

The Highland HOOFBEAT

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.

The Recipe Corner

A quick and easy treat.

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Join us for the NCHCA summer picnic at Mid-Lakes Highlands.

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Melinda Cowell

President

Melinda and her husband Shawn own Beyond Hope Farm in Ellendale, MN. Where Melinda is a farm, home, kid and dog manager, and educator.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an incredible beginning to the summer! Rain and mild temperatures have made the best pastures we have ever had!! It is exciting to see through the completion of those tasks that are delayed all winter long here in Minnesota! The NCHCA is looking forward to some really great events coming this summer. The Green Family will host our annual summer picnic at Mid Lakes Highlands farm in July in Mindoro, WI. It should be a good time of connecting with fellow breeders. I personally enjoy the exchange of ideas with fellow breeders and know what a benefit it has been to our family as we learn and grow! We are planning and preparing for the annual Show and first annual Fall Female Sale September 20, 2024. Please consider what you might have to sell on the sale this fall! The sale committee has some really fun things planned including a concert by one of our past Highland Juniors, Matthew Mueller, and his band. The show the

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The Juniors



**JUNIOR OF THE QUARTER:
ADRIAN CASKEY**

Adrian Caskey is from Prestige Farms in Pipestone, MN. At 13 years old, he is entering 7th grade in school. Adrian is actively engaged in three school sports (baseball, basketball, and football), FFA, 4H, livestock judging, and the showing of multiple breeds of livestock. Adrian shows highland cattle with his family farm and enjoys assisting other farms in exhibiting their animals. His responsibilities with the cattle include working with them at home prior to the show and preparing them for exhibition on the show day. Passionate about the highland breed, Adrian enjoys teaching others how highlands are not only a beautiful breed but also competitive in the show ring. Looking ahead, Adrian hopes to incorporate more AI, expanding his collection of show heifers, and sharing his farm's genetics with farms nationwide. Additionally, he expresses a hope to continue his involvement in raising and showing highlands while raising a new generation of showmen in the years to come.

Article Author Bio

Lauren Cowell is Junior Committee President and a senior in High-school and owns and runs a small plant nursery business. She has shown highland cattle for 9 years.

R.S.V.P & JOIN US FOR A SUMMER PICNIC

Mid-Lakes Highlands is hosting the **2024 North Central Highland Cattle Association Summer Picnic** on *Sunday, July 14th at 12:00 noon.*

The farm will provide meat and salads as well as beverages. Dishes to pass are welcome. After lunch we will have a presentation by Steve Wagemester of Ag-Consulting & Products LLC, Viroqua Wisconsin. Steve is a nutritionist who helps us bring our highland show cattle to their fullest potential. Steve will talk about what it takes to feed a show heifer or bull from birth to the showing.

We will provide a tour of our new show barn, talk about why we built the barn the way that we did, what we would change and our daily routine with the show cattle.

Mid-Lakes Highlands was started in 2020 when we purchased 3 heifers from Ledyard Farms in New York. Because there were not any shows in the east in 2020 Mid-Lakes Highlands made the first trek to shows in the mid-west attending the NCHCA show and World Beef Expo. We thought our heifers were pretty good but their show ring results that year far exceeded our expectations culminating with Grand Champion Heifer at the Southeast Highland Show. Since that time Mid-Lakes Highlands averages 8 shows per year traveling from Wisconsin to New York and Denver and places in between.

Highlights over the past 4 years include:

Ledyards Tiffany Talia

- 2021 ROE Show Heifer of the Year
- Cow/Calf Pair of the Year
- 2024 Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair at the NWSS

Mid-Lakes All Eyes on Me

- 2022 ROE Show Heifer of the Year
- 2024 Champion Jr Yearling at the NWSS

Ledyards Clara

- 2023 ROE Cow/Calf Pair of the Year

COME JOIN US FOR SOME SUMMER HIGHLAND FUN SUNDAY, JULY 14TH



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Meet the Member



For this edition of the HoofBeat we are featuring a new NCHCA member, Kerry Nissen, and the **Kerry N Cattle Company** from Coggon IA. I had a chance to visit with Kerry over the phone and was delighted by our conversation. I hope you are too.

JM: Tell us a little bit about yourself.

My husband and I both raise cattle and are crop farmers. Like many farmers, we also hold down full-time town jobs. My husband raises Simmental and Short Horns. I wanted to raise my own cows. My husband supported the idea but said I had to figure it out on my own. A PowerPoint was prepared, presented, and debated. I started by raising and showing registered miniature Herefords. The Kerry N Cattle Company was officially established almost nine years ago.

JM: What got you interested in raising Highlands?

About four years ago I became fascinated by Scottish Highlands. You could say I caught the bug and I hope I never recover! I joined all the Scottish Highland cattle Facebook groups I could find and joyously informed my husband, I wanted to own some Highlands too. I started with an unregistered animal who sadly had an undiagnosed ailment and passed away months after I brought her home. I was devastated. My husband reminded me that my Herefords were registered and maybe I should stick with registered Highlands too. I became a "keyboard warrior" with Tom McConnell to whom I owe a debt of gratitude. He answered all my questions and advised me to come to Austin, MN to our NCHCA show, meet some breeders and see some animals. That turned out to be great advice.

JM: What were your first impressions?

The highland breeders are superb! I felt welcome and really appreciated folks' willingness to share their knowledge and expertise. My husband and I also attended the NWSS National Highland show. We learned a lot, met wonderful people, and had a great time. I purchased animals from Sam Vogl at Circle V and he has become a dear friend.

JM: What's next?

I am planning on showing at the upcoming NCHCA show in Austin, MN this fall and the Cornhusker State Highland Classic in York, NE. If they go well, I'm planning on showing at the NWSS National Highland show and possibly the Cattlemen's Congress in OK as well.

An Announcement!

*I've also been trying to establish a Highland cattle show at the Iowa State Fair. Guess what? I just found out I have been approved to host a **ROE points Highland show at the Iowa State Fair in 2025!!!** The Iowa State Fair is one of the biggest and best state fairs in the US. This show is sure to be grand, fitting for the Grand Old Breed!*

If any breeders are interested in details, feel free to get in touch with Kerry at chefirishyankee@gmail.com or phone at 319.560.1344.

NEW MEMBERS 2024

Becky Adams & Jr Fedie - Osseo, WI
Bruce Aeschbacher- Versailles, MO
Heather Bailey- Laramie, WY
Crystal and Kerry Barlow- Lenoir, NC
Courtney and Ryan Bauer- Bucyrus, KS
Traci Bitler - Harrod, OH
Joseph Braun - McVille, ND
Spencer Butterfield - Hyrum, UT
Kristina, Eric and Theo Chien - Little Falls, MN
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Matthew Cross - Kennerdell, PA
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Spencer and Jessica Downey - Ellsworth, IA
Marcia and Todd Duncomb - Osage, WI
Steve and Angel Foster - Curtis, NE
Michael Fox - Rice, MN
Stacy Hager - Hallsville, MO
John and Jeanna Hegewald- Oxford, IA
Laurie Howard - Bovey, MN
Kimber & Seth King - Tonica, IL
Michaela & Jacob Klika- Plymouth, WI
Mark Knox- Clyde Park, MT
Kristin Kronn- Burlington WI
Joe Kuchinka- North Branch, MN
Vanessa LaBar- Bethlehem, PA
Shawn and Linda Lehman- Ben Wheeler, TX
Tom, Denise & Casey Leonard- Lake Geneva, WI
Alex and Maggie Lossen- Minnesota City, MN
Shane & Kerry Maline - Gothenburg, NB
Montana Medina - Winchester, TN
Abbie Morgan - Roberts, MT

Kyle and Cortney Neblett - Mccune, KS
Anna Nichols - Marshville, NC
Kerry Nissen - Coggon, IA
Jeff Oberhaus - Franklin, MO
Tonya O'Daniel - Zell, SD
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Robert & Maria Orr - Little Falls, MN
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Brice & Ali Robertson- Kensett, IA
Jordan Schaeffer- Ripley, OH
Hope, Galen, & Bonnie Scheresky- Max, ND
Max Schwanke or Madyson Dostal- Rice lake, WI
Brylee and Jami Sherer- Pisgah, IA
Maurice Shoen- Truman, MN
Frank Silva- LaSalle, CO
Greg Starr- Olathe, KS
Tod and Lara Taylor- Winona, MN
Melissa Thurman- Nixa, MO
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Austin and Jennifer Weber- Woodman, WI
Levi Wells- Powell, WY
Dax West- Gainesville, TX
Fred and Valerie White- Allegan, MI
Mike and Melissa Brueggemann- Neosho, WI

WELCOME TO THE FOLD !!!!

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

1) Member networking and education

Attend the NCHCA Annual Meeting

Participate in the NCHCA Regional Member Picnics/Farm Tours

2) Receive the Hoofbeat, our quarterly newsletter

Stay informed on regional events

Read about fellow members

See articles on caring for Highlands

3) Promote your farm

Highlight your farm on the NCHCA website with a PROFILE

Advertise your animals or other related items on the NCHCA website

Advertise your farm in the Hoofbeat and/or other event programs

4) Promotion of the Highland Breed - NCHCA promotes the breed on your behalf and you can join to help promote the breed at these events

Minnesota State Fair

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

5) NCHCA advocates for you

NCHCA members elect the AHCA representative and regional board representatives, who represent you on the local and national level

NCHCA Show Committee advocates for the Highland Breed at the World Beef Expo and our regional show

6) We support our Juniors

NCHCA is the sponsor organization for our regional Junior's Program

Your membership supports on-going education of young people on cattle handling, proper care of animals, and life lessons from raising cattle.

There are also numerous opportunities for advertisement and promotion of your farm throughout the year through the Hoofbeat and at various events.

The Recipe Corner

HANKY PANKY'S

INGREDIENTS

Serves 8-10

1 lb. hamburger

1 lb. hot sausage

1 lb. Velveeta

2 C. shredded Monterey and cheddar

1 pkg. party rye bread

1 t. oregano

1 t. garlic salt

1 T. Worcestershire sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

Brown and drain meat. Melt Velveeta; add seasonings and sauce. Mix with meat. Spread 1 T. of mixture on each piece of bread. Sprinkle each with shredded cheese. Bake 12 minutes in 350 degree F preheated oven.



Recipe submitted by

Kerry Nissen, and the Kerry N Cattle Company



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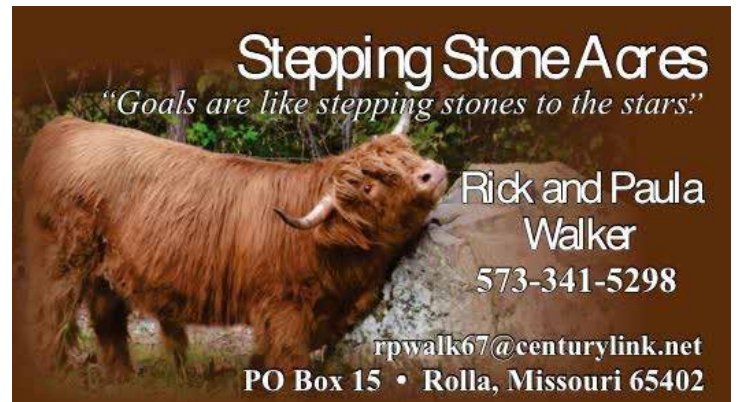
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M.
AT THE MOWER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN AUSTIN, MINN.
BIDDERS CAN BID IN-PERSON, ONLINE AND VIA PHONE BIDDING.

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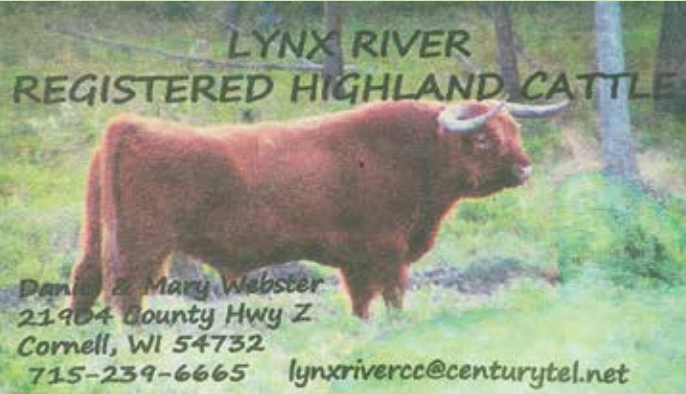


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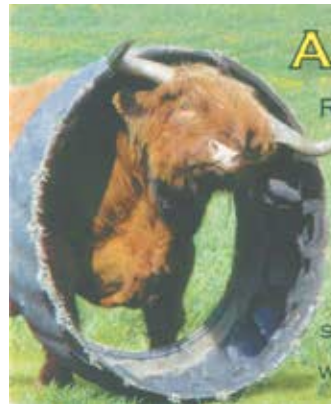
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Thank you to everyone who participated by submitting and voting on photos and to our calendar committee.

Congratulations to the following farms for their entries!

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- Creachann Gleann, Ben and Mary Schmidtke, Platteville, WI
- Blue Moon Cattle Co, Chad & Rachel Muhlenkamp, Glasgow, KY
- West Point Highlands, Joe and Anna Lapointe, APO, MN
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- Little House and Farm, Anthony & Michelle Letourneau, Hinckley, MN
- Glory Oaks Farm, Kyle & Katie Baker, Northwood, IA
- Glacier's Edge Farm, Joe and Heather Olson, Bloomer, WI
- Wandering Rose Farm, Marlene Wilkey, Sale Creek, TN
- Crocus Hill Cattle Co., Hope, Galen, & Bonnie Scheresky, Max, ND
- Rosewood Ranch, SKen and Julie Schaar, Deer River, MN
- Eventide Ranch, Clint and Abby Gardebrecht, Oconto Falls WI
- Thurman Family Farm, Melissa Thurman, Nixa, MO
- Larson's Headacrez, Jan Larson, Burlington, WI



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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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