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President's Message

– Jan Larson, President

Here we are into the fall season of weaning calves, getting crops in and preparing for winter. It has been a busy few months for our members, myself included. This summer David and I were able to visit several members at their farms, we had fun bumping into many members at different events all around the state as well, and were able to go to Farm Tech Days in Eau Claire, WI. Farm Tech was something David really was interested in seeing again. He had been there once on his own, and was so excited to take me along this time. We managed to squeeze in family birthday parties, and a couple of weddings as well.

Then, unexpectedly, our family lost David to COVID, and our world has been irrevocably turned upside down. Fortunately, we had a plan in place for our cattle, our equipment, vehicles, and all things we had been acquiring to finally settle on a farm. I would like to take this time to encourage all our members to set up a contingency plan for your families, farms, and animals. Accidents and bad things happen in life, as we all know, and planning for the worst helps to alleviate the stress, questions, and worries for those who need to handle the things left behind.

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At the very least, I would suggest sitting down with a lawyer, close friend or family members and making them aware of your thoughts and desires so that your wishes can be carried out effectively, so that all the sweat and labor you have poured into your farm over the years, sometimes over generations, does not get lost in the financial shuffle that is inevitable.

At this time, I would like to offer a sincere thank you from our entire family, to all of you who sent cards,

flowers, texts, made phone calls, and attended David's services. Thank you also for the idea of having his service streamed so that those members who couldn't be with us physically, were able to join us in spirit. We are deeply honored, and humbled, that he received such an overwhelming response from all of you.

Jan Larson

NCHCA President

NCHCA Annual Meeting - February 5-6, 2022

It's time to register and make your hotel reservations for the 2022 NCHCA Annual Meeting!

This year's meeting will take place **February 5-6, at Three Bears Resort in Warrens, WI.** The resort offers a 60,000 sq. ft. indoor waterpark, arcade, restaurant, pub, and pizzeria - making it the perfect place for a family getaway and to connect with your fellow Highland breeders! NCHCA has a limited number of rooms blocked for our group at a discounted price of \$99/night for a double queen, or \$110/night for a double queen balcony. Please call the resort at 608-378-2500 and ask for NCHCA 2022 pricing to reserve your room.

Registration for the meeting can be made on the NCHCA website (nchca.org) and is \$25 per person. We ask that everyone who plans to attend **register by December 31**, in order for us to plan accordingly for the number of attendees.

We will also be holding a silent auction, benefiting our NCHCA Junior Programs. All are welcome and encouraged to bring an item to donate to the auction and cast your bids on February 5th!

Join us to hear from our NCHCA President, committee chairs, vote for board re-presentation, honor outstanding breeders during the awards ceremony, raise money for our NCHCA Juniors via a silent auction, and get the opportunity to join one of our committees. New and experienced members alike will also learn from keynote speakers and be involved in breakout conversations on a variety of important industry topics. This is an event you do not want to miss, and a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with other Highland breeders. *See you in February!*

Agenda Saturday, February 5

12-1 PM - Registration

1-5:30 PM - Keynote, Breakout Sessions & Awards

5:30-6:30 PM
Happy Hour (cash bar)

6:30-7:30 PM - Dinner

7:30-11PM
Networking (cash bar)

Sunday, February 6

9-11 AM
Annual Meeting & Elections

*Our sincere condolences to the
Larson Family*





Board of Directors Spotlight Jon Carlson

Jon Carlson is the owner of Last Chance Ranch. The ranch is located in Hallock, MN, which is ten miles from the North Dakota border and 20 miles from Canada. Jon became interested in cows and horses from his uncles Melvin and Linden Anderson, both of whom are also from Hallock. His uncle Linden raised commercial cows and his uncle Melvin was mainly interested in horses, but also raised many different types of animals.

As a child, Jon spent his summers between the two farms. After graduating from Moorhead State University in Moorhead, MN, he accepted a position with U.S. Customs (now Customs and Border Protection). Jon then bought a place in the country in Lancaster, MN, and started training horses and then bought his first commercial cows in the 1990s and 2000s. He also raised dairy calves at the same time for the local dairy barn. Due to some life changing events in 2007, he sold his farm and the animals and relocated to an older farmstead closer to where he grew up in Hallock, MN.

Jon spent a few years with only a couple of his horses, and in 2012 decided he wanted to have cows again, but not a commercial cow. After much research, he decided to raise Scottish Highlands. Jon purchased three cows in southern Minnesota, and has now grown the herd to more than 100 animals, including three bulls, cows, steers, and weanlings. Jon focuses on breeding stock and providing beef by direct marketing, on-line, and in stores.



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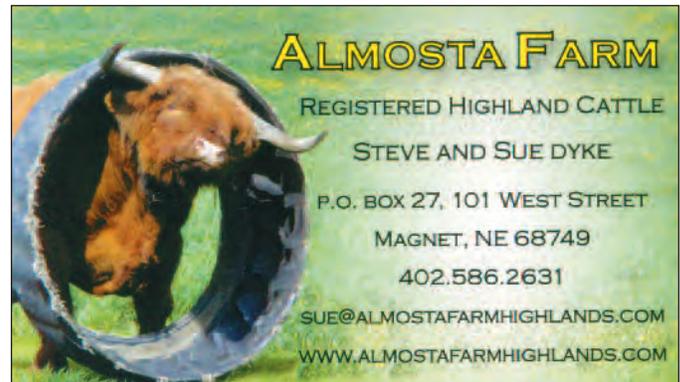
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2021 NCHCA Show *By Melinda Cowell*

The 2021 NCHCA show was held Saturday, September 18th at the Mower County fairgrounds. This year's show was dedicated to the memory of two long time breeders, Mr Roger Weideman and Mr. David Larson. Both of whom will be greatly missed in the Highland cattle world. We offer our heartfelt condolences to both families.

Exhibitors from Arkansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and several other states, joined us for a beautiful fall weekend. We had representation from 15 farms showing a total of nearly 60 animals, including 41 heifers, ten bulls, six cow/calf pairs, and six market animals. Our Judge, Chris Polzin from Western MN, offered his expert evaluation for the show.

Mr. Ewan Ferguson played bagpipes for the traditional mid show Pipe Exhibition, and it is always a special treat to have Ewan join us and perform.

The show results are as follows:

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Circle V Ruthless Rose

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

CBS Ella

GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF

Snowland Jenny

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION COW/CALF

Almosta Farm's Serena

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Symbiosis Sir Titan

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Beyond Hope RW's Seamus

GRAND CHAMPION OVERALL MARKET ANIMAL

Bandit

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Beyond Hope Farm

The NCHCA Juniors invited all exhibitors to a fundraiser chili supper on Friday evening. The juniors did a great job with everyone pitching in to serve and clean up. On Saturday, the association offered a concession lunch. Thank you to Windland Flats and Highland Genetics for donating the delicious burgers, and to Mat and Kerie Olsen for grilling the burgers!

Our awards banquet was held at the American Legion near the fairgrounds in Austin, MN. Through many generous donations, we were able to have both silent and live auctions, and both brought in a good amount to help with the show. The highlight of the evening was Junior Eric DeLuke receiving the Junior of the Year Award. Everyone seemed to enjoy connecting with fellow breeders and catching up.

The capable help of many volunteers, who stepped in and worked tirelessly, made the show a success and each one of you is greatly appreciated!

Next year's show is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Mower County Fairgrounds. We look forward to seeing you all there!



By Anne Proctor

Although the numbers were few, the quality of the cattle exhibited was excellent! Three cow calf pairs were shown with Snowland Jenny, exhibited by Brandon Volstad, continuing her winning streak with her calf CZH Daddy Issues at her side. Twelve heifers were shown with four competing in the Junior Yearling Heifer class and five in the Senior Heifer class. The champion, Circle V Ruthless Rose exhibited by Sam Vogl, came

out of the Junior Yearling class and reserve champion, Windemere Hazel exhibited by Anne Proctor, came from the Senior Heifer class. There was only one bull shown resulting in Grand Champion Bull honors for a very young Windemere Kingsmark exhibited by Windemere Farm. Although Kingsmark opted to stay with his dam rather than stand with the big boys, the Highlands were well represented in the Cow/Calf and Heifer Champion Drives. Thank you to Four T Acres, Circle V Highlands, Mid-Lakes Highlands, and Windemere Farm for representing the breed at this very large cattle show.

The 2022 Calendars Make Great Gifts!



Support our Association by purchasing calendars. They can be purchased at the NCHCA website, nchca.org, or at NCHCA events.

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Results from the World Beef Expo

Class #1 Cow/Calf

- 1st** Snowland Jenny Reg #57325 Tattoo: SDP3F
Trafalgar Xander #49490
Snowland Sassy Lisa #48764
CZH Daddy Issues Reg#61824 Tattoo: CZHK3
Snowland Jenny
EZ Acres Kyle Reg #22471
Breeder: Steve Palosaari
Owner: Brandon Volstad
- 2nd** STR Symphony Reg #56932 Tattoo: S12F
Rioghall of Balmoral-7599 Reg# 28597
Summit Ranch Whitney #48302
Windemere Kingsmark Reg #62075. Tattoo: P1K
Basswood of Swains GBB 1B Reg #27090
STR Symphony. Reg #56932
Breeder: Brandon Volstad
Owner: Brandon Volstad
- 3rd** FTA Kate's Amy Reg #55664. Tattoo: FTAE13
FTA Stonewall Jackson #50369
OIA Kate #51517
FTA Amy Charis #61825 FTAK6
DH Premier #56240
FTA Kate's Amy #55664
Breeder: Daniel Thorne
Owner: Paige Proctor
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- Breeder: Jean and Randall Gruenert
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Class #4 Intermediate Heifer Calf Born on/after 5/1/21

- 1st** CZH Daddy Issues Reg#61824 Tattoo: CZHK3
Snowland Jenny
EZ Acres Kyle Reg #22471
Breeder: Jean and Randall Gruenert
Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert
- Breeder: Brandon Volstad
Owner: Brandon Volstad

Class #5 Junior Heifer Calf born between 1/1/21 and 4/30/21

- 1st** FTA Amy Charis #61825 FTAK6
DH Premier #56240
FTA Kate's Amy #55664
Breeder: Jean and Randall Gruenert
Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert

Class #6 Intermediate Yearling Heifer born between 5/1/2020 and 8/31/2020

- 1st** CGH Constance Nicoloyette Reg #61517 CGH6J
Schön Boden's Omar Reg #55951
CGH Princess Constance Reg #54259
Breeder: Ben or Mary Schmidtke
Owner: Mike or Tracy Miller

Class #7 Junior Yearling Heifer Born between 1/1/20 and 4/30/20

- 1st** Circle V Ruthless Rose Reg #60802 Tattoo: XDV1J
STR Ruthless Game Reg #53128
Symbiosis Lady O'Tula Reg #56484
Breeder: Sam Vogl
Owner: Sam Vogl
- 2nd** Ledyards Clara Reg #59943. Tattoo: LDC1J
Trafalgar Dominik Reg #55085
Ledyards Cardhu Reg #53508
Breeder: Douglas Haines & William Haines
Owner: Todd, Virginia, & Tiffany Green
- 3rd** FTA Kate's Lynn Reg #60093. Tattoo: FTAJ3
Skye High Wayward Son Reg #48809
OIA Kate Reg #51517
Breeder: Jean and Randall Gruenert
Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert
- 4th** FTA Whisper's Sweet Nothing. Reg#60092 Tattoo: FTAJ2
Skye High Wayward Son Reg #48809.
FTA Secret Whisper Reg #53560
Breeder: Jean and Randall Gruenert
Owner: R Cash or A or Weimer

Class #8 Senior Heifer Born 1/1/19 and 12/31/19

- 1st** Windemere Hazel Reg #59217 Tattoo: PRO2H
Orison of Culfoich Reg #49237
WF Caitlin Reg #45622
Breeder: Daniel Thorne
Owner: Paige Proctor

- 2nd** Ledyard's Tiffany Talia Reg #59209. Tattoo: LDC2H
 Trafalgar Dominik Reg #55085
 Ledyard's Topaz Tiffany Reg #57193
 Breeder: Douglas & William Haines
 Owner: Todd, Virginia & Tiffany Green
- 3rd** Ledyard's Bowmore Brianna Reg #59210. Tattoo: LDC3H
 Trafalgar Dominik Reg #55085
 Ledyard's Bowmore Legend Islay Reg #48799
 Breeder: Douglas & William Haines
 Owner:
- 4th** FTA Misty's Sunrise Dawn Reg #59622. Tattoo: FTAH8.
 Skye High Wayward Son Reg #48809
 FTA Sunrise Mist Reg #49148
 Breeder: Jean and Randall Gruenert
 Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert
- 5th** FTA Doll's Raggedy Ann Reg #59620 Tattoo: FTAH12
 Skye High Wayward Son Reg #48809
 FTA Siofra's Doll Reg #47597
 Breeder: Jean and Randall Gruenert
 Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert

Class #11 Intermediate Bull Calf Born on or after 5/1/21

- 1st** Windemere Kingsmark Reg #62075. Tattoo: P1K
 Basswood of Swains GBB 1B Reg #27090
 STR Symphony. Reg #56932 Tattoo: S12F
 Breeder: Paige Proctor
 Owner: Paige Proctor

Highland Group Show

Class #1 Produce of Dam

- 1st** OIA Kate Reg #51517. Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert

Class #2 Get of Sire

- 1st Trafalgar Dominik Reg #55085 Owner: Todd, Virginia & Tiffany Green
 2nd Skye High Wayward Son Reg #48809 Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert

Class #3 Pair of Heifers

- 1st Owner: Todd, Virginia & Tiffany Green
 2nd Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert

Class #4 Best Three Head

- 1st Owner: Todd, Virginia & Tiffany Green
 2nd Owner: Jean and Randall Gruenert

Grand Champion Female

- Circle V Ruthless Rose Reg #60802 Tattoo: XDV1J Breeder: Sam Vogl
 STR Ruthless Game Reg #53128 Owner: Sam Vogl
 Symbiosis Lady O'Tula Reg #56484

Res. Grand Champion

- Windemere Hazel Reg #59217 Tattoo: PRO2H Breeder: Daniel Thorne
 Orison of Culfoich Reg #49237 Owner: Paige Proctor
 WF Caitlin Reg #45622

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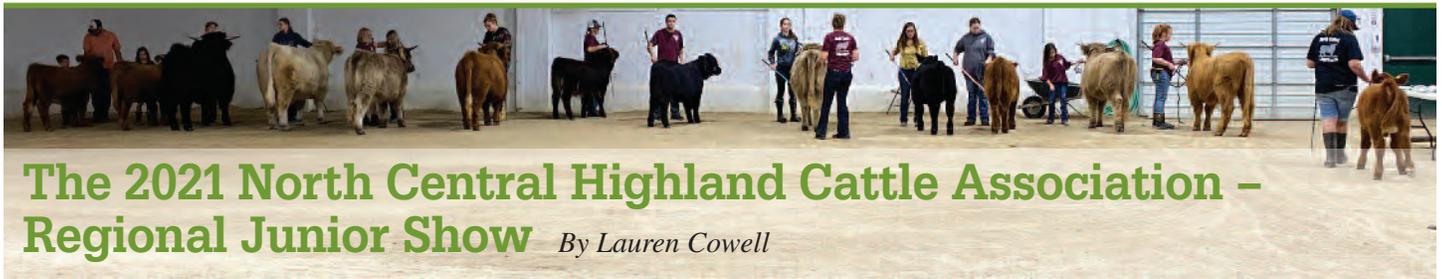
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Thank you for your support!





The 2021 North Central Highland Cattle Association – Regional Junior Show *By Lauren Cowell*



This year there were 28 juniors at the NCHCA Regional Show and 23 of them were exhibiting cattle. Six of the juniors had never been in the show ring before and everyone reported that it was a ton of fun for all involved!

Most juniors arrived Friday to setup and wash their project. It was a good time to get reacquainted, meet new juniors, and help each other get our animals ready. That evening we had the junior chili supper fundraiser, and it was a great turnout. Following the fundraiser, we had a showmanship clinic and mentoring time. Callie Collamore was a great help with this and gave us many great showmanship tips. All of the juniors gathered to help each other and teach the new juniors about showmanship techniques. Overall, it was an amazing experience for all the juniors who participated.



Saturday was show day, and most of the juniors were at the barns before the sun was up. We started the show at 9:00 a.m. with breeding heifers, which consisted of 17 heifers. The show went very well with the Reserve Champion breeding heifer being Maple Hill Sirena exhibited by Lauren Cowell, and the Champion Breeding heifer being Almosta Farm's Scarlet exhibited by Maryn Cowell. Next, was the market show, consisting of six market steers. This also went extremely smoothly with the Reserve Champion market animal being Renegade exhibited by Addie Bailey, and the Champion market animal being Bandit exhibited by Avery Bailey. After the market show concluded we started showmanship division. We had a huge outcome for showmanship with 23 exhibitors. Tiny tots and tots all received a North Central medal for their hard work. The Reserve Junior Showman was Shaelyn Cowell, with the Champion being Sophia Elizondo. The Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman was Charlie Broaderick, and the Champion Lauren Cowell. The Reserve Champion Senior Showman was Avery Bailey, and the Champion was Maryn Cowell. A huge thanks to Mike Schmidt for doing an amazing job judging the junior show.



Saturday night we had our award banquet at the American legion. It was fun to see all the kids receive their awards for their hard work. One of the most exciting things at the banquet was the Junior of the Year award. The recipient of this award was Mr. Eric DeLuke from Yoder Colorado. Eric is very enthusiastic about the highland breed and will share his cows with anyone who will listen. He has a fold of six breeding cows and several steers. He is a kind and attentive herdsman to all animals even if they are not his own animals. Eric shows his animals all over Colorado, including the county fair in his region, the Boulder County Fair, and the Colorado State Fair. It was our pleasure to recognize Eric's hard work and dedication.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the Junior portion of this regional show run smoothly. Overall, the show was great for all two legged and four legged participants.



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NCHCA Launches New Scholarship Fund for All Members Starting in 2022

By Josh Krenz, Treasurer

During the last five years, due to the overwhelming success of the Highland Production Sale presented by the NCHCA, we have built up a very good financial standing in our treasury. While a portion of those earnings have been allocated to the NCHCA savings, the NCHCA Board has created a scholarship to help all members pursue educational opportunities. Applications for the NCHCA Producer Education Scholarship will open at the Annual meeting in February. Below are the full details on the scholarship. You can apply, starting in February at NCHCA.org. For immediate questions, please contact any member of the NCHCA Board. A special thank you to the NCHCA Sale Committee and all of the farms who have sold and purchased cattle on the NCHCA Production Sales to make these scholarships available.

NCHCA Producer Education Scholarship

NCHCA 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.

Objective: As an enhanced educational initiative for NCHCA members, the NCHCA Association is offering NCHCA Cattle Producer Education Scholarships to enhance their cattle skills and share those learnings with the greater membership.

Who is Eligible: Any NCHCA member or NCHCA Junior member in good standing for at least 12 months.

Eligible Activities: To be eligible, the educational activity must be cattle related. Topics may include, but are not limited to the following: Artificial Insemination, Breeding, Confirmation, Nutrition, Handling, Health and Wellness, Maintenance, Pasture Management, Marketing, Sales, Consumer Outreach, or Food Safety. NCHCA will not reimburse for conference meals, lodging, transportation, or membership fees. Receipt of attendance or participation in the approved activity is required.

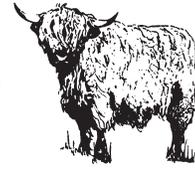
Awarded Scholarship Amounts: Scholarships can range from \$1-\$500 per NCHCA Member Farm with no more than \$500 granted to any one farm in a 24-month period. The NCHCA Board will review and determine the final Scholarship amount granted for each application.

Shared Knowledge Requirement: Anyone who receives a scholarship to learn a new skill or attend a cattle-related educational activity/event, must present their learnings to the general membership in the form of one of the following: 15-minute presentation at the NCHCA Annual Meeting, article in the Hoofbeat, 15-minute recorded presentation to be shared on NCHCA.org and social media, or other agreed upon method of sharing knowledge with the greater membership.

Criteria for Selection: The scholarship recipients will be approved by the NCHCA Board and must meet all of the criteria for membership, eligibility, dollar amount, and knowledge requirement. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the scholarship budget determined for the fiscal year application.

Scholarship Dollars Received: NCHCA will pay the scholarship on approved applications once the Shared Knowledge Requirement has been fulfilled. The recipient must still be a NCHCA member in good standing at the time of receiving payment.

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NCHCA Producer Education Scholarship
Application (to be competed at NCHCA.org)

Farm Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Current Member: Yes ___ No ___

Number of Years as a Member: _____

Description of Activity (include dates, location, website link):

How will this Activity be used on your Farm:

How much does the activity cost? _____

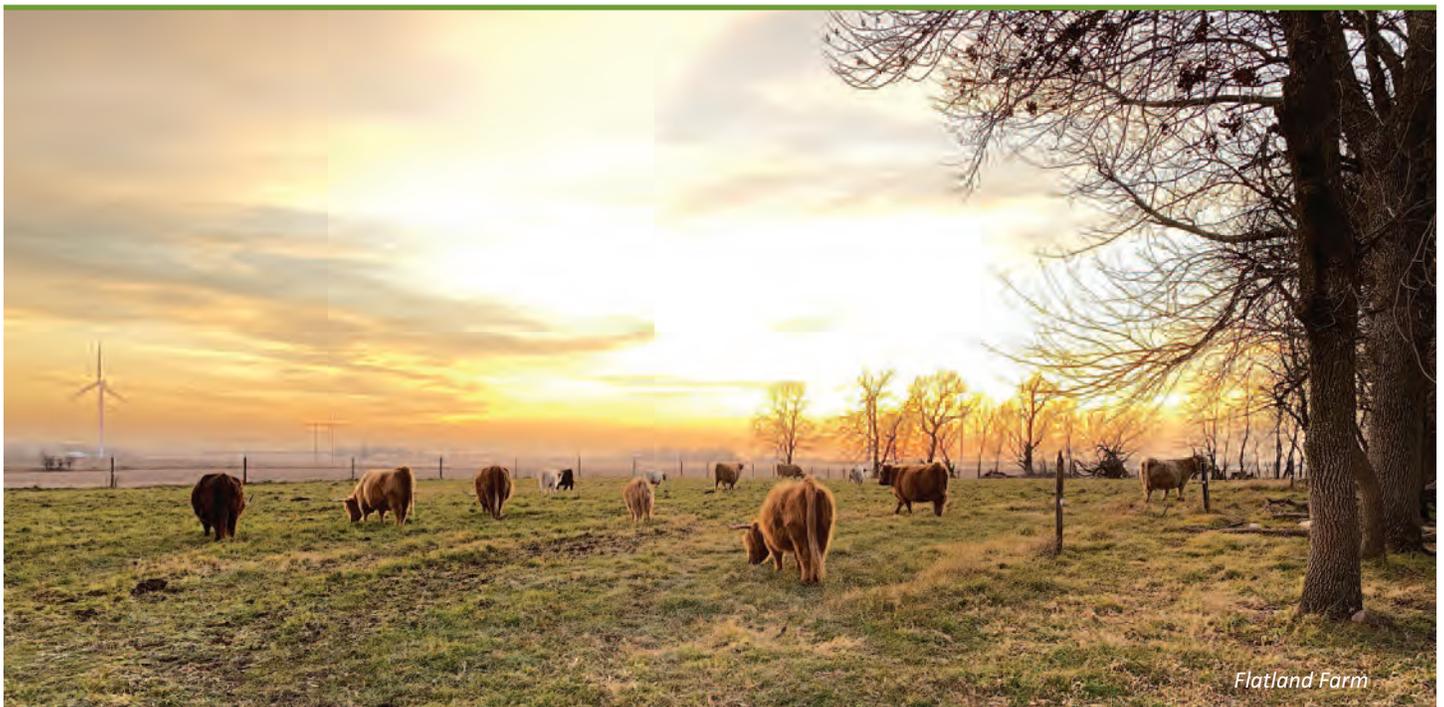
Total Requested Scholarship Amount: _____

Shared Knowledge Activity (how do you plan to share the knowledge with the NCHCA membership):

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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.



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