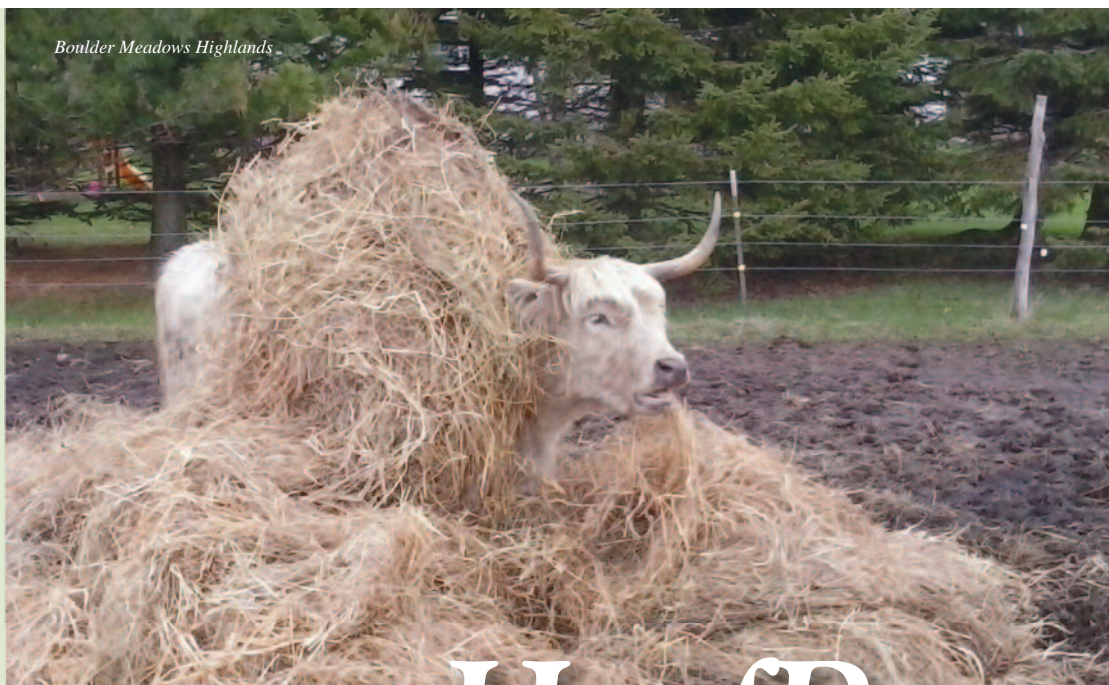




THE HIGHLAND *HoofBeat*

NCHCA 2018 Elected Officers and Board of Directors

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President's Message – *Larry Sassen, President*

Greetings from central Minnesota, hope everyone has their feed supply secured and protected for this feeding season. For many of us that put up our own feed, this past year has been a tough year weather it was lack of rain or too much when it came, if you are buying keep this in mind when making purchases. Much of our first hay was baled at the boarder line of being safe for storage or molding, we are feeding much of this hay unrolling it in the fields now, so the fold can sort through it and it will not hinder regrowth next year. Our cold weather feed will be the best of this year crop and our purchased hay that is dust and mold free. Our fold will be split this year between the two all weather waterers, the cold weather calving will be at the barn site for ease of working with them. Feeding the remainder out in the fields and pasture areas saves us time spreading manure next year.

In February, we will have our winter education section and annual meeting which is always a great way to start the new year. Details can be found inside the Hoof Beat. We already have next years sale date set for June 22, 2019. The sale committee is looking for more help. We are looking for farm tour picnic sites for 2019, we would love to see your fold and your way of doing things that could help others, we are all looking for ideas to do things better and easier.

The board and I are looking forward to seeing the youth entries for this year's scholarship, please put some time in on this.

From Boulder Meadows, we wish all, a Thanksgiving for many blessings, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

– Larry and Cindy

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 AHCA Director Report

It has been a bit of a whirlwind since the Annual AHCA Gathering and Sale held in the NCHCA Region in June.

I would say that event was a huge success thanks to Four T Acres and Cobblestone Farm and many, many others who helped them host this event. Thanks to everyone for all your efforts!

As you know, a new AHCA President, Josh Gregg, was elected at the gathering. Many people who attend cattle shows in the region will know Josh. I encourage you to provide support and encouragement where you can. Helping steer an organization of this size with so many members and their diverse goals is definitely a challenge. I think Josh is well suited to keep things moving in a positive direction.

Along with that change, John Ligo is now Vice President and Steve Palosaari has taken on the Treasurer position. Again, many of you may know John as he is a long time AHCA member and previously the Treasurer, and Steve has often been at NCHCA shows with his cattle he raises in the U.P. of Michigan. Offer them both your support and encouragement when you can.

The Bagpipe came last week and there is an article in there about the new marketing materials that are available to AHCA members (see page 5). Please use these materials to help you in your operation. A lot of effort has gone into them to provide marketing resources for AHCA members. Take advantage of them to promote your Highland products.

If you want to know what AHCA has been up to, check out Ginnah Moses's article Highland Highlights on page 43 of the Bagpipe. It is a pretty thorough recap of what the Board of Directors and all the committees have been working on.

There are a number of BOD positions currently vacant. I ask that you think about nominating someone for those open Director-At-Large positions. The nomination form can be found on page 18 in the Bagpipe. Please look at the form as some changes have been made to make the process easier for the Nomination Committee if they are unfamiliar with the nominee. Remember, all nominations come from AHCA membership. The Nominations committee is appointed by the Governance Committee to look over the nominations that have been received and send recommendations back to the AHCA Board of Directors for the ballot.

Denver is quickly coming up. The National Show and Sale are always great events to attend. Remember, if you cannot attend in person you can still watch (and bid) online. See the advertisement on page 22 in the Bagpipe for more information. It is always fun to attend in person and network with all the breeders that are there, but being able to watch online is a great alternative.

As your AHCA Director for the NCHCA, it is my job to pass along any comments/concerns that NCHCA members have and voice opinions that reflect our membership. Be sure to share comments/concerns with me if you have them. That is how we can keep our National organization current and serving its membership. You can also contact any Director-At-Large or Officer of AHCA. All Directors and Officers are listed in the current Bagpipe on page 47.

I hope everyone is ready for winter as it seems determined to settle in early this year. Here is to healthy and happy cattle and NCHCA members this season!

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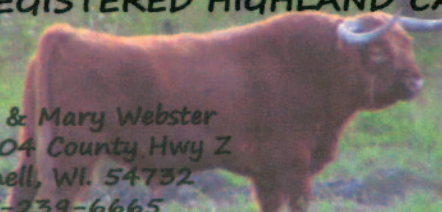
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NCHCA 2019 Annual Meeting

It's Annual Meeting time! Here is the official invitation to the entire membership to our annual meeting on February 2 & 3, 2019, at the **HOLIDAY INN**

**4751 Owen Ayres Court
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-830-9889**

This is the same lovely venue we were in last year!

Call the hotel to reserve your room and mention that you are with the North Central Highland Cattle Association. The room rate will be \$114.95/night. Then, **please download the registration form off the NCHCA website** and you can either use PayPal, now available on our website, or send a check made out to NCHCA to Kerie Olson at the address below

**NCHCA Secretary
26086 885th Ave
Austin, MN 55912 / 507-219-9825**

Don't forget the NCHCA Junior's auction, so bring along an item for donation if you can! Watch for more details on that. The NCHCA Juniors will also be awarding the first annual NCHCA Junior Scholarship!!

Registration will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturday.

Saturday, February 2

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Marketing & Sales of Highland Beef - A Panel Discussion Featuring NCHCA Member Farms
Break	Networking
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Handling and Facility Maintenance of Highland Cattle – A Panel Discussion Featuring NCHCA Member Farms
Break	Networking
3:45 – 4:45 p.m.	Exhibiting and Showing Highland Cattle – A Panel Discussion Featuring NCHCA Member Farms
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Social and Networking
6:00 p.m.	Annual Banquet and Awards

Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Annual Business Meeting & Elections
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Looking forward to seeing some old friends, and the opportunity to meet some new ones! Please come and join us! Thank you, Kerie

Visit Your NCHCA.org Website

Did you know you can do all the following things at NCHCA.org?

- Find a list of members and read their profiles
- See show results and next year's information
- Review and submit member tips
- Purchase calendars and other merchandise
- Find information on the NCHCA Sale and Summer Convention
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2018 Minnesota State Fair

By Mark Schulz, Flatland Farm, LLC, Elkton, MN



The North Central Highland Cattle Association was once again represented in the Moo Booth at the Minnesota State Fair! That is the sixth year in the Moo Booth and marks 35+ years at the fair. We were also a part of a record attendance year of 2,046,533 visitors to the fair!

We arrive with our first cow/calf pair on Wednesday before the fair opens for its 12 day run. There are three encampments of animals during the 12 day fair and the barns are evacuated and cleaned between each encampment. We take this opportunity to change out cow/calf pairs so they are only subject to the masses for 4 days. Better for the cattle, but a short night for the farmer as we leave the fair about 4-5 pm and are back on the road to the fairgrounds by 2 am so we are in place for fairgoers by 6-7 am (in place with washed cattle and somewhat presentable farmers).

The Moo Booth is an educational area that includes the milking parlor for Dairy, the Dairy showcase herd, a demonstration area for 4-H and FFA, a self-guided quiz area and of course the showcase beef breed – Highland Cattle. Normally the showcase herds are a different breed each year, however, our association has done such a great job with manning our display, answering all kinds of questions, participating in publicity events at a moments notice and just having a breed that draws people, we have managed to secure this location for the last six years. The state fair manager of this area already asked if we would participate in 2019 as we left the barn last Labor day.

This would not be possible without all of the association members and their family's spending time at the booth. I know this year I really leaned heavy on Larry and Cindy Sassen as I came down with a cold on the last encampment change out. I was in my camper most of the day trying to get some rest so that I could get home and back for the next encampment. Luckily Larry and Cindy hung in there, literally until we had the cattle loaded on my trailer (Larry even got to lead a, not so well trained, Guernsey heifer I had agreed to haul for the neighbors).

Huge thank you to all who supported the MN State Fair display! If I missed anyone, I do apologize, but thank you to the following folks:

Jamie Schulz	Kelly Yaremchuck	Michael Yaremchuck	Linda LaCanne	Roger Weideman
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Isla Janquart	Larry Sassen	Cindy Sassen	Laura Sandholm	Bob Nelson
Sally Nelson	Bill Marx	Candace Marx	Dan Stewart	

DIRECTOR POSITIONS OPEN

NCHCA Needs membership involvement. We are a volunteer association and appreciate everyone who participates at all levels.

If you would like to help at the Board level, we are looking for 2019-2021 Board Directors and a Vice-President. The Board meets several times on the phone, during the course of the year.

The Board helps drive direction and looks for new ways to support the goals and direction of NCHCA.

If you are interested, please contact Randi Johnson, Vicepresident@nchca.org, or any member of the NCHCA Board.

If you know someone, who would be a great Board Member, please send your nomination to Randi Johnson by January 15, 2019.

Regional Junior Show

Written by Courtney Hutson and Maryn Cowell

This years north central regional junior show had an excellent turnout! We had record breaking 20 junior members showing their calves. Animal head count added up to sixteen purebred heifers, 2 sovereign heifers and 2 crossbred steers. The judge of our junior show

was Larry Mulert of Ellendale, MN. Thanks from the juniors to all who participated in our chili supper fundraiser, it was a great success! We look forward to seeing our junior program and



As we round out the final days of October, we look back on what has been an exciting Fall show in Austin, Minnesota. This years Junior if the year goes to Maryn Cowell. Maryn continues to be active in both the North central highland cattle association and American highland cattle association. She is also active in 4-H, youth groups and FFA as the chapter treasurer. Maryn can be seen at a number of highland cattle venues. This young lady has a knack for promoting, showing, and raising quality highland and sovereigns cattle. Not only has Maryn won the Junior of the Year she was also elected president of the NCHCAj committee.



NEW FOR JUNIORS! APPLY FOR THE NCHCA SCHOLARSHIP



The NCHCA Junior board is pleased to offer one \$500 scholarship to a current NCHCA junior member, to be used for college or trade school expenses {tuition, books, etc.}. Limit of one award per junior.

An eligible junior must be a current graduating senior or be accepted to a college or trade school for the current year. The student need not be studying an agriculturally based field to apply.

Applications can be found on the NCHCA.org website and are Due January 1, 2019.

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Support our Association by purchasing calendars. Another great job of putting together fine examples of the breed and featuring member farms. These make great gifts!



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JUNIOR OF THE YEAR
Maryn Cowell



Grand Champion Sovereign Heifer
Beyond Hope Wynter Grace



Reserve Grand Champion
Sovereign Heifer
PC She's Smoke



Grand Champion Female
Pell Creek's Abilene



Reserve Grand Champion
Windemere Firefly

2018 North Central Regional Show

By Mark Schulz, Flatland Farm, LLC, Elkton, MN.

Our fall regional show was in Austin, MN for a seventh year. We had 26 exhibitors showing 49 Heifers, 8 cow/calf pairs, 13 bulls, 4 Sovereign heifers and 5 market animals. Wow – a total of 79 animals. I remember when the show first moved to Austin and we barely met the 50 animal requirement for a double points show. We even had one year we did not meet this and were on probation. I appreciate all those who continue to bring animals to the show. I also feel the quality of animals has greatly improved over the years.

This show is a great event to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. What better atmosphere than with some great looking highlands. Shows can also be a FREE opportunity to view a large number of Highlands as a marker against our own herds. You may say that you are not into showing so why go – my response to that is sometimes you learn more from things you are not in tune with or don't agree with than things that agree with your own mindset.

I had some positive feedback on changes made to the timing of some of the classes and the traffic flow in the staging and show arena. We will continue those things next year.

The 2019 show will again be held in Austin, MN; however, I am happy to say the show will be under the co-management of Melinda Cowell and Kerrie Olson next year. Please provide them with any feedback on improvements you would like to see happen. I look forward to seeing where they take this show!



**NORTH CENTRAL HIGHLAND
CATTLE ASSOCIATION**

JUNIOR SHOW RESULTS

September 22, 2018

Larry Mulert – Judge

20 Junior Members showing: 16 Heifers, 2 Sovereign, 2 Market Animals

JUNIOR OF THE YEAR - Maryn Cowell

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - Pell Creek's Abilene (AI,D)

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - Windemere Firefly

GRAND CHAMPION SOVEREIGN HEIFER - Beyond Hope Wynter Grace (AI,D)

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SOVEREIGN HEIFER - PC She's Smoke (AI)

GRAND CHAMPION STEER - Beyond Hope Easton

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER - Almosta Farm's Apollo

SUPREME MARKET ANIMAL - Beyond Hope Easton

See all the show results on NCHCA.org

NORTH CENTRAL HIGHLAND CATTLE
ASSOCIATION
OPEN SHOW RESULTS

September 22, 2018

Kelly Schmidt - Judge

26 Exhibitors / 49 Heifers / 8 Cow/Calf Pairs / 13 Bulls / 4 Sovereigns / 5 Market Animals

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - STR Symphony (ET,D)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE - Windemere Firefly
GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF - We Tired Lexi
RESERVE GRAND COW/CALF - Snowland First Lady
GRAND CHAMPION BULL - LEA Niadh
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL - CBS Clark Kent (D)
GRAND CHAMPION SOVEREIGN HEIFER - PC She's Smoke (AI)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SOVEREIGN HEIFER - CBS Royal Flush
GRAND CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL - RTH Gibbs
BOB DUELL HERDSMANSHIP AWARD - Schön Boden Farms
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GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE
STR Symphony



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We Tired Lexi



GRAND CHAMPION BULL
LEA Niadh

**See all the show results
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Mark & Jamie Schulz

**Thanks for leading the
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Please call if you have any questions.
Hoofbeat articles can be submitted from now up until the deadline date.

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