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President's Message – Jan Larson, President

Well here we are. Spring calving is either in full swing or beginning for most of us, and we are all looking forward to, and hoping for, healthy calves with minimal calving problems. I hope that, for those who were able to attend our virtual annual meeting this year, you were able catch up on what the association has been working on. COVID has certainly put a dent in our physical activities, so the board is currently exploring more technological avenues to keep NCHCA moving forward while we wait patiently for our world to get back to a version of normalcy. If you were not able to attend the meeting, please feel free to contact any member who did, or any board member, and have a conversation about what you may have missed.

Your board has been working diligently over the past several years to provide ideas and information to help you manage your Highlands and to serve the needs of the membership as much as possible. We hope to continue on in that respect, and have been utilizing all the feedback from our membership, whether it's been during verbal conversations, emails, or surveys, to make this organization work for you. Each NCHCA board call every month is all about the very best way to help our members. I would like to encourage anyone who has questions or suggestions to contact any member of the NCHCA board or let your voice be heard on any of our committees. Communication is a key factor to making NCHCA work for you!

With that said, I am so excited to serve as President and can't tell you how thrilling it is to be working with the smart, creative, and talented group of people serving on your NCHCA Board. This organization is incredibly lucky to have these individuals who love the Highland breed and who care about our membership. Thank you so much for this honor. Looking forward to a great couple of years.

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.

NCHCA 21-23 President Biography

My name is Janet Larson many of you know my family and myself, but in case you don't ...

My husband David and I, along with our three boys: Marshall, Nathan, and Tucker, have been involved with highlands for 18 years. I am a proud mom, as well as a



grandma to a sweet little girl from our oldest son Marshall and his wife Rachelle. Some of you may have met Sophie at the NCHCA Show in Austin last fall. Our youngest son, Tucker, is now engaged to Whitney Thompson, whom he has been dating for over three years, and we are all looking forward to their wedding later this year.

In my "real world" job, I work in the Optometric Industry. My company has four offices throughout SE Wisconsin and I travel between them filling in as

necessary in various positions, such as optician, optometric technician, optometric assistant, or administrative assistant. I love the variety in the work that I do, from helping patients, to assisting the doctors, and working on glasses, all with four of the best optometrists in the state of Wisconsin, and co-workers whom I consider my family as well as my friends. They are all extremely knowledgeable and supportive, and there isn't a better optometric crew anywhere else!

David and I have been members of the NCHCA and AHCA for all of our 18 years. For many of those, I have lost

count exactly how many, we have served on the NCHCA board in various capacities. David was a Director and then the NCHCA AHCA Representative for six years. I have served on multiple committees, the NCHCA board as a director, Secretary, Vice-President, and now as President. We have had so many good times, and have made great friends among the North Central membership who have truly been a blessing for us over the years.

Currently, Larson's Headacrez, which we own along with our son Nathan, has a total of three animals, hopefully expanding to five in a couple of months with the addition of two healthy calves. Nate and most of the animals currently reside in the state of Michigan, with Maple Hill Highlands in Stanwood, while David and I live in Burlington, Wisconsin. Nate started his herd when he was 16 years old in Burlington, WI, with a young calf he purchased when she was about a year old. From there, he trained, raised, and competed with her and her calves at multiple highland shows all around the midwest. In 2019 he took a job in Michigan and moved his animals there with him. Two weeks later he was told that his Army Reserve unit was called to serve in the Middle East for slightly over a year. David and I stepped in to help him with the animals' maintenance, along with Dawn and her crew from Maple Hill, while he was gone. I can't express the amount of gratitude we have for Dawn, Chris, Gail, and Sue for helping us out these past several months. We are all now more than a little excited to welcome Nate home later this year.

Our life with highlands has been full of ups and downs, twists and turns, with farming, showing, and calving, but we can't imagine having it any other way. We are looking forward to many more years with the cows, and many more years supporting NCHCA! Thank you for allowing us to serve.

*Our sympathies extended
to the
Cowell family.*



2021 NCHCA Membership Award

Joan & Ken Rose, We Tired Acres

Ken Rose retired in 2000 and with his wife Joan, purchased land upon which to build their dream house in western WI near where Interstate 90 turns west and 94 continues north. Wilton was halfway between their two children and their families and the property sat amongst the rolling hills typical of the area. People kept asking Ken and Joan how they liked retirement and their answer was "Retired, heck we are just tired!" And so became We Tired Acres.

Ken had always wanted Scottish Highland Cattle and their new property was perfect for them. They actively started looking for their first cattle in the fall of 2002 and purchased a herd of "older cows" and a bull in February of 2003. The cows started calving in March of that year and they were in the cattle business. Joan and Ken had a long history of showing some very exquisite Arabians for many years in Janesville, WI, so they were accustomed to the showing and showing cattle was something they wanted to do.

A long time Highland breeder, Heather Bailey remembers: "I met Joan for the first time at the 2004 Badger Classic. She invited me to their farm to see the cattle that she wanted to show. They had purchased a small herd that was an excellent genetic start to successful years of breeding. They were both so very excited to show me the young bull that they wanted shown. We Tired Acres Joc proved not only to be a competitive show bull but a very successful sire. What I thought would be a business venture turned into years of amazing friendship."

Over the years within the NCHCA, they became incredible supporters of our region. Ken served as treasurer for several years. In 2007, the association made the decision to combine the

Farmington, MN, and Beaver Dam, WI, shows into a single event and someone was needed to manage the new show. Although a newer member at that time, Joan took the reins and the show moved to West Salem. Joan made sure every detail was attended to and that breeders had what they needed. I remember attending the show as a spectator in 2007 and being impressed with the cattle and the efficiency with which the show progressed. When I went back in 2008 with 2 little kids and 2 calves in a borrowed truck and trailer, Joan welcomed us clueless newbies, got us settled in the stalling area and probably suggested to a few people that we looked like we could use some guidance. That is where my own involvement with NCHCA was solidified. They went out of their way to help new breeders and I know I am just one of the many people whom Ken and Joan welcomed into the breed and the association.

We Tired Joc was just the first of a long list of We Tired cattle who had success in the show ring. Ken and Joan often came with a couple heifers, a bull prospect and a cow calf pair. Perhaps the most exciting for a breeder is taking champion honors at the National Western Stock Show. Ken and Joan were there to see We Tired Brook named the Reserve Champion Female at the 2014 National Western Stock Show.

While the show ring is one way to evaluate success, promotion of the breed and starting new breeders was more important to Ken and Joan. A search of the AHCA herdbook shows 88



offspring carrying the We Tired prefix. Many of those animals were sold to new breeders. If you visited We Tired Acres, you might be treated to lunch showcasing Highland beef, a ride in the Kubota to meet the herd wherever they were grazing, a tour though the pedigrees and answers to whatever questions you had. No question was too mundane and no tour of We Tired was complete without a visit to see the horses. Ken and Joan helped countless new breeders get started and provided mentorship well beyond the sale.

Heather summed it up well. "Joan and Ken were diligent promoters of the cattle, their passion was the cattle and because of that passion and devotion to the breed, our region was blessed with some excellent representation for years that new and old breeders benefited from. Bigger than that, they were kind and caring, and the type of people that became forever friends. You were always welcome at We Tired Acres."

Ken and Joan recently sold the remaining cattle and moved to be closer to family. Their legacy lives on in the breeders they influenced and in the pedigrees that will carry the We Tired prefix into the future. Thank you, Ken and Joan, for your contribution to the North Central Highland Cattle Association, the many breeders you mentored and the cattle that you shared with us. We hope you enjoy your retirement as you enjoyed your "We Tired-ment".

Highland Production Sale by NCHCA March 2021

The North Central Highland Cattle Association held its fifth sale and its second planned for 2021 on March 13, 2021. Here is a summary of the sale.

March 13, 2021 - Online only sale

Average Sale Price Live Animals: \$5,765

Average Female Price: \$6,431

Average Male Price: \$2,434



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Windemere Just a Minute

The quality and demand for Highland cattle drove record prices in many categories. The overall average was \$2,700 higher than the June 2020 sale average. Thank you to all of the consignors for consigning the great quality of animals. A special thank you to all of the bidders. The NCHCA gives all buyers, who are not current NCHCA members, a free year of membership. We welcome all the new members to NCHCA and congratulate them on their purchase: Horns and Hens Farm, Rawkin H Highlands, Squires Farm & Ranch, New River Highland Cattle, Highland Spice, Mystic River Farm, Highlands in the Hollow, Pooh Acres, and Patrick Stoll.

With all of the current momentum, we are now accepting entries for the June 19, 2021 sale. Entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis. The entry deadline for the June sale is May 1, 2021. Submit your entries and questions at HighlandSale.org.

The NCHCA Highland Production Sale Committee

Josh Krenz (Chair) / Heather Bailey / Rich & Jean Grunert / Randi Johnson / Kevin Oppermann / Anne Proctor

Highland Cattle Production Sale Update

After the success of our March Online Only Sale, the NCHCA Highland Production Sale Committee is pleased to announce a similar format for the sale on June 19th. **This will be an online only sale.** Cattle will ship directly from the consignor's farm. Consignments will open soon and will be open until May 15th. Watch the website for more information.

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2021 Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was certainly out of the ordinary. Twenty-nine members/farms joined the virtual meeting using Zoom. It was great to connect with everyone, even though it couldn't compare with getting together in person. Thanks to all who participated and a special welcome to some new members who attended.

Officers and committees gave reports on all their activities. See the minutes included in this issue to get the details on all the efforts the board and committees are making to keep the Association active and growing. Many thanks to all the volunteers who serve on the committees. All committees can use more help. If you can give your time, you can sign up at the website or by contacting any board member or committee member.

Elections were held for officers and open director positions. The new president is Jan Larson of Larson's Headacrez and the Vice President is Melinda Cowell of Beyond Hope Farm. Jonathan Carlson of Last Chance Ranch was elected for a second term as director, and Katie Baker of Glory Oaks Farm

is new to the board. Congratulations to all. And thanks to the members leaving the board as their terms expire: Randi Johnson of Climbing Stump Farm and Daniel Webster of Lynx River CC.

Joan and Ken Rose of We Tired Acres received the 2021 Outstanding Service Award for their contributions over the years to the Association. The 2021 Junior Scholarship was awarded to Kaitlin Edwards.

The post meeting survey gave the board great information for moving forward. We learned that the technology for the virtual meeting was a challenge to some. Many of us are limited by slower internet connections in our rural areas. Despite that, there is interest from members in trying to do some more virtual gatherings, particularly for educational topics.

Planning will begin for next year's annual meeting soon, and we all hope it can be an in-person gathering again.

Your Association Needs You!

The association is looking for volunteers to help out on the committees.

Your Association needs your help. There are eight standing committees made up of Association members who volunteer their time and talents to help keep the North Central Highland Cattle Association strong. In addition, you can sign up to help at the Minnesota State Fair.

All members are encouraged to consider joining a committee. Your contact information will be shared with the current committee chair, who will contact you. Sign up online

Committees *

Choose as many committees as you are willing to serve on

- Annual Meeting** - This committee arranges the annual membership meeting.
- Annual Sale** - Organizing and managing the logistics of the production sale is accomplished by this committee.
- Annual Show** - The annual NCHCA show is planned and manned by this committee.
- Calendar** - The production of an annual calendar featuring photos from member farms is managed by the calendar committee.
- Hoofbeat** - The Hoofbeat is the quarterly publication of the Association. The committee manages its publication.
- Juniors** - The junior committee plans and coordinates activities for the junior association, including cow camps, shows, excursions for the annual meeting, and other junior activities.
- Membership** - This committee works on maintaining and expanding the membership.
- Website** - This committee works to keep the Association's website useful and relevant to the membership and others.
- MN State Fair** - Sign up to help man the Moo Booth at the Minnesota State Fair



Thank you for volunteering to help!



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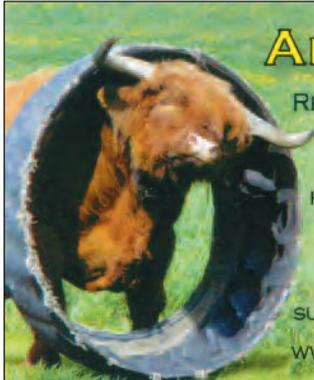
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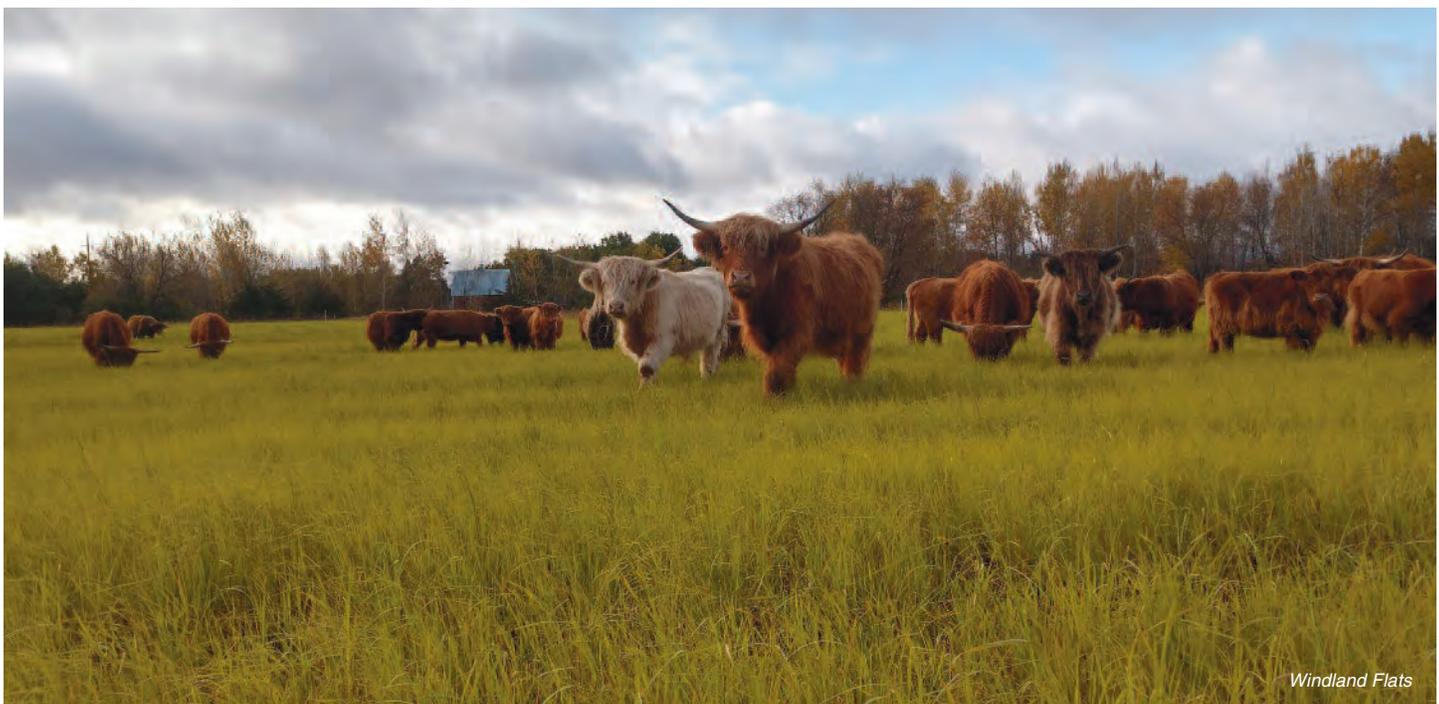
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JUNIOR NEWS!!



This year's Jr. scholarship recipient is Kaitlin Edwards

Kaitlin is from Hartman Highland Farm in Arkansas. She has owned and shown Highland Cattle for about three years. Kaitlin currently serves as a reporter for the Juniors. This fall she plans to attend Arkansas Tech. to start her career in Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations Kaitlin!

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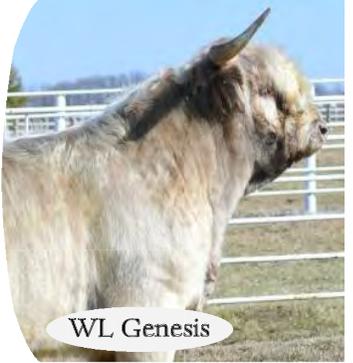
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& Much more...

North Central Highland Cattle Association Annual Meeting

February 6, 2021, at 1:00 pm, hosted by Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Anne Proctor, NCHCA Secretary.

President Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm. Proof of Quorum – The proof of quorum was met. Proof of Notice of Meeting – Notice of the Annual Meeting was publicized in the October and January “Hoofbeat”, email notices were sent to all members with email addresses listed, and details were posted on the website. Approval of 2020 Minutes Motion: Kevin Opperman made a motion to approved the 2020 minutes. Jan Larson seconded. Motion passed.

Officer Reports

President – Randi Johnson introduced the officers. COVID dominated our year starting right after last year’s annual meeting. We were not able to do in person events in 2020. The production sale was changed to an online format. We missed the camaraderie and had the best sale ever. Our region held 2 of the 6 shows in the country: the NCHCA Show in Austin, MN, and the World Beef Expo in West Allis, WI. The board members hope that the annual meeting on Zoom meets people’s expectations. The board has been working throughout the year to expand member benefits and membership. We have a very active presence nationally with several members of the AHCA Board being from our region. Kevin Opperman is the new AHCA President and Mark Schulz is the new Vice President. Randi thanked the board members, committee chairs and volunteers who make our association strong. Secretary - Anne Proctor shared that we ended 2020 with 104 members. We are starting 2021 with 93 member farms from 17 states: 32 from WI, 31 from MN, and 6 from IA. There are 29 farms that are joining us for the first time and 18 of those were sponsored by current members. Thank you Almosta Farm, Flatland Farm, Highland Springs, Last Chance Ranch, Rockin Highlands, and Windland Flats for sponsoring new members. We have 16 junior members ranging in age from 9 to 23 and from 5 states. Treasurer – Josh Krenz shared his computer screen so all could see the budget numbers. The NCHCA.org website has a link to his report and it was published in the Hoofbeat for those who want a closer look at the numbers. The NCHCA had less in income in 2020 than in 2019 because we were unable to do some of the normal activities. We are anticipating the 2021 income to be down also. The annual meeting generates some income which we do not have with the online format. Expenses will also be down due to not having the expenses of the meeting and sale. We expect the overall balance to be flat for 2021. The sale has been a

good source of income even after lowering the commission rate with the online sale. This year we anticipate making about \$4000 from the sales. The show had higher expenses due to the additional precautions required of COVID and some expenses that were not paid in 2019 and therefore carried over to the 2020 budget.

Committee Reports

AHCA Representative – Mark Schulz’s report was published in the Hoofbeat so Mark does not have much to add. He asked if there were any questions and reminded the members to talk with him if there are any items that they would like him to take to the AHCA board. There were no questions.

Show Committee

Melinda Cowell summarized the budget numbers for the show that Josh had presented and asked if there were any questions. Randi commented that she thought we had a very good show despite the challenges. We had over 50 animals shown. Melinda thanked people for their participation and patience with the additional COVID procedures. World Beef Expo – Jan Larson’s report was in the Hoofbeat. There were 4 exhibitors and 12 animals shown. Junior Committee – Maryn Cowell reported that there were not many activities last year. There were 15 junior members who showed 19 animals at the show. The new officer team was elected at the show. There were not many expenses for this year. The juniors did purchase a banner and display to take to events and shows to promote the NCHCA Junior program. They funded a scholarship and did a promotion for juniors to earn a sweatshirt. They have had discussion about how to increase participation in junior activities and are considering a twice yearly Zoom meeting for juniors. A member had a question about the MN Junior Spring Classic and Maryn said that the show is still on and early interest shows that there will be enough Highlands to have their own breed show. There is a link on the website for those looking for more information. There is a Junior page on Facebook for those who want to see junior happenings. Hoofbeat Committee – Kay Clemans said thank you to everyone who sent in articles for the Hoofbeat. The Hoofbeat is the main source of communication for our members who do not frequent the internet. Kay will be providing a schedule of due dates for this year’s website and asks those who submit info to get

it to her on time. Kay proofreads the information and then sends it to TJ Associates where Linda formats the newsletter and sends a proof back. Kay appreciates having people send in unsolicited information for the newsletter.

Membership Committee

Jon Carlson reminded people that we are always trying to expand the membership. A good way to get new people to join is to share the letter from the website that shows the benefits of the association. He gave special thanks to Rockin Highlands for sponsoring 7 new members.

Production Sale Committee

Josh Krenz gave a summary of the 2020 sale. Ours was the first online-only Highland sale and was deemed a success with the high selling animal going for \$7250 and an average of over \$3200. There was no national sale this year and there is a lot of momentum from people wanting to purchase cattle. Entries are open for the NCHCA March Highland Production Sale. He reminded people to like and share the Facebook page. At Highlandsale.org you can click on the buy tab and see all the animals that have been consigned. Pictures are due by March 1 and will be posted online shortly thereafter. The deadline for consignments is February 15. There is a consigner tab for those wanting more information about how to consign an animal. Josh reminded people that animals will ship directly from the owner's farm and a list of truckers can be requested from Josh. He thanked all consigners. There will be a June sale this year also.

Website Committee

Randi Johnson recognized committee members and thanked them for their help. The website committee report was published in the Hoofbeat. The committee is working to improve member benefits by changing the classified advertising to be a free service for members with no limitation to the number of ads they can place. Along with the ad comes a post on Facebook and an email to the membership. Another initiative is to create a semen directory which you will find under the for-sale tab on the website. If you have semen to sell, please post it on the semen directory. Every member farm has a profile page and she encouraged members to use it to promote their farms. Most farms just have the farm name and contact information, but members can include more information, pictures and a link to a Google map. There is also a list of beef producers on the website. If you did not check the beef producer box when submitting your registration, send a message to website@nchca.org to ask to be added. The website committee also maintains an active Facebook presence.

Calendar Committee

Larry Sassen reported that they have sold 136 of the 2021 calendars; there are 5 calendars still available. Last year there were 110 pictures submitted and only 23 photos have been submitted so far for the 2022 calendar. Please submit your photos for consideration by March 31. The committee especially need spring, summer, and fall photos. There is a link on the main page of the website to submit your photos.

Randi Johnson reminded the membership that committees always need help, and no special skills are required. There is a committee signup link in the chat box, in the email you received with the agenda for the meeting and on the website. You can sign up for as many as you would like. There is a sign up for helping at the MN State Fair there also.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business Elections

Biographical information was sent in the Hoofbeat for those nominations that were received prior to the meeting. President – Jan Larson has accepted the nomination and Randi Johnson asked for any other nominations. Josh Krenz moved to close nominations for President. Larry Sassen seconded, and the motion passed. Leadership of the meeting was transferred to Jan Larson at this point. Vice President – Melinda Cowell accepted the nomination. Randi moved to close nominations and David Larson seconded. The motion passed. Director Positions - Jan asked for any other nominations. There were no additional nominations, and the selection will be from the three previously identified candidates. Kevin Opperman sent out a ballot which showed up on the computer screen and allowed time for members to vote. Katie Baker and Jon Carlson were elected to board. Membership Recognition Award: Anne Proctor announced that the 2021 Recognition Award will be given to Ken and Joan Rose. She read a document about the Roses and their contributions to the NCHCA over their years as members. Jan will deliver the plaque and letter to Ken and Joan and the letter will be posted on the website. Junior Scholarship Award – Mary Cowell introduced Tina Broderick to present the award. Tina awarded the scholarship to Kaitlyn Edwards from Heartland Highland Farm and shared some information about Kaitlyn's involvement with Highland Cattle. Jan Larson asked if there was any other new business and there was nothing new to discuss. Josh Krenz moved to adjourn at 2:13 m and Mark Schulz seconded the motion.



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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.

2021 Events Calendar Check online for updates and more information.

April

Minnesota Junior Spring Classic

April 23-25, 2021
Austin, MN

June

NCHCA Highland Production Sale

June 19, 2021
Online only

July

Farm Technology Days (WI)

July 20-22, 2021
Eau Claire, WI

August

Wisconsin State Fair

August 5-15, 2021
West Allis, WI

Minnesota State Fair

Moo Booth
August 26-Sept 6, 2021
St. Paul, MN

September

NCHCA Regional Highland Cattle Show

Sept 18, 2021
Austin, MN

World Beef Expo

Sept 23-26, 2021
Milwaukee, WI

October

70th Annual AHCA Gathering

October 8-9, 2021
Kalamazoo, MI