



THE HIGHLAND *HoofBeat*

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President's Message – *Randi Johnson, President*

The world has certainly changed since our last issue of the Hoofbeat. The novel coronavirus has touched us all. We grieve with those who have lost loved ones and friends. We are all struggling to adapt to restrictions and isolation as well as changes to and losses of jobs. During these times, it is encouraging to have the support of our other association members. We have felt that at our farm, and I hope you have as well.

A silver lining in the pandemic has been a significant increase in interest in Highland Cattle. It seems that people who have been thinking about getting cattle for a while are deciding now is the time to buy. The demand for beef from local farms is growing faster than many can keep up with. If you haven't gotten on the schedule with your processor, you will find the wait is long.

Our Fourth Annual Production Sale will be held on June 20th. In response to COVID-19, the sale will be online only. The sale committee is working hard to make sure the sale will continue to be a great experience for consignors and buyers. We are confident you will find the quality of animals in the sale is outstanding and we look for a high level of interest from online buyers. Look for more detailed information in this issue and follow the website highlandsale.org to see lots as they are posted.

Plans for the fall show are in the works and it is our hope that we will be able to hold the annual show on September 19th in Austin, Minnesota. The show committee will closely monitor developments and make a determination this summer about whether or not the show can go on. Plans are also in the works for World Beef Expo the following weekend including an expansion of classes for Highlands.

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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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Our association is as strong as its members and we are fortunate to have many members who give generously of their time and expertise to help make our association a success. They are deserving of our gratitude. We have a number of active committees, and all can use more help. Check out the contact page under “about” at the nchca.org website for a list of committees and contacts. If you are looking for a way to get more involved and to get better acquainted with other breeders, contact any board member and we can help connect you with a committee to work with.

Hope your spring calving season has been going well. Stay safe.

June Sale

We hope you and your family are well during these unprecedented times. This year marks our fourth year of the Highland Production Sale by NCHCA. The last three years, online bidding has been available as part of our auction and many of you have participated through the online bidding portal. This year, the Sale will be held online only. The auction lots will be available for viewing in the next several weeks at HighlandSale.org. Today, we have 30 live lots consigned to the auction.

- Animals to be sold online on June 20 at 1 p.m. via an online only bidding process via DV Auctions. Lots will start closing at 1:00 p.m. and new lots will close every 3-5 minutes. Lots will include photos and links to videos, including audio descriptions of the animals.
- Animals will ship direct from farm (arranged by the seller and buyer). Animals sold from IL, WI, MN and MI will have the option to be picked up on June 27 & 28 at Four T Acres in Burlington, WI.
- All bulls will be Trich tested and will have Breeding Soundness Exams completed.
- All females pregnancy status will be marked and updated on the website.
- All animals will be tested for BVD and Brucellosis.

Thanks to everyone for their support and watch for the lots to start appearing on HighlandSale.org the next several weeks.

Please address any questions to the NCHCA Sale Committee:

Josh Krenz (Chair)
Richard and Jean Gruenert
Randi Johnson
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Highland Cattle Production Sale

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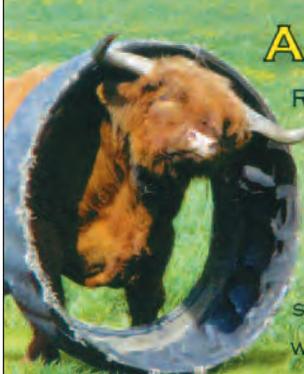
Saturday, June 20, 2020

Burlington, Wisconsin
Bid Online or In-person.

HighlandSale.org | 763-260-1001

Our sincere condolences to the family of Barbara Johnston

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SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

4:00PM – 5:00PM
DRAWING AT 5 PM
MUST BE PRESENT

WORLD BEEF EXPO
TRADE SHOW AREA



\$250 cash award to the breed with the most raffle tickets.
Desserts & beverages available for all who attend, compliments of
Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary

World Beef Expo *By David and Jan Larson*

Hey all! We would like to invite you to attend World Beef Expo, on September 25-27, 2020 at Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, Wisconsin. WBE is celebrating their 28th Anniversary and entries are growing every year! State Fair Park is a great venue and a cool way to see and experience not only the Highland Breed, but approximately 30 other breeds of cattle, both commercial and heritage. This year not only will Highland breeding stock be shown, but they have opened their classes up to steers and Sovereigns too! Juniors can compete in the open classes, and they have the opportunity to be in their own show where they can compete against all breeds with breeding stock as well as market animals. There is something for everyone!

Once again there will also be the "Shoot the Bull Raffle and Crawl" on September 26th. The event is open to all the ladies (sorry gents). There will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and plenty of time to meet and get to know other cattle women from all over the U.S. Each breed also provides a basket with items to be raffled off. The basket that receives the most tickets/entries receives a \$250 cash award for their Association. Wouldn't it be cool to have the Highland basket win? (If you have any ideas, or items to put in our breed basket give me a shout.)

Even if you don't show cattle, feel free to come and support our breed and the members who do. The barns are packed with people all day long, every day, many of whom are fascinated by Highlands. Having experienced breeders who can answer questions and help out with the show is always welcome! It's also another place to socialize and have fun with our members ... not to mention the silent raffle and "Everything Farm Related" shopping that is also available. The trade pavilion has the smallest items from combs to the largest equipment such as chutes and trailers, and you can usually find some pretty good deals!

Check out www.worldbeefexpo.com for all the rules, classes entry deadlines, and information. Hope to see you there!





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Order your calendar by going to NCHCA.org

Check Out Our Website at NCHCA.org for information on:

Member Listings • Classified Ads • Show Results • Upcoming Events • Much more...

2020 NCHCA Junior Report



This year has been a blast for our junior association! Currently we have around 60 active juniors in our membership. In our junior bank account, we have \$5,973.58 as of January 1st.

Our previous officer team was as follows: President-Maryn Cowell, Vice President-Courtney Hutson, Secretary-Avery Bailey, and Treasurer-Jett Swenson. At our annual fall show meeting and officer election, we voted to combine our secretary and treasurer position into one officer position due to a shortage of active appropriately aged members. Our current officer team consists of the following juniors: President- Maryn Cowell, Vice President-Avery Bailey, and Secretary/Treasurer-Charli Broderick.

We started last year with our first cattleman's camp held at Flatland Farm in the beginning of May. We spent money on t-shirts, snacks, and supplies for the camp. We had decided to not attend the MN Junior Spring Classic last year because of a shortage of attendees. The junior committee voted at our December meeting to attend the Spring Classic this May. Our committee is going to sponsor our own breed show. We are considering sending out invitations to other highland junior associations inviting them to participate in our highland show at the Classic. We unfortunately are not going to have a cattleman's camp this year as the Classic will be held in the same time frame.

In June, Maryn Cowell, Lauren Cowell, and Avery Bailey represented our NCHCA Juniors at the Be A Champ Camp in Warner, OK. We have been able to use the knowledge we acquired at camp in our everyday lives, in addition to shows and cattle events. We enjoyed our experience at camp and recommend it to any juniors who want to be challenged and grow in their knowledge of showmanship.

In September of 2019, our annual show was held in Austin, MN. We had a total of 17 juniors in our show and 21 animals. Our 2019 Junior of the Year was Avery Bailey! We tried to include new activities for the junior membership by creating interactive show packets, hosting Friday night showing practice, and mentoring. In addition to this, we used our generous funds to purchase t-shirts for our juniors and supplies for the activity packets. With donations from our Friday night meal, we raised a total of \$200.

We continued our annual scholarship of \$500, which will be awarded at the annual meeting. We are looking into recognizing our regional junior members who have shown and promoted highlands at their county/state level with success. Our goal as a junior committee will continue to be encouraging our juniors to promote the highland breed with integrity on a county, regional, state, and national level. We are continuing to look for beneficial and responsible ways to use our funds to help our juniors promote the highland breed.

Respectfully,

Maryn Cowell
NCHCA Junior Committee President

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Thank you for your support!



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The North Central Highland Cattle Association (NCHCA) was formed in 1982 to promote Scottish Highland Cattle, form a marketing unit for breeders, and to provide a local organization closer to home. The organization has done this and provides opportunities for youth and families to have fun with their Highland cattle. Our association provides networking and educational opportunities for its members, has an active junior program for youth, and provides a local voice to the national organization, the American Highland Cattle Association.

2020 Events Calendar

June

NCHCA Highland Production Sale
June 20, 2020
Burlington, WI

July

WI Farm Technology Days (WI)
July 21-23, 2020
Eau Claire, WI

August

Wisconsin State Fair
August 6 - August 17, 2020
West Allis, WI

Minnesota State Fair

Moo Booth
August 27 - September 7, 2020
St. Paul, MN

September

NCHCA Regional Highland Cattle Show
September 19, 2020
Austin, MN

World Beef Expo

September 24-26, 2020
Milwaukee, WI

APRIL Hoofbeat Newsletter

The deadline for our next issue will be **March 31, 2020**. 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 be submitted from now up until the deadline date.

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