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Letter from the HHCA President

By Jerry Delcour

Last news letter I said we would be announcing dates and etc. for the auction. Well since then we have had lots of changes. The Auction will be held at the Lebanon Missouri Livestock Auction Barn. It will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Yes, that's right, Saturday!!! The owner was more than happy to do a Saturday sale and we don't have to mess with Holsteins selling first.

Farm Fest 2015 was October 2, 3 & 4 and featured the usual huge crowds. We had the best weather ever and visitors to the Highland pens numbered in the thousands. At times the people were packed in the Heartland area so thick that people were having to wait their turn to see the cattle or to visit the Heartland Association display tables.

It was great to visit with the many Heartland Association members who came by during Farm Fest. Now it is time to get all those last minute things around the farm done before the snow flies. Talk to

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you after January 1st when we start taking cattle for the Annual Highland Cattle Auction. Don't forget to get those pictures ready for the Highland Calendar Contest too.

Jerry Delcour

In Memory, Glenn Young, HHCA Board of Director

Some of you knew Glenn Young, and some didn't. Glenn was a member of the HHCA for some six years, and three of them he spent as a Board of Director on the HHCA. Glenn was a very positive person, especially to his dedication to the HHCA and his love for his Highland cattle. If Glenn didn't know something about the breed, he researched it or would be right there asking questions. He helped many people who were new to the Highland breed with his knowledge and support.

We at the HHCA will also remember Glenn as being the person who established the HHCA logo.



With his prior knowledge of business, he created a logo for the HHCA and also contacted an artist he knew from her works to create a logo for the HHCA.

Hence, the beautiful Highland cow, calf and bull logo we have on our letterheads, t-shirts, caps and CD that is available merchandise to the membership and anyone else had come from Glenn's initial idea for a logo. We owe Glenn a huge thank you for what he did for

the HHCA. He will be remembered for that wonderful accomplishment as well as for his kindness and enthusiasm.

Ozark Empire Fair 2015

Hot and humid was the four days at the Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield, MO for our Junior HHCA member Courtney Hutson and her family from Shatluck, OK and for Gary and Cindy Cheek of Fair Grove, MO. There had five Highlands there for the show.

Courtney showed her two heifers in both the Junior open class and the regular open class. She won both shows a second and third place ribbons. Also a "HAPPY 14TH BIRTHDAY" was celebrated by Courtney on Friday, Aug. 7th.

Gary and Cindy showed their silver Highland heifer winning second place in her category and they won first

place in the cow/calf category. Their four month old Highland bull calf won second place in his category. Everyone went away with a ribbon.

Most outstanding were the two banners won by both Courtney and Cindy for the Top Junior and Top Exhibitor. The ladies were rewarded for keeping their cattle clean, their areas always clean and made room for people to get through as well as having a nice presentation table available for people to learn about the Highland breed.

Congratulations to all and thank you for your dedication and support of the Highland breed.



Fly Strike and Maggots

By Pat White

Fly strike occurs when common flies lay their eggs in a moist, warm tissue somewhere on the body of a newborn calf. It can occur in older animals, but generally that requires some sort of injury, or widespread skin inflammation before fly strike would become a serious problem in an older animal. Usually, they are capable of licking, rubbing or scratching and physically removing the fly eggs or larva from their bodies.

In the newborn calf however, flystrike becomes a potentially life threatening condition. The flies lay

their eggs, usually around the anus, where there is a buildup of soft, milk-manure, or around the umbilicus that may still be moist as it hasn't healed from birth yet.

The eggs hatch into tiny larva, or maggots, that feed on organic matter until they pupate. These larva are tiny specks when they are first hatched, but rapidly grow into inch long, fat grub-like maggots. While they do not feed on living tissue, like the screwworm, the inflammation and irritation that they cause contributes to necrosis or death of the tissue they are on. The

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Welcome New Members

Arkansas

Dwain & Terry Guntharp, Gentry, AR *sponsored by Jacque Hawkins, Deer, AR*

Wayne Ferrari & Elizabeth Semrow, Smithville, AR *sponsored by Gloria Asmussen, Tunas, MO*

Chris Cotner, Huntington, AR, *sponsored by Jerry Delcour & Janet Melton, Crane, MO*

Idaho

Kelly McGhee, Kootenai, ID, *sponsored by Bill & Kae Arrington, Green Mountain, NC*

Illinois

Eugene & Virginia Shemonic, Mt. Vernon, IL *sponsored by Roger & Tracee Riley, Preston, MO*

Mike & Stacey Hart, Waggoner, IL, *sponsored by Roger Seeger, Streator, IL*

Iowa

Amy Mikelson, Columbus Junction, IA *sponsored by Al & Kirsten Kosinski, Alton, MO*

Randy Thayer Belmont, IA *sponsored by Randy & Chris Batz, Sac City, IA*

Kansas:

Vincent & Diane Nickel, Yates Center, KS *sponsored by Gary Cheek, Fair Grove, MO*

Missouri

Aimee Hall/James Clarke, Salem, MO *sponsored by Gary Cheek, Fair Grove, MO*

Stacy Hager, Hallsville, MO

Charles D. Black & Marianna Toth, West Plains, MO *sponsored by Al & Kirsten Kosinski, Alton, MO*

Terry & Darlene Sullins Jr. Liberal, MO

Rick & Gail Compton, Richland, MO *sponsored by James Thideman & Randy Rossiter, Ava, MO*

Junior News!

Hello everyone

It has been slow going here in the hot western part of Oklahoma. Lots of fall babies on the ground; they aren't Highland but still adorable.

Anyway, the Ozark Empire Fair went well. I had a wonderful birthday thanks to Gloria and had a wonderful show--there was no better way to spend my birthday. I won top junior exhibitor herdsman, for the help and cleanliness around my area, 2nd with CBS Rhinestones legacy, 3rd with FTA kittys leah, and I couldn't have been prouder of my girls--they did the hard work. I just held on to the halter and they knew the routine. When we got home it was 2:30 a.m. We let the girls out and went to bed, got up at 7 a.m. to check

James & Nancy Anderson, Summersville, MO *sponsored by Gloria Asmussen, Tunas, MO*

Chase Barnes, Raymore, MO

Brett Adams, Licking, MO

Craig Allison, Bentonville, AR *sponsored by Chris Laye, Richland, MO*

Andrew & Brianna Anderson, Willard, MO *sponsored by Jerry Delcour & Janet Melton Crane, MO*

Michigan

Larry Alber/Pat White, Charlotte, MI

Minnesota

Jake & Tina Smude, Brainerd, MN

Mississippi

Joseph & Kay Dixon, Heidelberg, MS

New York:

Timothy Chase, Hartwick, NY

Ohio

Kristy Sticht, Freeport, OH

Oklahoma

Christina Dillon, Claremore, OK *sponsored by Jay & Ashley Olmedo, Sapulpa, OK*

Robert Ballard, Meeker, OK *sponsored by Blake & Kali Coble, Henryetta, OK*

A sincere Thank You to all the HHCA members who sponsored some of these new members. When they sold their Highland cattle, they sponsored the buyer a HHCA membership. It is only \$15 to sponsor a new member. Sponsorship gives the new members information and networking within the Association as well as many other benefits. Think about sponsorship when you sell your Highlands.

on them and they were just as tired as we were. I would do it all over again.

We haven't had our Highland calf hit the ground yet but about two weeks and it will be here. We also bought a 6-month old calf and will pick her up soon. She will hopefully be at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. Her name is Jacqueline and she is a red/brown colored calf from a heifer that I sold last November. She is my new heifer project for the fall.

Courtney Hutson
HHCA Junior
Sky High Farms

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inflamed, oozing tissue attracts more flies, which lay more eggs, and on and on. The intense dermatitis causes discomfort, infection, fever and dehydration. Untreated, this becomes a death sentence for the calf.

Early signs of flystrike usually are limited to evidence that the calf is uncomfortable. The tail may twitch and twirl when the calf is not nursing. It may kick at its stomach, if the umbilicus is infested. If you examine the calf at this point, you may find tiny white debris that almost resembles pollen, stuck in clumps in the hair over the tail, under the tail, or around the umbilicus. These are newly hatched larva that really don't even resemble the maggots that they will become.

If you miss the early signs, later in the infestation, the larva will be obviously grub-like, although they may be hidden under clumps of hair stuck together with serum. At this point, the skin underneath the maggots is moist, red and painful. Still later on, the inflammation and infection in the skin may actually eat holes through the skin and you may see the subcutaneous tissue underneath. The skin and tissue may appear to be gray in color.

Treatment for flystrike depends on how severe the condition is when you find it. Cases noticed early, when the larva are still tiny, will respond to scrubbing and clipping hair, with the application of a fly repellent. It is important to remove the dampened hair where the larva are, so that it can completely dry. Dry tissue will not attract more flies.

More severe cases may require shaving large areas of skin, thorough scrubbing and searching out all the maggots that may be hiding, and removing them. If large areas are involved, and you are a novice at maggots and nursing care, please consult a veterinarian. At this point, the calf may require IV fluids, antibiotics and possibly forced feedings if it is too weak to nurse.

I have found that prevention is far easier than treatment. We try to calve all our cows (and sometimes we fail miserably) early enough in the spring so that the fly season hasn't started. Depending on your part of the country, that may, or may not be

practical. When I do have later calves, I wait until I know they are nursing normally, and then I apply a small amount of either Ivomec Pour-On or Ivomec Eprinex Pour-On to the calf's back. I do weigh all my calves, so that I can put an accurate amount on the animal. Most of my calves weigh between 50 and 85 pounds, so that I apply 2 ½ to 4 c.c.s (mls) to the calf. (The dosage for both of these products is 5cc per 110 #.)

These products seem to work by killing the larva after they hatch, and it appears to last about 3 weeks in most cases, although I have reapplied it at weekly intervals on rare occasions without any ill effects. If the fly eggs hatch and die, they do not seem to cause any irritation, although they may attract yet more flies. I believe that the mother's grooming then removes the dead larva, and the problem is solved.

Sometimes even with this prevention, you may have to intervene to remove large deposits of manure from under the tail. Occasionally new mothers just won't clean the calf adequately and this mess attracts the flies.

Although the larva won't live, the manure stuck to the skin may cause irritation and inflammation. Fly strike is not limited to the newborn. Any age animal can become susceptible due to injury. Any wound that attracts flies can develop into a serious problem, particularly if the animal's tongue, tail or horn cannot reach the area. Matted hair that remains soaked with moisture due to severe downpours can result in inflammation and dermatitis, attracting flies and resulting in a secondary fly strike. Pour-on dewormers such as Ivomec or Eprinex have worked well as preventatives in the face of open draining sores that cannot be sutured, in adults as well as juveniles.

There are several other topical medications that can be used to kill maggots and help prevent flystrike. Follow label directions carefully, as many of these are potent insecticides that deserve your respect.

NOTE FYI: a new product that some of the HHCA breeders have used is called SCREW WORM aerosol which has worked very well and can be found at any feed store or Ag supply store

Breeding in Summer Heat: FAQs

Dr. Rick Rasby, Professor of Animal Science, Animal Science, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Will the heat during the summer affect the breeding on the cow herd?

The heat we are experiencing can affect reproductive performance of beef females and males. Part of the concern is that it is not only hot during the day, but it doesn't seem to cool down in the evenings. Therefore, it is difficult for the cattle to get rid of the heat load that was built up during the day. On the females, heat stress can effect embryo implantation. Heat stress can also affect bull fertility. Heat stress affects spermatogenesis (production of sperm). Because the testicle and tubules store sperm, the effect of heat stress doesn't show up until about 45 to 60 days post/heat stress. One of the mechanisms to keep the testicles cool is that the muscles relax allowing the testicles to hang further from the body.

What can you do?

Allow access to plenty of clean water. Most pastures have trees that will provide shade and ponds for the cattle to stand in. Avoid working cattle during the hot temperatures. Finally, keep the flies under control. Seems like when cattle have a fly load, then tend to bunch. This causes less air circulation around the cattle and increased heat is generated.

Damaged Horn treatment

If the bleeding has stopped, just clean it, apply some iodine or disinfectant of some kind that's approved for cattle. If the bleeding starts again, apply some Blood Stop (you can get this at a local farm supply or vet). At the same type of store, get some Vet Wrap - it is self adhesive bandage that will stay on the horn. Once all wrapped, spray it with any fly spray that is ok for cattle. Leave it a couple of days to give things time to heal. You can apply the fly spray again if you have a bad problem. Just spray the bandaged area. Another proved remedy from Highland breeder in NY, Jacquelyn Chotkowski is to avoid maggots, wash with soapy water, spray Catron IV on the area and put honey on the area—fly eggs do not survive in the honey. Alum spray also works.

How to get rid of warts?

Weanlings and yearlings often develop warts. Matt Miesner, clinical assistant professor in the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine, says young animals are highly susceptible until they build immunity to the wart virus. "If I see warts in an older

animal, I suspect some type of underlying immune deficiency or stress," he says.

Wart virus can be transmitted from one animal to another. "There are at least 10 different papilloma viruses that cause warts. A couple cause penile warts in young bulls; other types affect skin, GI (gastrointestinal) tract or teats," Miesner says.

Warts often appear where skin has been broken. They may develop in ears or dewlap skin after tagging. When tagging several animals, it pays to disinfect the tagging tool between animals. The growths often appear quickly, becoming a rough-looking or smooth-shaped mass. They may be small and rounded or very large. A large mass in an ear may make the ear droop down.

The virus can be spread by direct contact or by coming into contact with something the infected animal has touched.

"One goes by and scratches on a post; the next one picks it up," Miesner explains.

"If a new animal comes into a herd (or cattle have contact with a neighbor's cattle) and brings a different type of virus, some of the herd will get warts. Eventually it spreads through the herd, and they all develop immunity," he says.

If warts are a problem for an animal (around the mouth or nostrils, interfering with breathing or eating, or on the teats), some veterinarians suggest carefully pulling, twisting or snipping off one of the warts, crushing a small one or removing part of a large mass. Disrupting the wart encourages the animal's immune system to create antibodies and fight the warts more quickly; the virus in disrupted warty tissue comes into contact with the bloodstream if the area bleeds a little.

"A multivalent commercial vaccine for warts is made by Colorado Serum Company. They continually acquire samples of different types of warts and make antigen in their vaccines that are effective against most warts," Miesner says.

"Unfortunately, we don't see blanket success, due to variations in individual immunity and response to the vaccination," he explains.

"Another option, if that doesn't work (since there are so many different types of warts) is to have an autogenous vaccine created. This is made from pieces of warty tissue from your own animals. The downside

Board of Directors and Officers' Contact Information

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www.heartlandhighlandcattleassociation.org

On the site you will find updated classified ads, membership page of new members, and the Events page with the Calendar of Events and pictures from the events.

This is a great place to get and give information about your farm and Highland cattle.

Use your FREE ad and get exposure and results.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Secretary, Gloria Asmussen at 417.345.0575

2015 AHCA Member of the Year

The 2015 American Highland Cattle Association Member of the Year award deservedly goes to a true Highland promoter extraordinaire.

Though this award is presented on behalf of HHCA, the promotional accomplishments of Gloria Asmussen transcends the national association and includes many, many new members, established members, the cattle breed itself and of course, her beloved regional Heartland Highland Cattle Association that she and her late husband Lee Wolfgang founded.

Gloria is currently chair of the Breed Protection & Promotion committee with nearly 20 members and several active sub-committees – a job in itself.

Earlier this year, Gloria’s Heartland Association put together arguably the most successful Highland cattle auction ever in America:

- the most consignors
- the most buyers
- the most cattle
- the most proceeds

Gloria with other members of the Heartland hosted an AHCA national convention in Springfield MO.

Each year at her farm Gloria holds a Highland cattle field day. She has set up uncounted encounters with the public, displaying cattle at fairs, gatherings and field days.

As a board member, Gloria does a yeoman’s job – always in attendance and always participating. She

will not hesitate to call a spade or voice a minority opinion in support of the Highland breed.



Gloria Asmussen is a smart and classy lady of many parts:

- She has her feet on the ground
- Her eyes on the ball
- Her money where her mouth is
- AND HER HEART IN THE HIGHLANDS!

(This award was presented to Gloria Asmussen, HHCA Sec. on Sat. June 20th, 2015 at the 64th annual AHCA convention in Killington, Vermont.)

Gloria’s response to the attendees in acceptance of the award was “I wouldn’t be able to do this without the support and dedication of all the HHCA Members over the years, thank you.”

HHCA Seeks Board of Directors Nominations

If you or someone you know has an interest, time, and ability to serve as a Heartland Highland Cattle Association Board of Director, please return this form with their information to the HHCA either by email or regular mail **NO LATER THAN *January 1, 2016***. We will contact the person.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Return by email to: heartlandhighlandcattle@gmail.com

Return by regular postal mail (aka snail mail) to: **HHCA, 976 State Hwy. 64, Tunas, MO 65764**

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is that you generally need to collect at least 200 to 300 grams of wart, and the company may insist that you order a certain number of doses of vaccine. It might not be worth it for just a few cattle, but cost-effective if you have a large-scale problem," he says.

"Bull studs often vaccinate to reduce penile warts. We always check for warts in a breeding soundness exam. This is one reason we make the bull extend his penis for the exam. The wart itself is generally not a problem,

and young animals generally resolve these on their own. But if the bull tried to breed a cow and bleeding occurred due to disruption of a wart, the semen would become ineffective, rendering him infertile," Miesner says.

The virus can be spread by direct contact or by coming into contact with something the infected animal has touched.

Annual 4th of July HHCA Picnic

The annual Fourth of July Heartland Highland picnic was held on the fourth of July at the Highway H Highland Cattle Ranch in Stoutland. It was well attended by 40-50 members and their families. We started earlier than usual this year as Andy McCorkle, Livestock Specialist from the Missouri University Extension spoke to us about livestock.

A major talking point of his presentation was the importance of a beef operation having cows that calved appropriately. One of the best suggestions I have heard was to have your vet test the cows for sexual maturity prior to introducing them to the bull for the first time. If they are the right age, but not sexually mature, they may not get bred in a timely fashion, and they also may have genetic problems that will be passed along, causing problems for the breeder each season. A solid relationship with a vet is of utmost importance, and he felt that one who was up to date with Show Me Select would be most helpful to us. If you have a vet who is not aware of this program, Andy said that he would be happy to work with them to bring them up to speed.

He also spoke about the ideal season to place the cows and bulls together as being between Thanksgiving and Valentines Day. This will produce fall calves and reduce instances of fly strike, and other summer calving issues, and will also generally avoid

calves being born in the frigid and snowy days of winter. Andy said that the rule of thumb for a young breeding bull is that he can adequately handle a cow for each month of his age, up to maturity of about 5 years, when the bull can breed whoever he is in with.

Andy talked about pasture and native grasses vs fescue, and our love/hate relationship with it. Native grasses are a great addition to your pastures, but an addition only as their productive season is so short. Rotational grazing will enhance a grass fed operation, and he demonstrated some of the items used to set up your system.

Finally, Andy feels that cross breeding is a very interesting concept, particularly in a beef operation. He raises Herefords, and felt that they would be a good match with the highland breed.

Andy and his wife Jen and daughter Molly had to leave early due to prior family commitments, but not before they had a chance to try grass fed highland burgers. The McCorkles were pleasantly surprised at the delicious flavor of the burgers, as well as the homemade buns from Sybil and Greg.

He gave a great talk, with pointers that were especially helpful for a number of the new breeders among us, and we thank Andy very much for his expertise and professionalism.

2015 Annual Convention

By Jann Ramey

Whew!! What a whirlwind of nine (9) days. Gloria and I have just returned from the beautiful state of Vermont where we attended the 2015 AHCA National Convention hosted by the Northeast Highland Cattle Association in Killington, Vermont in the Green Mountains.

We traveled by car 1500 miles one way and took two (2) and a half days to reach our destination. When we

arrived early Tuesday afternoon we decided to visit Ray Shatney and Janet Steward in Plainfield, Vermont.

Oh my, what a view! Ray met us in town and it was a good thing he did...we went down some back roads to their place that I was beginning to think we were back in Missouri! When we arrived and got out of the car we got to meet Cain, their Grand Champion Bull. When

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we went to look at some of their animals, the view was breathtaking! With the red Highlands relaxing on the green, green grass you would then look out over the Green Mountains and see the mountains in another state. Magnificent view is putting it mildly. Babies were relaxing in the yard, even though that was not where they were supposed to be, while mammas and dad (Cinnamon Bear) were relaxing in the pasture. Babies knew that they could walk under the electric fence with no consequences. After taking several pictures at the "home" place Ray and Janet took us to their "other" farm in Greensboro some thirty (30) miles away. There we saw their Highland Shorthorn crosses that they use for meat for their Farmers Market booth in Montpelier. Those were some impressive crosses. Meaty even at a young age. There they were crossing their Highland cows with a polled Shorthorn bull (Shorty). Never guess how he got that name. While there, they also talked about rotational grazing. They moved the cows while we watched and sure enough they watched Ray to see if he was going to open the electric fence up for them and they all quickly walked down to go into their new grazing area. Each of their paddocks are five (5) acres. Janet said they graze the grass to three (3) inches and then let it grow back to six (6) inches before they put them back into that paddock. I asked her how messy the pasture was before and how long it took to get it cleaned up. Well I have a pasture that would probably be comparable to how bad theirs was and she told me it took two (2) years to get it cleaned up and they had some nice pastures for their cows.

We spent the evening with them and Janet fixed a Highland roast with all the fixings before we started back to Killington for a good nights sleep.

Gloria had board meetings Wednesday and Thursday so while she was busy I was in vacation mode! Reading and walking around relaxing.

Friday was another adventure. We went to Trafalgar Square Farm to see how their operation works and to visit some of their Highlands. They loaded all of us up on three (3) hay wagons and off to the pastures we went. One of the managers took a bucket of grain out with him and after we "circled" the wagons he went and hollered up the cows. You could see them coming on a run and what a picture with them running out of the pine trees. He then scattered some hay out for them to chew on while we took pictures and conversed on various topics concerning Highlands. We had Eddie

Mackay from Dundonald Farm on our wagon and we were asking him about crop ear in Scotland. This writer's understanding from Eddie is that a bull has to have crop ear designated on his papers. Nothing was said about the cows with crop ear.

We had a delicious lunch at Trafalgar and since Gloria and I drove we loaded up after the farm tour and lunch and headed for a farm of unregistered cattle owned by Dale and Derek Williams. I was thinking, "Ok, these are unregistered so they are just cows." Well let me tell you, my mouth dropped open when I saw them. Their first calf heifers looked as if they had a bath and some grooming they would be ready for the show ring. Talk about some nice cows. I was floored. We then went to their other farm where they had some cow calf pairs and a couple crosses. They had some nice looking babies at this farm along with their mammas. Williams are looking to disperse all of their unregistered and beginning raising a registered fold.

On the way back to Killington it was time for supper and we found a place along the river to stop and eat. They had picnic tables outside along the river for their customers to enjoy their meals. Gloria ordered scallops and sweet potato fries and I ordered a clam roll along with hand battered onion rings. Can I tell you that I have NEVER had clams so good in my life!! They were real clams. Not what we get out of the freezer here in the Midwest. There was actually a clam in there! And of course the hand battered onion rings topped everything off. I think it was after that meal that Gloria had to roll me to the car! It was sooooo good!

Then came Saturday. Up for breakfast and just a lazy morning. Gloria was finished with her meetings so that left her some time to relax before another farm tour. There was a gondola ride that some people went on before the bus left for the farm tour. Ole braveheart here is chickenheart when it comes to heights so there was no way I was going on the gondola. That thing would be more than four (4) feet off of the ground and I don't do those things!

We then loaded up and Gloria and I headed out to the Farmers Market in Montpelier. That is the market where Ray and Janet Shatney sell Highland beef. We had a good time just walking around and seeing everything that was there. We had our list of people that wanted us to bring back maple syrup, so we had a little shopping to do while we were there. One of the vendors had Mediterranean food so we decided to give that a try for lunch. He did all his own cooking and

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needless to say it was delicious. I bought baklava for dessert and our Midwestern out of the freezer couldn't touch his. For sure Gloria had to roll me to the car. From Montpelier we headed to New Hampshire to the Star Lake Cattle Company for a tour, workshops, dinner, awards and auction. We missed the tour but Montpelier was worth it. We both decided that we would like to go to the workshop with their vet. He talked on various things which included the shots for cattle, how to look over your cattle to be able to tell if you animal didn't feel well and I asked him about hardware disease and was able to glean lots of information about that. Dr. Mat had earlier that morning taken embryos from a Highland cow that had been bred specifically for embryos. He shared with the group how that entire process is done and then he checked a cow with a sonogram that was carrying an embryo. That baby was kicking every time he touched it!

We then returned to the main farm to enjoy a delicious meal catered in. As soon as we got done eating it was time for the awards to be handed out for the year. They had of course the award for Role of Excellence, Hall of Fame winners and then the Highland Member of the Year was awarded. As we sat through the first two (2) the recipients all gave their appreciation for their awards. Then it was time for the

Highland Member of the Year award. We were listening, I was listening closer than Gloria, and within the first couple of sentences Gloria's name was mentioned. She sat there calmly until they mentioned the fact that the HHCA had had the only successful Highland auction in the country. Then she knew. When they asked her to come up and receive the award she was speechless. Now let me ask, have we ever known Gloria to be speechless? I can't say that I have ever known her to be and I have only known her for five (5) years! After the awards were all given to the appropriate people the auction began. People were bidding on everything from a cow skull to a weekend at a resort. I had my eye on a picture of noses but was unsuccessful in getting it.

With the evenings festivities over we headed back to Killington for a night's sleep before we hit the road for home Sunday morning.

Sunday morning came and we were on the road. Gloria is a trooper. She drove over 3500 miles for that entire trip. But you head her towards home and she is on the move.

Gloria, I want to personally thank you for a wonderful nine (9) days talking cattle and being able to visit a new place that I had never seen before. I thank you from my heart. Jann Ramey

For that "hard to buy for" family member or friend, consider a Highland themed Christmas gift! We still have 2016 calendars as well as t-shirts, travel mugs, gloves and other items. Visit the HHCA website for more info!



2015 Fundraiser

By Sybil Campbell-Roberts

Like the song "Oops I did it again" our song for the 2015 Heartland fundraiser is "Aaawesome, we did it again".

Yes, yes, yes we sure did, thanks to all our fabulous volunteers. Once again the Eat like Royalty concession stand sold out and Trevorrow's smoker came darn tootin close to it.

Mother Nature was on our side again and the weather was absolutely beautiful with a blue sky and soft breezes. And I must say that because of the good weather and a little wedding, we sold more on Friday night than we ever have in the history of this fundraiser. The concession sold Irish stew and the smoker sold corn on the cob and brisket sandwiches until late into the evening.

Saturday went so well that I often found myself with nothing to do, which actually put me under the feet of some of my volunteers. Sorry volunteers!

There were no electrical problems to deal with, thanks to our guys who created what you might call an "electrical switch board" so all the crock pots stayed on. The soda was ice cold and I mean ICE COLD, thanks to everyone who brought frozen bottles of water in all kinds of shapes and sizes. The smoker was a smokin', thanks to the extra wood one of our volunteers cut for specifically for us. The rest of the venues went pretty smooth with just the usual small stuff to take care of.

The biggest topic at the festival was Gloria's resignation from her position as the organizer for the Celtic festival and that the chamber had no plans to continue it, but word has it, that the chamber will

Scholarship Fundraiser!

Barn quilts were designed to encourage people to drive through the local countryside. Some define who lives on a farm by the family design or what their trade was.

This barn quilt is designed with the Highland's head in the center (the focal point) with the coat colors of the Highland quilted around the outside. Put this quilt up on your barn for all to see and they will know you are a lover of the "hairy" cows.

The barn quilt being raffled is a 2-ft. x 2-ft.; you can purchase 12 tickets for \$5 or 24 tickets for \$10

You can send money to HHCA and the raffle ticket stubs will be sent back to you before the raffle which will be at the HHCA annual meeting on March 5, 2016.

continue the festival with a new coordinator. How that affects our fundraiser, is a topic for future discussions.

All in all the fundraiser was a great success with a tally of \$3,422.00 and that is after expenses. From my calculation we made an additional \$1,300 more than last year. It is fundraisers like this that help to keep our membership dues low and keeps our organization running smooth.

On Saturday the Highland information table, was run by Tom and Theresa Thompson who sold goodies such as hats, t-shirts, calendars etc. The hatchet throwing was staffed by Linda Say and her fire breathing sons.

The Eat like Royalty concession was staffed with Tracee Riley, Janet Melton, Jann Ramey, Chris Batz, Donna and Philip Stritchfield, Keith and Marcy Morris, Jerry Delcour and our fish fryers were Cindy Cheek and Phyllis Campbell.

Trevorrow's smoker manpowered by Gary and Joyce Trevorrow, Harold Ramey, Steve Stewart, Randy Batz and various others at times.

The Sweet tent was run by our lovely volunteer Jennifer and family.

The Putt Putt was watched over by Kevin and Evia Carpenter and Jerry and Sally Thompson.

And Dan and Kathleen Collins took good care of the Linen table.

Thank you to all the volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you!

Your ever grateful volunteer coordinator,
Sybil Campbell-Roberts

P.S. I look forward to seeing every one of our volunteers at the Annual meeting.



Mex Casserole from the Kitchen of Janet Melton

"Great Family server casserole. We like to server with a red and green taco sauce. Even a sour cream and guacamole is good."

12 servings

Ingredients

One Pound Highland (Extra Lean) Ground Beef

One Pkg low sodium Taco Seasoning

1/2 Cup Water

One Small Can black beans, drained and rinsed

One Small Can chipotle corn, drain 1/2 water

1/4 Cup salsa verde

1 Tbs onion pwd

1 Tbs onion flakes

1 Small Can diced tomatoes

One 8oz block of your choice white cheese, shredded (better for you)

Plain Tortilla Chips -to break into pieces (end of a bag is good)

Directions:

1. Cook Highland Ground Beef (if very lean, you may or may not need to drain after cooking)
2. Add Taco seasoning, onion powder, flakes and water. Mix well, cook over medium heat. Next add beans, corn, Salsa Verde, and tomatoes. Mix well; reduce heat and simmer, reducing until just very moist.
3. While this is cooking, take a 13x9 pan and break just enough chips to cover bottom of pan. Take 1/3 of your cheese and sprinkle over the chips. Put under broiler long enough to melt cheese or brown if you want (it is up to you).
4. When ready it is ready, pour mixture into pan on your base of chips/melted cheese.
5. On top, break more chips (don't get it to thick) , spread the remaining cheese on top.
6. Pop it in the oven. for 30 mins at 350 degrees

A request from the newsletter editor

I am always excited to see articles submitted from the HHCA membership. Keep them coming!

I would like to ask that, whenever possible, please consider submitting a photo or two along with your article. Photos do not have to be perfectly centered and composed nor taken with a fancy camera.

I do request that they be clear (not blurry) and that they be reduced in size both digitally and physically (if possible). For digital size: a resolution 72 ppi (pixels per inch) is good. For physical size, no more than 5-in. wide (height should be proportional and many applications allow you to reduce physical size proportionally).

Thank you! – Kathleen Collins

HHCA Classifieds

CHECK OUT ALL THE ADS ON THE HHCA WEBSITE AT www.heartlandhighlandcattleassociation.org

Use your FREE membership ad on the website classified section and in the newsletter, your ad will pay off.

There are always SOLD signs being placed on ads.

Please note: only ads with livestock and/or beef for sale are listed on this page. To see farm site ads, please go to the website as noted above.

Missouri:

Three extremely nice looking dun yearling heifers. All dams are unregistered, and red in color.

Sire is registered Buddy of River View, Reg# 50,752. These heifers are sweet hearts, love their treats and enjoy being combed and handled.

Will make anyone some good seed stock to add to their fold. ~~\$1650 each~~ **Reduced price for heifers to \$1400 each.**

Don Pearson, Alton, MO 417.204.5402

Highland Steers: I have 8 Highland Steers for sale, all grass/pasture fed. (4) 2 year old steers approx. 600-700 lbs. (4) yearling steers approx. 300-500 lbs. Please contact for more information.

Gary Hellman, Gerald, MO 573.764.3702

Bull calf (Bentley) born on Labor Day that will be available once he is weaned. Please contact for more information.

Greta Aschenbrenner, Asch Meadows, Drury, MO 417.261.1105

Cheeks Sunset Yankee, Red bull, DOB: 03.08.15, Reg# 54,662. Sunset Yankee has been shown at the Ozark Empire Fair and also has been on display to thousands of people at the Ozark Farm Fest. He is halter trained and very acceptable to people giving him treats and loving on him. Very docile and easy to handle.

Cheeks Sunset Mulligan, White, DOB: 06.02.15.

Cheeks Sunset Boo, white bull, 03/31/15.

He is not registered but he can be.

Cheeks Sunset Doodle, Red bull, 04/17/15. He is not registered but can be. Gary Cheek, Cheek's Farm, Fair Grove, MO 417.818.225

For sale or trade: Yearling unregistered white Highland bull. DOB August 2014.

He will eat out of your hand, docile, good disposition, stocky frame. Both dam and sire Grandparents were registered stock. Never registered his parents so he can't be registered. Tom, Flying D Farm, Alton, MO 417.778.2224; 417.270.7704

Registered Highland heifers for sale: Carpenter Farm is offering registered Highland heifers ranging from 20 months to 14 months old.

Kevin Carpenter, Carpenter Farm, Kirksville, MO 636.544.1724

Registered dun yearling bull calf, Remington's Last Round "Rowdy" #54,404. Born 26 July 2014. Cookie friendly, very sweet. This is the last bull calf out of Remington Roarke.

Kathleen Collins, Heritage Hills, Ava, MO 417-543-8507

Kansas

CSC Obadiah, Registration 51,460. This bull was bred, born 5-8-2010, and put to work on our grass fed beef herd on our farm in Northeast Kansas.

REDUCED to \$2500 or REALLY LOOKING TO TRADE for another bull of different bloodlines if possible as soon as possible.

I have both purebred and Highland/Angus crosses. These Highlands are all unregistered but they are all bred with the registered Highland bull CSC Obadiah Reg# 51,460.

Three Cow/Calf pairs and have already been exposed to bull.

3 year old 3/4 Highland/Angus cross with heifer calf at side.

Two unregistered Highland heifers and one Highland/Angus cross heifer.

2 year old unregistered first calf heifer exposed to Registered Highland Bull.

2 year old 3/4 Highland/Angus cross heifer exposed to Registered Highland Bull.

4 year old unregistered Highland in her third trimester bred to Registered Highland Bull.

Prices range from \$1750-\$2500

Highland Homestead Farm is located near Manhattan, Kansas, easy access to the location.

Cameron Collins, Highland Homestead, Riley, KS Phone: 785.250.0101

Ohio

Unregistered Yearling heifer, born March 2014. Halter broke and gentle.

Comes when called. She is up to date on shots and worming, and has been vet checked. Good looking blocky, sound heifer.

Daryl MtCastle, Arcanum, OH; 417.671.2042

Oklahoma

White unregistered Highland bull calf. Stout, short bodied, good legs and feet. DOB: 7/23/2014, Weight: approx. 500-600 lbs; Asking \$1000.

Kevin & Melissa Cortez, Prague, O; 405.567.9300

All unregistered cows, heifers, and a steer.

These Highlands are offered as cow/calf pairs and the mothers have been pasture exposed to a bull named Boaz who is an unregistered black bull here in the states but was sired from semen from Scotland.

Eve, white cow, DOB: 10.6.2011 and her white heifer calf Hanna, DOB: 7.6.14 who was sired from white bull Adam. Sara, red cow, DOB: 6.7.2010, and her red bull calf Jacob, DOB: 7.18.14, who has already been banned.

Mary, red cow, DOB: 6.5.2011, and her red heifer calf Phoeby, DOB: 8.20.14, also sired from white bull Adam. Kent W. & Jean C. Strahan, Sojourner's Gate, Marlow, OK; 580.641.1075

Needing to downsize. Registered Red Scottish Highland bred cow, Reg# 47,471 with excellent genetics and structure. Has been pasture exposed to Remington's Rebel Yell(D) Reg# 52,276; expected delivery mid October. \$2750.00

Good looking yearling dun Highland bull. He has not yet been registered, but will be. DOB: Sept. 15, 2014 \$1750 Including Registration.

Highland Cow/Calf pair, grass fed/chemical free: Dun colored cow, Reg# 52,291. Very sound with good confirmation and with exceptional bloodlines. This cow has been worked with extensively and is halter trained - very easy to manage. She has a red heifer calf by her side born in May. Sired by Remington's Rebel Yell(D) Reg# 52,276. This is her first calf and she had no problems.

\$2750 White Highland Cow Reg# 52,291, grass fed/chemical free, pasture exposed to Remington's Rebel Yell (D) Reg# 52,376 and is in her third trimester; due to calve in Oct. Is easy to handle - will work with a halter and do anything for a range cube.

Betty Kendall, Jay, OK; 918.787.6765

Wisconsin

Red Rock Highlands have their yearling 2014 bulls available for sale. They are weaned, and vaccinated, and very tame and currently working on halter training. Their registration papers are pending and number will be available as soon as received.

Kristi, Red Rock Highlands, Red Rock, OK; 580.761.1405

Wisconsin

For Sale:

Registered high quality 2014, 2015 heifers and 2015 bull calves sired by FTA Stonewall Jackson and Skye High Wayward Son. They come in many different colors, calm, handled, and the older ones, already halter trained.

Also for sale, herd sire FTA Stonewall Jackson, Reg# 50,369. Reserve Champion in his class at the NCHCA Show in 2012 and sire of 2014 Reserve Class Champion at NCHCA Show in Austin, MN and 2014 Reserve Grand Champion Bull at World Beef Expo., Milwaukee, WI. Jack is a large, calm, brindle boy, who will add lots of length to your calf crop.

Dave or Janet, Four T Acres, Burlington, WI; 262.539.3257 or 507.582.1073

Two Registered Highland bulls and two registered Highland heifers from the Creachann Gleann Farm of Platteville, WI. Creachann Gleann Farm bloodlines were at the 2015 HHCA Highland Auction and they sold well. You may be interested in checking out these bloodlines.

The registration number is listed for each animal and can be looked up on the American Highland Cattle Assoc. website at www.highlandcattleusa.org clicking on the herdbook link. Please call or email for more info and prices. CGH Laird Macbeth (D), Reg. 52306, DOB: 11/08/2012
CGH Kathleen 14, Reg. 53932, DOB: 05/09/2014
CGH Amber 14, Reg. 53874, DOB: 04/08/2014
CGH Laird Adrian Ruadh 14 (D), Reg. 53973, DOB: 05/07/2014
Ben & Mary, Creachann Gleann Farm, Platteville, WI; 608.348.4047

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