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Hello from the HHCA President

By Tom Thompson

As the new year begins, may we take a few minutes out of our busy lives and remember friends and family that are no longer with us. Cherish the times we have had together and always put friendships above petty squabbles.

I think most of us went through hard times last year trying to get enough hay to get our folds through the winter months. I am hoping everyone has made it so far with enough feed. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel with spring just a few months away. The weather men in our area have said they think the drought is not over. So again this summer we may have to scramble to find sufficient hay. If anyone is in an area with an abundance of hay, please keep other club members informed. If you find that you need hay, let it be known so we can pitch in and help each other. Though we are spread throughout a number of states, we are still members of the HHCA. We need to help each other when times are tough.

Last March at the annual meeting not very many of us were showing pictures of our folds. Let's work on changing that this year. We should each have at least one photo album with us to show off the wonderful animals that we have in our care.

As my presidency comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the chance to serve the club. I have enjoyed my time in office but I look forward to being a regular club member again. May we

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continue to grow and work together to keep the club going in the right direction.

I would like to encourage club members to speak up and let your voice be heard, if you disagree with a decision, let us know in a constructive manner. If you agree with what we are doing, let us know. A pat on the back goes a long way.

When my wife and I go out to dinner, if we have good service, I make sure I talk with the manager and let him know what a great job his staff is doing. Most people are quick to find fault but we need to be quicker to find a reason to praise.

So work together and make the club strong.
Tom Thompson, HHCA President

Reminder: Please Send Your Dues

A Gentle Reminder to those members who received a 2013 HHCA Renewal Membership Application in Dec. and a pink slip reminder in the mail that your 2013 HHCA membership has lapsed. This will be the last newsletter you receive, your name will be taken off the website membership directory and listing. You are a valued member of the HHCA. So please don't let your membership lapse. The benefits of the HHCA are worth the \$20 membership fee. Where can you get a

FREE three month ad on the website that has over 130,000 hits a month? The networking and promoting the HHCA does for its members is valuable. The HHCA provides an auction outlet for your Highlands, plus many other benefits. You may have been sponsored for your first year by the member you purchased your animals from. That already was a value to you. Please send your dues.

2014 Calendar Contest: Photos Due by February 8th

Thank you to all who purchased a 2013 Heartland Highland Calendar.

We almost sold all the 2013 calendars, have nine left. What a great fundraiser. After that being said, the Board of Directors voted at their mid-year meeting in Sept. to hold another calendar contest for the 2014 Heartland Highland Calendar. This will probably be the last calendar contest for several years. You all should have already received the information and calendar contest guidelines through the mail. If you are interested in participating, please email only five pictures—with your farm name and your name in the e-mail. Send your e-mailed photos to Bryant Graphics at BILL@BRYANTBUS.COM.

If you are unable to e-mail the pictures, you can send photos to the HHCA Secretary at 976 State Hwy. 64, Tunas, MO 65764

We hope to receive a number of pictures to choose from. We had almost 300 pictures sent in last year and hopefully will have that many again this year. If you submitted a picture last year and it wasn't chosen, you may submit it again this year. This calendar has gone all over the United States. There have been members

from other countries and regions who have purchased our calendars also. Remember, the contest ends on February 8th. We are looking forward to hearing from the printer that they received many photos.

I know some have been disappointed by not getting their pictures in the calendar, because some of them sent have been very good, BUT the printer needs high resolution images (250 dpi or greater.)

It is difficult to choose among the pictures because the images have to be enlarged for the calendar. If the photo has low resolution and the picture has to be made bigger for the calendar it is stretched and it sometimes looks like you have elongated animal that has been stretched. So please try to send high resolution pictures. For the pictures we don't get to use, the printer chooses some of them to put on the Highland notepads. So many of you have had your pictures used, just didn't get your farm name on them. If you are looking for an inexpensive way to advertise your Highland Farm, you can place a business card ad on the calendar for \$25. There are 36 spots available, so get them early. Many have already sold. Just e-mail or send me the \$25 and a business card to HHCA.

Mark Your Calendars: HHCA Auction April 18, 2013

By Jerry Delcour, Auction Director

Can you believe it, it is time to start taking consignments for the auction again. The auction website is up and running thanks to Blake and Kalie Coble. We had many good comments last year on the website. We have had a huge interest already from people wanting to buy cattle. The biggest interest again seems to be yearling heifers, breeding age heifers and good quality cows. Since there seems to be so much interest this would be a great opportunity to sell your cattle. We have passed out several hundred flyers over the last few months and the response has been very promising to have plenty of buyers attending looking

for registered and non-registered animals. We are getting several calls and e-mails every week from people ready to buy. I hope to see another big turnout in April.

Call me anytime if you have any questions. 417.693.0858 (cell phone) or on weekends 417.369.0505; e-mail hairycows@centurytel.net Or contact the HHCA Secretary at heartlandhighlandcattle@gmail.com or 417.345.0575 Check out the auction website for all the information. www.highlandcattleauction.com



What are Cow Horns?

Cow horns are growths that protrude from the skulls of some cows. (A "cow," in this case, is a female member of the animal species cattle). Some people are under the mistaken impression that only male cattle can have horns, but in cattle as well as some other species both males and females can have them. Below is information on what horns are, and what animals have horns. If you are looking for cow horns and skulls for sale you can find them here.

What Are Horns?

Horns are growths that protrude from the skulls of some animals. Horns are made of two components: 1) bone and 2) keratin. The bone is the center, or core, of the horn and is fused to the bone of the skull. The bone core is covered by a resilient sheath (protective covering) made of keratin. Horns are a permanent part of the animal, which means the horns an animal is born with are the same horns it has its entire life. Horns do not branch out, but instead end in only one point on each side of the animal's head. Depending on the species of animal horns might be found on both males and females, or males only.

What Animals Have Horns?

Horns are found on animals from the family Bovidae. The family Bovidae includes such species as cattle, sheep, goats, gazelles, antelope, bison, buffalo, and others. Bovids (animals from the family Bovidae)

roam across the continents of North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. In many species of Bovids horns are found on both males and females, but in some species are found on males only.

Why Do Animals Have Horns?

Horns are used by animals as weapons of defense, for fighting or display during mating seasons, and/or as a symbol of rank. Some animals with horns also benefit from the blood vessels in the bone core acting as a natural radiator, helping to keep the animal cool.

What Do Horns Look Like?

Horns come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes, and lengths. Horns can be nearly straight, gently curved, tightly curved or curled, or spiraled. While it is most common for an animal with horns to have only one set (one horn on each side of its head), certain animals, such as some sheep, have more than one set of horns.

What Is Bone? What Is Keratin?

As stated above horns are made of a bone core covered with keratin. So, what are these two substances? Bone is a porous, mineralized, and rigid organ. While it is one of the two items that make up a horn, bone is probably best known for making up the endoskeleton of vertebrates. In a living animal bone is alive, made up of osseous tissue, blood vessels, nerves, marrow, and other components.

Please see *Horns* on page 4

HHCA GROUP ON FACEBOOK!

We have been up and running for several months and we look forward to having you "friend" us and join the group. Let's get on there and promote our Highlands along with events that will have Highlands on display.

Thanks to Cindy Lynn Huggins of JamCin Ranch for starting the HHCA Facebook group page.

Horns from page 3

Keratin is a tough, non-mineralized, protein. It not only makes up the sheath of a horn, it is also a primary component of hair, nails, claws, hooves, feathers, and the shells of tortoises, turtles, and terrapins.

Below is a close-up of a keratin horn sheath. When a horned animal is alive there is a thin layer of tissue between the the horn and the keratin sheath. After the animal dies this tissue decays and the sheath can often be slipped off the bone.



Cows can live 25 years. You can guess the age of a cow that has horns by counting the number of rings on the horns. Telling how old a cow is by her horns isn't hard. We can see the horns start, when a calf gets its buttons between eight and ten days old. By the time a calf gets to be five or six months old, you will

recognize the real beginning of proper horns. Although shaped like a horn, the horn is still covered by skin. By the calf's 15th month, this skin will dry and flake off. From this point on, the horn is the permanent, smooth, tough surface we imagine a horn should be. In year two, the horn starts its second growth and a small groove can be seen between the first year's growth and the second years growth. A second ring develops during the third year.

These groves however are not permanent, and will disappear completely as the animal gets older. After year three, every year's growth is marked by a deep permanent groove. It is these groves or rings that provide us with a clear accurate way to estimate a cow's age.

So here it is, after a cow is three years old you count from the tip of the horn to the first ring as three years. Then you count every other ring as one year.

In our sketch of a 9 year olds horns; the tip to the first ring is three years. The next five rings count as five more years. The space between the last ring and the cows skull shows that the last ring is just being created. This shows us the cow is nine years old.

You can also get an idea of what years a cow raised a calf by the space in between her horn rings. If the growth between the rings is significantly larger between certain rings, it can be a good indicator that the cow didn't raise a calf that year.

Welcome New Members

Kansas

Rex Hay, Smolan

Missouri

Gary & Robin Pruitt, Elkland, MO *sponsored by Roger & Martha Thayer, Cabool, MO*

Donna Hart-Nolet, Warsaw, MO *sponsored by Cliff & Linda Betterton, Chowtaw, OK*

Jeff Gibson, Columbia, MO

Glen Spotts & Steve Jones, Armstrong, MO *sponsored by Blake Coble, Henryetta, OK*

Brian Phillips, Butler, MO *sponsored by Gloria Asmussen, Tunas, MO*

Jeff & Ruth Gereg, Aurora, MO

North Carolina

Michael & Carri St. Germain, Bakersville, NC

Oklahoma

Bud Blake, Ada, OK *sponsored by Blake Coble, Henryetta, OK*

Joel Bailey, Coleman, OK *sponsored by Blake 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.

NEW: PAYPAL ON THE HHCA WEBSITE!

The HHCA has a payment button on our Home page for payment of membership dues and for purchasing an additional 3 months of ad space for the Classifieds page.

There is also a Paypal button on the Merchandise page for purchasing Highland calendars, notepads, Highland-themed gear.

This is another convenience and benefit of the HHCA! Spread the word!

Mark Your Calendars: Annual Meeting, March 2, 2013

The annual HHCA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Branson Towers Hotel located at 236 Shepherd of the Hill Exp. Branson, MO. There is a block of rooms reserved for the HHCA members for both Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd. To book your room, phone 417.336.4500 and ask for the HHCA block of rooms or Contract #AD0062.

Rooms are \$53.95 for two adults. The hotel offers an indoor pool and hot tub, and a full buffet breakfast.

The day's events will begin with registration beginning at 10AM in the Table Rock Room. Mark Green from the USDA/NRCS will give a presentation

on fencing at 11AM. The reception will follow at noon.

The annual meeting will begin at 1PM followed by a presentation from Jerry Delcour on the upcoming 2nd Highland cattle auction (see article on page 2 of this newsletter). The banquet will begin at 6:30 PM in the Gazebo Room. There will be a volunteer recognition awards presentation followed by the Lee Wolfgang Recognition Award presented after the meal.

You will be receiving your annual meeting notification letter, ballot, and banquet reservation by Feb. 1st in a separate mailing.

HHCA Recipe

From the kitchen of Theresa Thompson: Sauerbraten

2 cups dry red wine	6 cloves, whole
2 cups red wine vinegar	4 juniper berries
2 cups water	4 bay leaves
2 large onions, sliced thin	1 beef round tip roast, about 5 pounds
2 large carrots, sliced thin	4 tablespoons all purpose flour, divided
1/4 cup sugar	1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes	1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 teaspoons salt	2 tablespoons oil
1 teaspoon mustard seeds	2 tablespoons sugar
6 peppercorns	1/3 cup gingersnap crumbs

Step 1. Stir together the first 13 ingredients in a medium sauce pan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer 15 minutes. Cool completely. Place roast in large glass bowl or 2 gal. zip-lock bag. Pour cooled marinade over meat and cover bowl or seal bag. If using a bag, place in baking pan to prevent accidents. Place in the refrigerator for two days. Turn meat once a day.

Step 2. Remove meat from marinade. Strain liquid, discard vegetables, reserve liquid. Dry meat with paper towels. Mix 2 tablespoons of flour, salt and pepper in small bowl. coat all sides of roast. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add meat and brown on all sides. Place meat in 5 quart slow cooker, add 1 1/2 cups marinade. Discard remaining marinade. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours.

Step 3. Combine sugar, remaining 2 tablespoons flour and gingersnap crumbs. Add to slow cooker and stir well. Cover and cook on high 30 minutes.

For those of us with some German blood in us, this is great. For everyone else, you will love it.

Board of Directors and Officers' Contact Information

Board of Directors

Year	Name	Location
2013	Jerry Delcour	Crane, MO
2014	Blake Coble	Henryetta, OK
2014	Nathaniel Hamilton	Glasco, KS
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2015	Glenn Young	Tyler, TX

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Check out the HHCA website!

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.

Remember, the website receives over 148,000 hits per month. 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.

Cut along line

Renewal or New Membership Application Heartland Highland Cattle Association

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Please remit \$20.00 yearly (12 month) membership dues to:

Heartland Highland Cattle Association

976 State Hwy. 64

Tunas, MO 65764

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

Scotland Anyone?

We leave on October 1 and return October 14. The tour is a couple of days longer and our itinerary is quite a bit different because we are traveling up the east coast of Scotland, heading for a 4-night stay on Orkney.

Join us on this unusual, fascinating journey through Scotland, taking in places like Rob Roy McGregor's final resting place at Balquidder, Glamis Castle, the ancestral home of the Queen Mother, Scone Palace where Scottish kings were crowned and more. We'll breakfast on Finnan Haddie in Aberdeen and lunch on a Bridie in Forfar; ahhhh, delicious, tasty Scottish food.

How does twelve beautiful, breathtaking days touring Scotland, with your own experienced guide, bagpiper, story teller and historian sound? Wonderful, of course, but what is the cost? Just \$2,549.00, not

including air fare, (based on double occupancy); price includes all hotel accommodations with full Scottish breakfasts, coach and driver, ferry tickets and passes to most of the historic sites we will visit.

PLEASE NOTE: As the departure date gets closer, we will be working on the possibility of a group airline rate. This tour will fill up fast! There are spaces for only 22 people so it will be 'first come, first served'.

Please call us at (417) 256-4939 for more information. A \$350 deposit per person is required to hold your place; mail it to KEN AND BETH BRISTOW, 7963 COUNTY ROAD 4730, WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI, 65775; you will receive a receipt.

If you would like references please let us know; we'll put you in contact with any number of folks who have enjoyed traveled with us before!

Information: New Texas Cattle ID Begins January 1, 2013

By Glenn Young

Beginning January 1, 2013, by virtue of a Texas Animal Health Commission ruling, all adult cattle in Texas must have an approved form of permanent identification in place **at any change of ownership**. This includes sexually intact beef cattle 18 months older and above, and Mexican-origin event cattle. Not included are nursing calves, steers, spayed heifers, bulls, heifers under 18 months (unless they are about to calve), and cattle moved directly to slaughter.

Forms of identification currently approved by TAHC for this purpose are:

- USDA alphanumeric National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) silver metal tags
- USDA brucellosis calthood vaccination tags (either USDA orange RFID or metal)
- Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) tags with 9-digit American number
- Official breed association registration tattoo (unique to the individual animal)
- Official breed association registration fire or freeze brand (unique to the animal)
- USDA approved 15-digit Animal Identification Number (AIN) tags including:
 - 900-series RFID tags if traceable to herd owner
 - USA prefix RFID tags
 - 840-prefix RFID tags (if premises location is registered)

- 840-prefix non-RFID tags (if premises location is registered)

- Cattle-style clip, flap, or button tag (if owner and individual animal is identified).

Tattoos and brands that are not part of breed association registration procedures **are not** approved forms of ID. A database of official ID numbers assigned will be maintained by TAHC, but there will be no tracking required of individual changes of ownership.

For those preferring to use USDA metal tags, TAHC will provide free tags and pliers. They may be obtained from local TAHC field staff or USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services representatives. Some interested veterinary practitioners will also have tags available. In addition, tags and pliers will be available from most Texas A&M AgriLife County Extension offices. For more information contact Texas Animal Health Commission at (512) 719-0710 or www.tahc.state.tx.us.

ALL cattle will need some sort of identification tag in Texas. AHCA registration number and tattoo will work & nothing needs to be done. BUT all un-registered cattle will. And this has to be done before any cattle are sold to another party.

I am going to call to find out if we have to report to a database our cattle identification numbers or make a report of a sale. To me the article is unclear.

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.

Alabama

2012 Highland calves for sale, reg. heifers and bulls Mystic Mt. Meadows donderivauz@comcast.net 256.603.5995
Glenn Brook Acres Highlands 205.432.9531 www.gb3highlands.com
Katie Farms 205.333.9686 www.visitkatiefarms.com

Arkansas

Two red Reg. Highland Heifers, dob Oct.2012 870.449.4906 mphilduk@hotmail.com
Reg. Highland Fold exceptional mature bull-cows with calves, heifers & bull calves justin@orrcreekranch.com 870.426.4748

Illinois

2 Reg. yearling Highland heifers; 2 yearling Highland bulls excellent bloodlines vgord48@aol.com 815.266.1827

Iowa

Yearling Highland bull calves 712.662.7509 rcbatz@evertek.net
2 Highland bulls will be reg. yellow 3.19.12 frosted dk red 4.3.12 honeycreekhIGHLANDS@yahoo.com 641.497.5499
3 reg. Highland heifers 2black, 1dun born Mar;Apr;May 2012 319.269.9596 scottscows@aol.com

Kansas

Unregistered Highland bull dob 3.6.12 Albert, KS troyas@gbta.net 785.650.3182
Reg. cows, bulls, heifers and steers Flashing Thunder Farm 785.871.0213 quinson@ruraltel.net
OzHighland Farm Reg. & unreg. Highland cattle www.ozhighlandfarm.com 785.256.7920

Louisiana

Scotland Farms of Louisiana alancamvet@alo.com 318.371.1781 www.scotlandfarms.com

Missouri

2012 Highland calves; three bull calves, 1 heifer www.carpenter-farms.us 636.544.1724 kevinc@mysticplains.org
Reg. Brindle Highland bull . #49,073 dob10.26.09 proven breeder, Ava, MO 417.683.2122 bryantview@centurylink.net
Reg. White Highland bull reg. 50,023 dob 11.08.06 Dittmer, MO donmccallie@msn.com 314.805.1862
Reg. Black Highland Bull 620.238.8849 620.249.1368 buffalo@pizius.net
2 unregistered Highland bull yearlings 417.559.3956 417.880.3172 ssmsgshome@yahoo.com
Yearling Yellow Highland bull dob11.7.11 Willow Springs, MO 417.469.2411
Highland Fold Dispersal-young cows, yearling heifers, reg. Highland bull 417.254.4540 retmmt@hotmail.com
Reg. Highland heifer calf LSR, Dadeville, laughingsun@keinet.net 417.995.2002
Unreg. Highland Fold for sale cows, bull, calves 816.585.2364 bucksnortranch@centurylink.net
Highland bulls & cattle equipment for sale 636.236.2688 americanthunder@yahoo.com
Reg. Highland Yearling bulls & heifer 314.739.0001 bruce@thistlehillplantation.com
Unreg. Red highland heifer dob9.20.12 Finley Falls Highlands, roncampbell8@msn.com 417.464.9157
Black Highland bull, can be registered dob 2.9.12 417.379.3747 sybil.compbell.roberts@gmail.com
Reg. red Highland yearling bull 417.818.2255 gary@williamsconst.com
Red Willow Ranch Reg. Highland Cattle and beef for sale Buffalo, gwolfgang2005@yahoo.com 417.345.0575
Black Bell Acres Highland cattle www.blackbellacres.com 417.778.6009

Hadler Highland Hills Reg. & unreg. Highlands 314.570.4649 kahhadler@chareter.net
C&C Highland Ranch, Reg., unreg Highlands and processed beef 573.528.5129 www.cchighlandranch.com
Jack's Cattle Co. Reg. Highland Cattle www.jackscattle.com 816.697.8810
Vintage Hill Reg. Highland Cattle www.vintagehill.com 660.537.3906
High-Land Farm Reg. Highland Cattle Alton, MO 309.251.5832 jannlr51@gmail.com

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Coble Highland Ranch Always available unregistered Highland cattle www.coblehighlandranch.com 918.652.1411
Reg. brindle bull and bull calf offspring 405.391.5655 cbetterton@cox.net
Blazing Acres Highland Cattle 405.519.2127 405.519.2129 www.blazingacres.com

Texas

Highland yearling red bull calf dob 2.11.12 917.962.8688 btbuck@embarqmail.com
Reg. & unreg. Highlands Dispersal 8 Highland cows & 4 calves 817.641.8057 jburdellis@yahoo.com
Bannockburn Highland Ranch Reg, & unreg. Highlands 409.837.9707 blanxlex@earthlink.net
Young Sprout Farms Reg. Scottish Highland cattle 903.571.4425 glennyoung@hughes.net

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Four T Acres Reg. Highland Cattle good bloodlines 262.539.2725 ftacres@tds.net

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