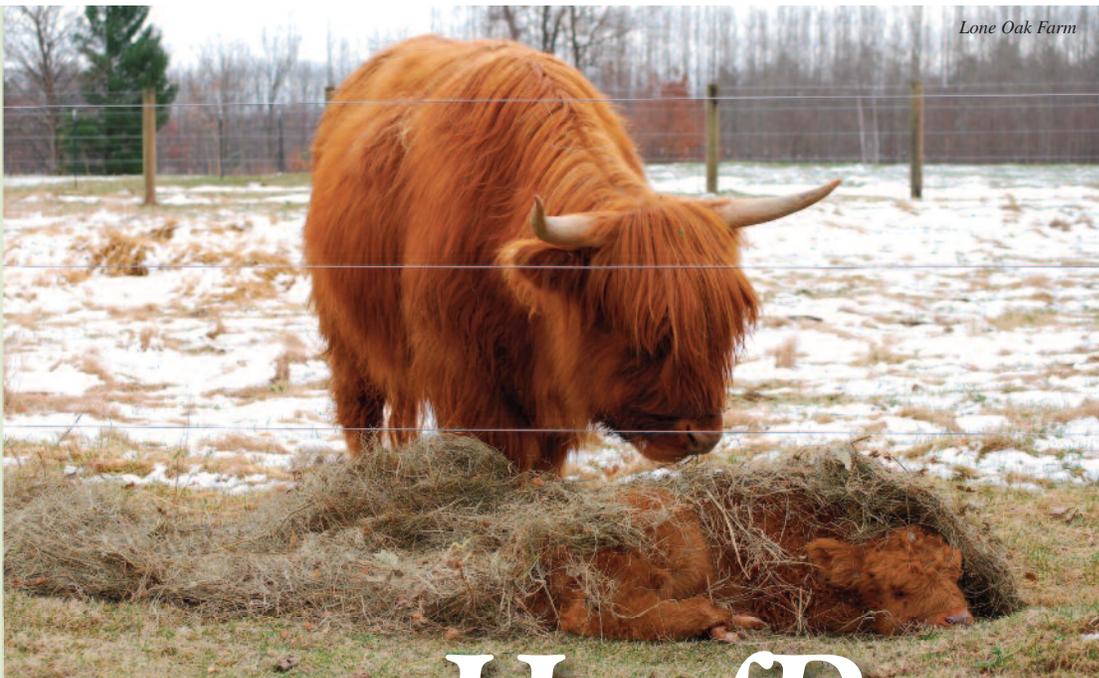




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President's Message – *Larry Sassen, President*

Hello from Boulder Meadows Highlands. As I sit down to write this, Cindy and I are nearing completion of fortieth year of working our farm. What a winter we have had, colder and windier than most, since we started our highland cattle fold. We did not have that much snow here until spring decided we should have some real winter. What a difference from the sunny, warm early April day Cindy and I moved in 40 years ago. That memorable day began with unloading the U-Haul truck Saturday morning, while our new neighbors already had their oats in and were prepping the corn fields for planting. My father, who grew up on a farm, looked at me and asked me what I was doing, you have fields to plant get to it. This winter seems to have no end right now, with the poor harvest weather last year, we have had to purchase more feed than since we started our highland fold. I sure am happy with the efficiency of the highland cow this year, knowing they saved us some money on feed with their hairy coats.

Well enough history, summer is fast approaching and our second NCHCA Highland Production Sale will be here soon. In conjunction with the sale, the American Highland Cattle Association has selecting us to host their annual meeting. This will make it a special week, bringing highland breeders here from across the country with many consigning cattle from their folds as well. Our sale will have more cattle this year and from more consigners across the nation. What an opportunity to increase the genetic base of your fold. With the recent sale prices from the AHCA Denver sale, we are looking at this being a successful second sale for our association.

The annual meeting will start out Friday with a day of activities for the membership hosted at Cobblestone Farm. Educational, business and social are planned for the day and will keep everyone busy the day before the sale. What a great time to meet with breeders from across the country or renew friendships. Saturday will bring us to Four T Acres for the sale, farm tours, annual meeting and banquet. All of us on the sale-annual meeting committee and the board of directors, hope to see a grand showing of NCHCA membership at all events.

Will be looking for you this June, 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.*



This is Amelia Janquart ; Billy Johnson's granddaughter participating at her first **National Western Stock Show**. She was **Reserve Junior Showmanship Champion**.



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MN State Fair – August 23 through September 23, 2018!

We are now in our 6th year in the Moo Booth at the Minnesota State Fair. This is a great advantage for the Highland Breed, allowing us to be in the spot light as the show case beef breed for all 12 days of the fair. We continue to not only educate the public that are visiting the fair, but we are also involved in TV and radio spots during those 12 days. Last year there were 1,997,320 people that attended the fair. Sometimes it feels like we talk to each one of them! But even if we talk to a fraction of those people, the publicity is huge. We could not do this without the help of our members!

Thank you to our 2017 Volunteers!

**John Reiman | Mark and Jamie Schulz | Roger and Cindy Weideman
Larry and Cindy Sassen Josh Krenz | Lora Sandholm | Bob and Sally Nelson
Billy Johnston, Amelia Janquart, Rowan Janquart, Isla Janquart | Sharon Lewis
Kerrie Olson, Jett Swenson, and Elliott Swenson | Melinda, Shawn and Maryn Cowell**

Please volunteer to help us out – if you commit to helping for 4 hours I will get you free admission to the fair. Please let me know if you can help by July 15. **Contact me for more information, Mark Schulz - mark@flatlandfarm.com or 507-481-7367 (call or text)**



Photos from 2017 MN State Fair

Party 'Til the Cows Come Home

The North Central Highland Cattle Association welcomes you to the **AHCA Annual General Membership Meeting & Gathering** and the NCHCA Production Sale, June 22 and 23 in Wisconsin. The Gathering will be hosted at Cobblestone Farms in East Troy, WI and Four T Acres in Burlington, WI. The two farms are conveniently situated approximately 20 minutes from each other in southeast Wisconsin. Accommodations will be at Harbor Shores hotel located on the east shore of Lake Geneva which offers a boundless array of shopping, dining, golfing and other entertainment activities. It is a beautiful setting with endless activity.

June 22nd clinics and activities will be at Cobblestone Farms. Cobblestone will provide you with the opportunity to view their Highland cattle, Sovereigns and Angus herds. They have been raising Highland cattle since 1999. You will receive a full day of educational clinics given by great speakers such as:

- * Anne Proctor, PhD of Windemere Farm on "Cattle Nutrition".
- * Wally Congdon of Big Sky Natural Beef in MT will give a hands-on clinic on the "Structure, Function, Ability and Durability of Beef Cattle".
- * Ron Gill, PhD from Texas A&M will be presenting a "Cattle Movement and Handling" clinic.
- * Cody Talbot of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture will be doing a presentation on "Bull Selection and Evaluation".
- * Spencer Reetz, Bachelor of Animal Science, of Rocking T Highlands will give a lecture on "Writing that Stellar Sale Ad".
- * David Aborn of Image Livestock Service will demonstrate "Ultrasound for Carcass Data".

It will be a full, interesting day on the farm which will come to a close with a relaxing BBQ dinner and evening of entertainment and fun.



Day two will be held at Four T Acres. Four T is a fourth generation family farm that has been raising Highland cattle since 2003. The family raises registered Highland breeding stock and has a large beef market as well. The 2nd NCHCA Production Sale will begin at 1:00pm on June 23 with a total of 50 lots consigned to the sale from NCHCA breeders as well as other AHCA members from across the nation. The NCHCA sale will offer buyers the chance to add value, commitment, integrity and diversity to their herd. Buyers will be provided an excellent opportunity to view the consignments at a relaxed pace, speak with the sellers on specific interests and purchase some desirable genetics. There will be plenty of trailer parking available at Four T as well as Cobblestone. Arrangements can be made to hold cattle after the sale while you stay and enjoy the weekend events. A hayride tour after the sale, will take you through a scenic view of the farm and its herd. Dinner will also be on farm with an ox roast, camaraderie and plenty of music to have a good time.

We are excited to have you join us for this year's events. If you anticipate an extended stay in the area to enjoy the local attractions, we are happy to assist. Please feel free to

contact any of the following in regards to convention information, sale details or cattle transportation/housing: Heather Bailey tamarlinnorth@aol.com or 262-689-7013; Jan Larson ftacres@yahoo.com or 262-539-3257; Josh Krenz info@windlandflats.com or 763-260-1001; Jean or Rich Gruenert greeneearth.jean@gmail.com or 262-539-2725.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our host hotel, Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva, is a lovely property on the water and conveniently located with many restaurants and shops in walking distance. Book now by calling (888) 746-7371 or (262) 248-9181 and mention American Highland Cattle to get your group rate on Thurs \$119/night and Fri/Sat \$169/night. Rates include a complimentary hot breakfast each morning in the breakfast room and are for 1-4 people. Reservation deadline May 31, 2018.

Other Accommodation Options Include:

There is room for self-contained campers at Four T Acres and Cobblestone Farm; please contact them directly.

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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

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NCHCA 2018 Annual Meeting

members gathered in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on February 3rd & 4th for the annual meeting. The meeting was well attended and there were many decisions made. Committees made reports on their activities for the year and recommendations for the upcoming year. Go to NCHCA.org to view the official minutes. Some of the highlights are:

The American Highland Cattle Association Annual Convention will be held in conjunction with the NCHCA Sale in June. Events are scheduled at Cobblestone Farms and Four T Acres. Educational sessions as well as social opportunities are being planned.

This will bring additional attention to the 2nd Annual Highland Cattle Production Sale. The sale committee reported that there is already significant interest from both potential consignors and buyers. The sale will be limited to 50 lots, so members are encouraged to submit consignments soon.



An election for an open director position was held and new officers were appointed. Officers and directors are

- President:** Larry Sassen
- Vice-president:** Randi Johnson
- Secretary:** Kerie Olson
- Treasurer:** Josh Krenz
- AHCA Board:** Jamie Schulz
- Directors:** Kevin Opperman
Lara Taylor
Ryan Weideman

Members were recognized for their service to the organization. Outgoing officers Jan Larson, Secretary, and Billy Johnston, Treasurer, are turning over duties to new officers, and their contributions were recognized. Much appreciation goes to them for many years of tireless service.

Josh Krenz received an outstanding service award for his contributions to the NCHCA. Josh was a key contributor to the success of the 1st Highland Cattle Production Sale, oversees the production of the Hoofbeat, and is very active with the national association as well. Congratulations, Josh!

After a great banquet, an auction to support the junior programs was held and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday morning, members were treated to a great presentation by Anne Proctor of Windemere Farms on animal nutrition. The information provided was helpful to both new and experienced members. A copy of the presentation can be found at NCHCA.org.

Special thanks go to Jan Larson for the great job she did planning and organizing the event. Looking forward to next year!



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North Central Highland Cattle Fall Show 2018

This will be the 8th year the North Central Highland Cattle Fall Show will be held in Austin, MN at the Mower County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 22, 2018**. Detail will follow later....

Come to show or come as spectators, but be sure to come. Even if you think you aren't in the show seen, this is a great place to see 60+ Highlands in one location. It is a great way to gauge your heard against some other animals and listen to what the judge has to say that day. It is also a great event to just come and talk to some of your Highland friends!

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July Hoofbeat Newsletter

The deadline for our next issue will be **June 15, 2018**.

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.

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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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2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

May - Minnesota Junior Spring Classic
May 4-6, 2018 – Austin, MN

June - NCHCA Highland Production Sale
June 23, 2018 – Burlington, WI

AHCA National Meeting
June 22-24, 2018 – Burlington & East Troy, WI

July - A.C.T. Camp (Advanced Cow Training) TBD
Wood County Farm Technology Days (WI)
July 10-12, 2018 – Marshfield, WI

August - Wisconsin State Fair
August 2-12, 2018 – West Allis, WI

Minnesota State Fair Moo Booth
August 23-Sept 3, 2018 – St. Paul, MN

September - NCHCA Regional Highland Cattle Show
September 22, 2018 – Austin, MN

World Beef Expo
September 28-30, 2018 – Burnett, WI

Save the Dates



**67th AHCA Annual General
Membership Meeting &
Gathering in conjunction with the
NCHCA Highland Cattle Production Sale**

June 22-23, 2018

at Cobblestone Farm and Four T Acres
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**Don't miss out on the
opportunity to attend!**

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