

## Juniors President's Report

### 2025-2026 North Central Highland Cattle Association Junior Committee

Committee Chair – Casey Pape

President – Lauren Cowell

Vice President – Beretta Semmler

Treasurer/ Secretary – Tate Pape

Reporter – Shaelyn Cowell

The past year has been one of growth, learning, and collaboration. We have continued the growth of our junior program this year, not just in participants but in active contributors to the preservation and promotion of this highland breed. It is an honor to see so many of our younger members so engaged and enthusiastic about Highland cattle, both in the show ring and promoting the breed in other ways.

In terms of events, the Junior Committee has had a remarkably successful year. Our NCHCA annual show went extremely well, with 36 juniors attending. The junior committee has also worked hard to increase participation and education of our members this year. We implemented a raffle for the juniors to take part in selling tickets. This raised the juniors \$3,350 as well as \$1,380 from the silent auction. This brings the Junior account balance to \$7,872. We plan to use these funds to continue to promote junior show, learning, and development. At the annual show we presented the Junior of the Year Award at the banquet. The 2025 Junior of The Year is Lauren Cowell.

One of the key accomplishments of the committee this year has been the continued focus on mentorship. We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated junior members and experienced breeders who have been invaluable in guiding our juniors. These relationships have fostered a strong network of support, which I know will continue to benefit both our younger members and the broader association for many years to come.

Looking ahead, we aim to continue building on the momentum we've gained. Our goals for the upcoming year include continuing outreach to attract even more juniors to Highland cattle, strengthening our educational offerings, and enhancing our communication within the broader association. We are also exploring new opportunities for showcasing the talent and passion of our junior members, whether through more competitive events or social gatherings.

I want to thank all of our members for their hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment to the Junior Committee. It's a pleasure to serve as your President, and I look forward to what we will achieve together in the year ahead.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Cowell President, North Central Highland Cattle Association Junior Committee