years. Four T Acres owners say the horns and hair help tell a great story.

"We recently hosted several classrooms of school children," they said. "The unique features of the horns, yet the gentle nature of the cattle, helped us tell a story to school groups. The long Highland hair helps explain to the kids why Highland beef is so lean and healthy."

They said the tours also play into the hyper-local culture; most of the children's parents want them to know where their food grows.

Four T Acres will be opening their farm again June 24.

"We are proud to host the first-ever Highland Cattle Production Sale at our farm," they said. "This will be a great opportunity for new breeders or interested farms to bid on cattle, or to learn more about the breed, in person. There is no other venue in the Upper Midwest to find more than 40 lots of Highland cattle for sale in one location."



As we enjoy watching our cattle munch on green pastures, or enjoy a lean, local Highland steak, we can smile knowing that the beauty of our region has drawn farmers from all parts of the Midwest to put a little local Scottish heritage in our own backyard.

The sale is presented by the North Central Highland Cattle Association, a group dedicated to promoting the Highland breed. Visit NCHCA.org for more information on the gentle nature or healthy beef benefits of Highland cattle, or regarding the upcoming June 24 auction.



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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.

NCHCA Events 2017

■ August

3-13th

Wisconsin State Fair
West Allis, WI



24th-Sept 4th
Minnesota State
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■ September

22-24th

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■ Looking for Photos for 2019 Calendar

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■ Fall Picnic?

Check website for more information.

October Hoofbeat Newsletter The deadline for our next issue will be **September 15, 2017**. Please submit all articles and photos using the contact information below. **Preferred formats are:** Articles – Microsoft Word, Photos/images – PDF format, Tables/graphs – Microsoft Excel. We need original electronic artwork. **TJ Associates Attn: Dan Stewart**
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