

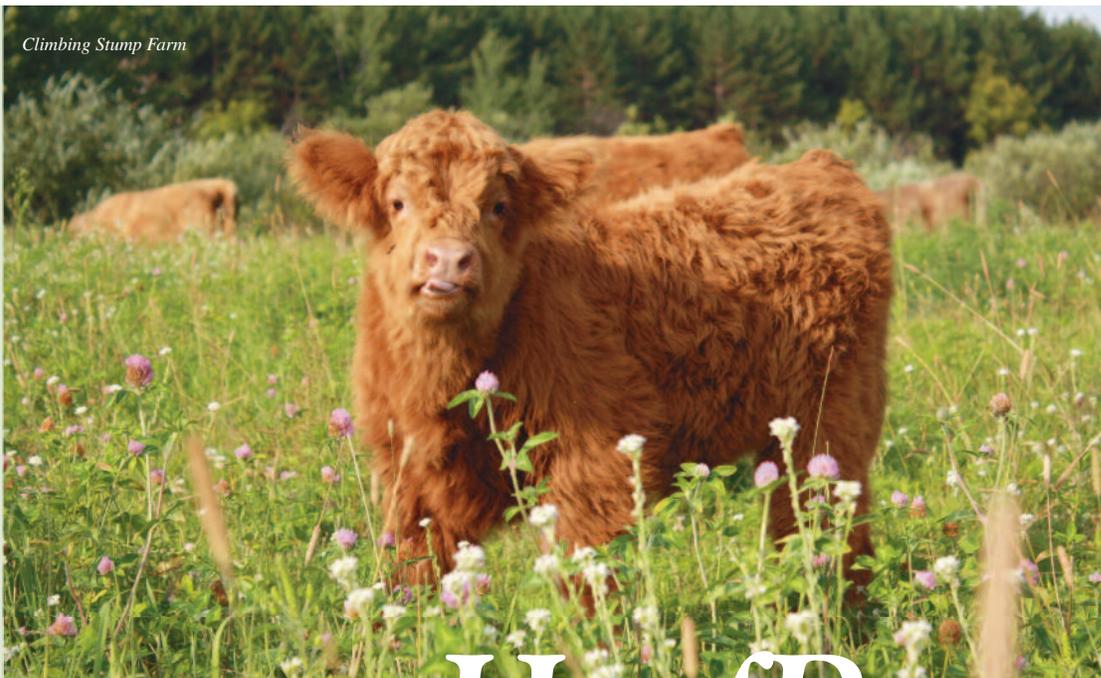


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# THE HIGHLAND *HoofBeat*

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## **President's Message** – *Larry Sassen, President*

Welcome to summer the busiest season for some producers. We turned out the best NCHCA calendar yet for the 2019 calendar. I would like to thank those producers that sent in the 100 entries this year that gave us a great selection to choose from. The selections for this year came from three states. We were disappointed that some great photos were taken in the vertical portrait mode instead of horizontal landscape. They must be in the landscape to be printed across the whole page. We will be excepting photos for the 2020 calendar soon so remember to hold the camera / phone in line with the horizon. Hope if you were not able to attend our sale you had someone close pick up calendars.

NCHCA second sale is over now and even if you were just sitting on your hands to keep from satisfying your highland addiction it was a great sale to watch. A person looking to start a fold or to add to your current fold would have had traveled many miles to have a selection similar. We must thank the sale committee for doing such an outstanding job. We also thank the consigners from across the country for the great cattle sent in for the sale. So many entries came in before the cutoff date a backup list was made. FourAcres went above and beyond in there accommodating the sale this year, Thank you.

The AHCA meeting Friday at Cobblestone Farm made for icing on the cake at the start of our sale weekend. Cobblestone provide us with such a great setting and facilities for the educational sessions to help all members. Many families had to split up to gather knowledge from the two sessions taking place at the same time. The meeting and visiting with producers from cross the country was also provided further education for many producers. These visits turn in to a friendship so many times that you want to make sure you can make it to next years meeting. We thank Cobblestone for opening their farm and providing shelter from the rain to make Friday such a great day for all.

If you were not able to make it to the AHCA meeting and our sale there are many more events taking place still this year, so hit the web site to see what is coming up.

Hope to see you sometime this summer or fall, 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.*

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## AHCA Regional Director Report

The 2018 Annual Gathering has come and gone. I saw many of you there this year. It was nice to have it close-by and see many of our members there. Many thanks to Cobblestone Farms and Four T Acres for being gracious hosts and all the people who worked to make it a great success. There have been no volunteers for the 2019 Gathering. If you have ideas for a venue that we could piggy-back on (like the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course that was part of the 2017 Gathering) please send the info to myself or Ginnah Moses at AHCA [info@highlandcattleusa.org](mailto:info@highlandcattleusa.org). Ideas are always appreciated.

Part of what makes AHCA a wonderful organization are all the members who volunteer their time on committees to make things happen. AHCA has 5 committees that operate with the help of the membership: Breed Protection & Promotion, Finance, Governance, Highland Beef Marketing, and Show. I would encourage you to think about volunteering if one of them interests you. The Association relies on people sharing the skills and interests they have from their day jobs or other personal interests. The committee list can be found by going to [www.highlandcattleusa.org/ahcaleaders](http://www.highlandcattleusa.org/ahcaleaders) and the Chair of the committee is listed if you would like to find out more about what that committee does. Often committees will have subcommittees that operate under them, too. You will learn a lot about how the association is run and can provide the energy and ideas that keep the association progressive and growing. I have gained a new appreciation of all that happens “behind the scenes” to give us new marketing materials (look for these coming soon), the show regulations that come out every year, make sure our organization is run well and within the limits of our by-laws, and that activities to promote the breed are recognized and supported. It takes a village to accomplish all of this, along with new and fresh ideas to keep things moving forward. You will not regret the opportunity to work with people across the country and understand more about the association.

Sometimes committees are “full” and have all the members they can efficiently carry. I would encourage you to express your opinions on a topic if you would like. I have learned a lot by asking breeders what they think about a topic that I wouldn't have thought about if an agenda item had not prompted me to ask. Email addresses are listed for the Chairs of the committees at the web address listed in the previous paragraph. I would also be happy to pass along any information /opinions that you care to share.

If you are interested in more information please feel free to contact me and I will make sure to put you in contact with the right person. We all need to care for our National as well as our Regional Association in order for it to help us continue in our efforts to raise, promote and protect the Highland breed. If everyone gives a little it will lighten the load for everyone.

*Have a Great Day!!*

Jamie Schulz

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**MN State Fair – August 23 through  
September 3, 2018!**

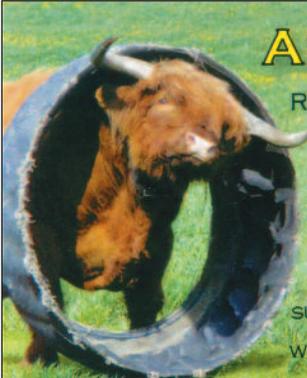
# Creachann Gleann Picnic

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Come join us at Creachann Gleann farm for a day of fun and fellowship. It's a good chance to exchange experiences, ask questions, and just hang out with other Highland enthusiasts. You can even visit the coos (there might be new arrivals by then). Creachann Gleann will provide the meat, pop, lemonade. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, you may. We can accommodate campers, if folks would like to camp overnight Friday or Saturday or both.

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# 2018 Regional Highland Cattle Show

Mower County Fairgrounds • 700 12th Street SW • Austin, MN 55912

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

*9 am – Junior Show / 12 pm – Open Show w/Bagpiper*

**Everyone is welcome to come watch and support the breed.**

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## AHCA 67th Annual Convention

The AHCA Convention was held in Wisconsin June 22nd and 23rd. The event was hosted by the North Central Highland Cattle Association. It was an exciting and fun Convention to plan for our committee. A valuable opportunity to give AHCA members an educational experience, combining with the coincidental camaraderie of highland breeders and the good fortune to participate in a highland sale. This year with a new twist, the NCHCA decided to host the Convention in conjunction with their Highland Production Sale. The combined venue added the extra benefit for all attendees to see highland genetics from through out the United States as well as the two co-hosting farms highland herds.

Friday kicked off the Convention with the General Membership meeting followed by lunch, sponsored by Cobblestone Farm provided by LD's BBQ. After lunch Ron Gill, PHD, Associate Department Head for Extensional Animal Science at Texas A & M, began his seminar on Cattle Movement. Ron's presentation used live cattle to discuss the importance of knowing cattle behavior and enhancing attendees knowledge of cattle movement. A choice of presentations was given following Ron Gill's presentation. Topics and speakers were as follows: Wally Congdon, of Big Sky Natural Beef, "Structure, functionability and durability of beef cattle"; Anne Proctor, PHD, "It's More than just Grass or Grain"; Spencer Reetz, Co-Owner Rocking T, "Writing that Stellar Sale Ad"; and Cody Talbot, CHS Specialist "Bull Evaluation and Structure Criteria". The afternoon was a relaxed educational experience for those who attended. Visitors had the opportunity to browse Cobblestone Farms highland herd prior to attending the Membership

meeting. Evening was on your own with many taking advantage of Lake Geneva's excellent dining, shopping and site seeing.

Saturday morning was leisure paced, with the excitement of a Highland Sale held at Four T Acres in the afternoon. The NCHCA Juniors provided lunch. 15 year old Piper, Clayton Nelson, started the sale off. Clayton competes and has won all his piping competitions last year. A variety of breeders from East to West and everything in between consigned animals for the Sale. Buyers took the opportunity to seek out purchases, with 50 live lots to choose from. Cow/calves and bred females and breeding bulls sold strong. Heifers sold healthy as well. Female averages were \$2797.00 and bulls sold for \$2770.00. That evening was a delicious highland beef roast. Presentations of the ROE Awards, Member of the Year, and Hall of Fame member was followed by a social evening of stories, laughter and dancing. The AHCA juniors hit the dance floor and showed everyone how to bust a move.

On behalf of Cobblestone Farms and Four T Acres, we would like to extend the sincerest thank you to all those who participated in the Convention and Sale. We would like to thank all the tireless volunteers who helped to ensure that the weekend ran as smoothly as possible. A huge thank you to the following sponsors: Midwest Bio-AG, American Livestock Magazine, Elkhorn Vet, Town Bank, Pat's Sanitary Service, Flatland Farm, Husker Show Cattle, Last Chance Ranch, Schon Boden Farm, Windemere Farm, and Windland Flats. The NCHCA was delighted to have such an excellent attendance and beautiful weekend.

## NOMINATE A JUNIOR



Nominations are now open for the 2018-2019 NCHCA Junior of the Year.

The Junior of the Year program recognizes one junior each year who has really excelled at participating not only in the Association, but also at school and in his/her community. The Junior of the Year award is given out in the fall at the NCHCA Show in Austin, Minnesota. The winner receives a HUGE traveling trophy that gets passed on to the next winning junior the following year. The winner also receives a specially designed trophy size belt buckle to keep and bragging rights throughout the year.

Any NCHCA member can submit a nomination. Go to our website to download the form.

Nominations should be submitted by September 1st to:

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**email: [sue@almostafarmhighlands.com](mailto:sue@almostafarmhighlands.com)**



### 2017-2018 Junior of the Year Brandon Volstad

#### Past winners:

**2016-2017 Hannah Burkhardt**

**2015-2016 Paige Proctor**

**2014-2015 Nate Larson**

**2013-2013 Bailey McConnell**

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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. Go to our website for more information and the application form. Applications are due by January 1, 2019. Also, check the JUNIOR page.



### Visit Your [NCHCA.org](http://NCHCA.org) Website

#### Did you know you can do all the following things at [NCHCA.org](http://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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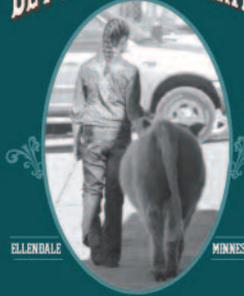
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Please submit all articles and photos using the contact information below.

**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

### August

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**

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