

# Heilan Greenhorn Corner



## AHCAj Update

The National Junior Committee has recently completed their goal of an educational handbook for all juniors. We spent several months reviewing breed handbooks and discussing topics to put together a book that would be full of knowledge for our youth. In researching we found one from the Ohio State University Extension. *The Beef Resource Handbook* is packed full of knowledge, resources, diagrams, and tons of information on all aspects of raising beef. While it is not strictly about Highland cattle, we found that the information contained inside was so well written and illustrated for all age groups that this handbook will be a great resource for our youth. It was available for adult breeders at the National Convention in June. The cost is \$20 and it is available to be shipped at your expense from the AHCA office. Kids that didn't attend the convention can expect to see the handbook in their mailbox sometime in July. We have handed out some books to juniors at events/shows and will be handing them out at any gatherings in the near future to reduce shipping costs. You will enjoy them no matter what age you are!

As we move into our next phase we are looking into several different aspects of how AHCAj can outreach to regional associations. It has become very evident that a few of these regions

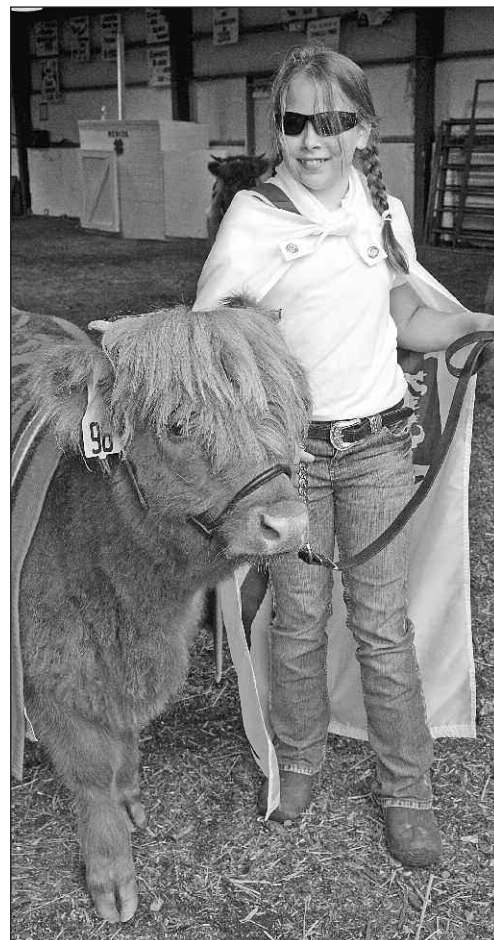
are really pushing to get their youth active in the organization. The National Junior Committee's goals are to help these regions in any way possible to ensure their success with their activities. We are also looking into educational programs, quiz bowls and public speaking events.

The webpage has slowly had information added to it as we have been focused on the handbooks. This will become our next big push so that the kids will have a great page to check out.

We continue to tweak our heifer program and encourage all who would have the interest in a new heifer to apply. Details are located on the AHCA website, junior tab.

The committee continues to encourage new ideas to keep the AHCAj program a sustainable and reliable source. We are always available for suggestions. The committee consists of Skyler Anderson, Sue Dyke, Yvette Humphrey, Jake Larson, Laura McDowell-May, Heather Nelson, Jessica Weideman and Val White. Feel free to contact any of us with comments or concerns.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and consideration throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated!



*Sadie Wurzbach as Super Girl with Super Cow*



*Miriam May as Little Miss Muffet*