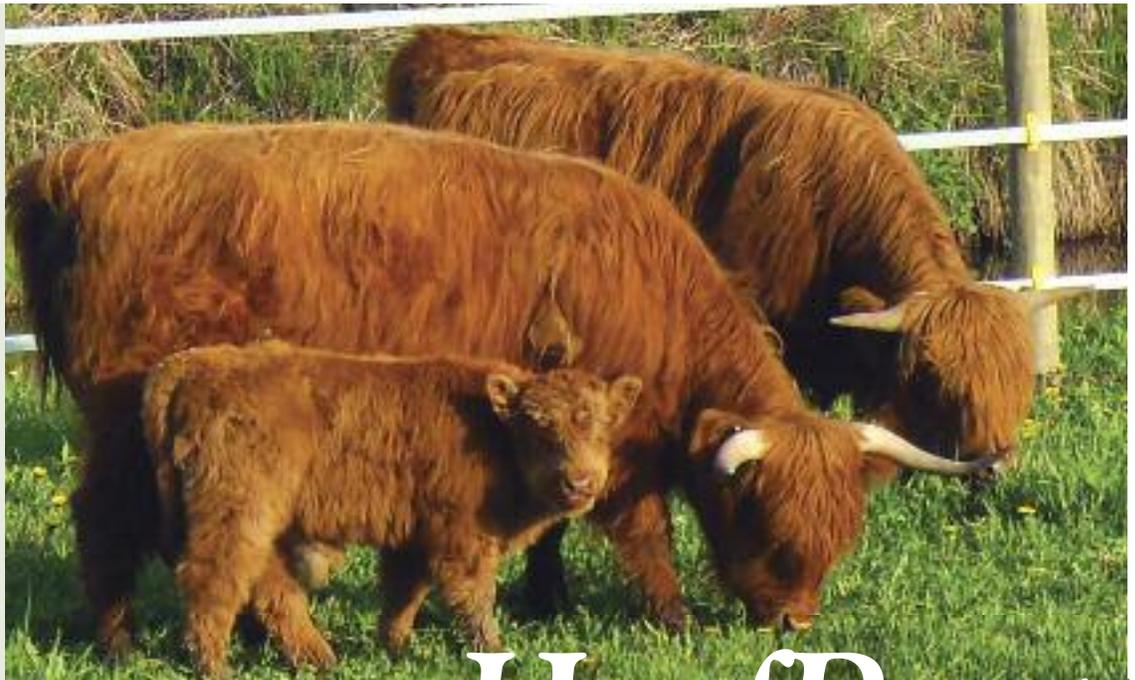




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President's Message – Mark Schulz, President

Remember To Take A Break!

We are well into that season where everything seems to be in need of attention RIGHT AWAY – from calving needs, to pasture maintenance and fencing maintenance, to baling hay! I am writing this message over my lunch time at my day job because I know that I will not have time during my night and weekend job of farming. The demands of this season and into the fall season drains on our energy and resources and can frankly get us a bit frazzled or unsure what to do next. Having said this, I would like to invite and encourage you to take some time for a break. Go visit a few Highland farms that you have wanted to visit, take in our summer farm tours and picnics, or attend one of our Highland promotional events. These are chances for you to take a much needed break and socialize with people that have the same passion for Highlands that you do. You might even learn a thing or two!

The scheduled events are in this issue of the Hoofbeat and on the North Central Highland Cattle Association website. I know for a fact that we could use a helping hand at many of the events. You don't have to commit to long periods of time, just giving the people heading the event an hour break is a great help. Experience level is not a factor – if you have Highlands, then you have something to talk to the public about. Also, on the website is the member list that you can check out to see what farm you could contact for a visit.

I would also like to remind you about the North Central fall show in Austin, MN on September 21. Even if you are not interested in exhibiting, please come to the education session on Friday night, September 20 or watch the show on September 21. You will not be disappointed! Look for more information on that coming soon.

Please consider what I have said – take a break, and have a safe and rewarding summer! See you at the next Highland event!

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Highland Events 2013

JULY

- 7/9-7/11 **Wisconsin Farm Technology Days**
Barron County, WI
- 7/20 **Summer Farm Picnic at Schön Boden**
Osceloa, WI
- 7/25-7/29 **Racine County Fair**
Union Grove, WI

AUGUST

- 8/1-8/11 **Wisconsin State Fair**
West Allis, WI
- 8/6 – 8/11 **Mower County Fair**
Austin, MN
- 8/17 **Summer Farm Picnic at Four T Acres**
Burlington, WI
- 8/26-9/2 **Minnesota State Fair**
St. Paul, MN
- 8/28-9/2 **Walworth County Fair**
Elkhorn, WI

SEPTEMBER

- 9/21 **North Central Highland Cattle Show**
Austin, MN

For more information about these events
check the NCHCA website or contact
Jamie Schulz at info@flatlandfarm.com

Next Hoofbeat Newsletter

The deadline for our next issue will be **Sept. 30, 2013**.
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.

Please call if you have any questions. Hoofbeat articles can
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2013 Minnesota Scottish Fair & Games

The Minnesota Scottish Fair and Games were held on Saturday, May 5th at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington, Minnesota. This is a one day event that boasts all things Scottish. Due to cold, wet

weather the number of vendors and spectators were down from previous years, however, the Highlands and North Central Members did not disappoint.

We had 10 head of Highlands including three cow calf pairs, heifers, and steers in a full range of Highland colors. Not only did we display and answer questions, but for the second year we put on a mock show for the spectators. We have a volunteer student judge from the University of Minnesota and most of the time our Juniors are the ones that show the cattle.

We had three classes and a showmanship class this year. We took some extra time to explain to the public what we are looking for in the cattle and the showperson. By the end of the day the sun started to poke through! Those members helping out with this event were:

Roger, Cindy and Ryan Weideman

Josh Krenz

Billy Johnston

Larry and Cindy Sassen

Larry, Nicole, Shayna and Philipp Sassen

Sara, Hannah, and Mya Burkhart

Matthew Mueller

Tom and Christie Stodola

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The NCHCA Jr Association provides opportunities for youth who are interested in Highland Cattle to be involved with Scottish Highland cattle. There are educational offerings, networking opportunities (i.e. facebook and twitter, meeting activities), and other experiences offered along with NCHCA activities.

Any youth can be involved. They do not have to own cattle and parents do not need to be members of NCHCA. Membership is free! Youth 21 and under and welcome.

2013 Minnesota Junior Spring Classic

The 6th Annual Minnesota Junior Spring Classic was held in Austin, Minnesota at the Mower County Fairgrounds, April 13-14, 2013.

This weekend event boasts both an education day and multi-breed show day for juniors ranging in age from 7-21 years old. Six years ago this event started with 125 head entered and has grown to a record 365 head of cattle and 250+ juniors participating. This record occurred even with cold and bluster conditions that both people and animals endured to both learn and compete. This show is fully sponsored by donations and as you can imagine takes a sizeable budget. Our regional members and our Junior program meet our portion of this budget with no problem.



Our Highland Juniors have participated for the last 4 years and have gained a great deal of confidence and long lasting friendships! Over the last four years, we have averaged 10 Highlands at this show and about the same number of Highland Juniors each year. You may think this is a small number when

looking at the total number of cattle; however, there are several other commercial breeds that have very similar numbers of cattle. We stand out not only because we have horns and hair, but because our Juniors are the ones doing the work of caring for the animals and getting them ready to show, adults are only there to advise and provide assistance. Our Juniors show good work ethic, team work, good sportsmanship, and are great at promoting the breed! They are also very proud of the fact that they sponsor their own breed show and then are in the final drive for top Heifer and Steer. Our regional banner was the only breed banner in the show ring, having met the required sponsored dollar amount to hang a banner.

Our juniors arrive on Friday night to start washing and grooming their animals. Saturday morning consists of check in, weighing in of steers and more grooming. Late morning is when the education, or "boot camp" as it is called, starts.

In the boot camp, which is tailored by age of the junior, they rotate through fitting demonstrations, animal nutrition, and showmanship. The "boot camp" is followed by showmanship where there are junior, intermediate, and senior classes. There were over 100 senior class participants who were competing for a grooming chute donated by Sullivan Supply. Our kids learned a lot from this competition. Sunday started the show portion with Highland Heifers being first in the show line up. We have held this starting role for the last three years as we hold to the tradition of opening the show with a bagpiper playing. The show concludes late afternoon. What a great learning opportunity for all!



Junior Spring Classic continued



The Highland Juniors participating this year were:

Hannah Burkhart
Mya Burkhart
Marysa Londgren
Masyn Londgren
Bailey McConnell
Riley McConnell
Matthew Mueller
Phillip Sassen



Show Results:

Champion Heifer – Mya Burkhart
Res. Champion Heifer – Bailey McConnell
Champion Steer – Hannah Burkhart
Res. Champion Steer – Matthew Mueller

Show sponsors from our region were:

**North Central Highland Cattle
Junior Association**
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To learn more about this great event check out the website (www.minnesotajsc.com) and Facebook page or contact Mark Schulz at mark@flatlandfarm.com or 507-481-7367.

Save the Dates!

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Scottish Highland Cattle

Saturday, August 17, 2013

Anyone can come down for the day or stay for a weekend. We have plenty of room for campers and/or tents. There may even be a bedroom or two open yet but those are filling up fast. There are also several local hotels that I can give out info for.

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more calves due to be born.

Dan and Ardelle also raise Morgan horses and in the past have bred some world champions in this breed. They currently have six horses on the farm.



They are offsetting the high feed costs by growing barley fodder hydroponically. They feed about 400 lbs. per day in the winter months – pictures show very happy cattle eating green barley in zero degree weather! They felt the system has a pretty steep learning curve, but are now happy they did this. It is pretty labor intensive at about an hour and a half each day to keep up healthy production, not

including the feeding time. Articles about them and the use of this system have been in the local newspapers.

Dan has his own hardwood flooring business and Ardelle is a nurse at Olmsted County Medical Center. When not at work delivering babies, she is probably delivering a Highland calf or Morgan foal. They have three grown children – two girls and a boy.

Dan and Ardelle have a wonderful farm and are great people to talk to. Remember to visit Highland farms in your area when an opportunity arises!



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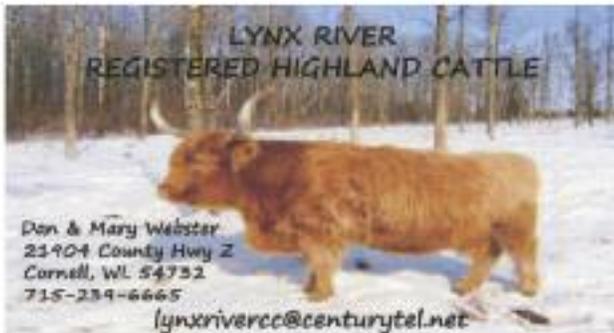
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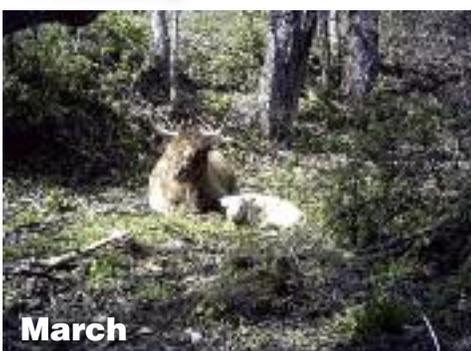


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Here are the Calendar Finals for 2014.

Thank you for all your submissions for the 2014 NCHCA Calendar this year!



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