

Thursday, October 7

5:00 PM-7:30 PM Registration – Early Check-In

If you are in Kalamazoo early, feel free to check-in and enjoy fun meet and greet with your hosts, the Midwest Highland Cattle Association (MWHCA).

Friday, October 8

TBD AHCA Board of Directors' Meeting & Breakfast

7:00 AM-8:00 AM Registration at Hotel & Breakfast on Your Own

Bus departs hotel lobby 8:00 AM sharp and returns to hotel 10:00 PM.
Group will be split into two as buses are loaded.

8:00 AM-12:00 PM Great Lakes Sire Service (GLSS) Tour

Established in 1995, GLSS offers custom semen cryopreservation for beef, dairy, cervidae and ovine species. They began as a mobile lab providing strictly on-farm collection and freezing services. Today they have grown to a permanent facility that can safely house and handle bulls of all sizes. Services have expanded to include breeding soundness evaluations, semen collection & processing as well as semen storage and shipments worldwide.

The Value of a Breeding Soundness Exam

- *Dr. Kent Ames, DVM, Professor Emeritus College of Veterinary Medicine, Michigan State University*

We will discuss the critical role the bull plays in your breeding program and the common causes of sire failure. Breeding soundness examinations will be discussed with emphasis on the techniques and interpretation of results. We will also discuss preparing your bull so he is ready for the breeding season.

12:00 PM-1:30 PM Hocksteler's Amish Threshers Lunch

Enjoy hospitality and lunch served family style while learning a bit about the Amish culture and traditions.

2:00 PM-4:30 PM Visit to Dundonald Farm

Eddie Mackay describes himself as “an old guy who tries to make life easier”. His farm is full of Highland friendly and horn proof equipment that is affordable and works for our breed! This visit will include a livestock handling set up, hoof trimming chute, round bale feeders, round bale unroller, cheap mineral feeder and cattle waterers. He will also show his environmentally friendly cattle watering pond and the K-Line pod irrigation systems, perfect for farms of any size. Dundonald Farm is a verified member of the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) in Livestock, Farmstead and Cropping Systems. Nowadays all of the real farm and livestock work is handled by his long-time friend Rick Milliman who has a real talent when working with livestock. Here the disposition of Highlands is the most important component in making life easier and safer.

A Practical Approach to Traditional Highland Selection

- *Jacob Larson, Highland Cattle Judge & Longtime Breeder*

This class will be taught by Jacob, a breeder since the mid 1990s who grew up in and eventually helped lead the AHCAj program. He traveled extensively to study Highland cattle both in the US and UK and has begun judging cattle in recent years. He combines a scientific education in livestock husbandry with a specific passion for breeding Highlands of exceptional quality. We will get down to the basics of breeding philosophies and take a close look at how to select cattle that work for your operation. This workshop will provide foundational information on correct structure while attempting to bridge the gap between popular judging terminology and the everyday application of these technical terms in your breeding or beef program.

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Sale Preview & Buyer Registration

Take this opportunity to view the Fall Color Select Heifer Sale elite consignments. Some will be bred and a variety of colors will be represented. Special entertainment by the Kalamazoo Pipe Band.

7:00 PM-9:00 PM MWHCA Fall Color Select Heifer Sale

This has been a wonderful year for Highland cattle and this offering of females by some of the finest breeders in the Midwest, will be no exception! Be sure to join us for buyer registration and social hour. Arrangements can be made to hold cattle after the sale while you stay and enjoy the weekend events. Food truck on site.

Saturday, October 9

7:00 AM-8:30 AM Breakfast on Your Own

Bus departs hotel lobby 8:30 AM sharp and returns to hotel 10:30 PM.

8:30 AM-11:00 AM Annual General Membership Meeting

Hosted at the historic Michigan Theater in Jackson, this is the formal annual meeting of our Association. Updates include reports from the President, standing committees and regional associations. Make your vote count in the membership's election of At Large Directors.

11:00 AM-1:00 PM Explore Bright Walls & Lunch on Your Own

Maps will be provided so you can seek out your favorite eatery in downtown Jackson. Be sure and leave time to check out Bright Walls, forty professionally painted murals in this downtown district.

1:00 PM-4:00 PM Sacred Cow Movie Event

- *Diana Rodgers, RD, Real Food Dietitian & Sustainability Advocate*

Diana is a “real food” nutritionist and writer living on a working organic farm. She runs a clinical nutrition practice, hosts the Sustainable Dish Podcast, and speaks internationally about human nutrition, sustainability, animal welfare and social justice. After the movie is featured, she will discuss the superior nutritional benefits of meat in general and beef in particular, as well as discuss the benefits of sustainable agriculture. Diana will debunk many myths about cattle

production and arm producers with information needed to defend our passion: raising cattle and selling beef! A Q&A session will follow.

4:30 PM-6:30 PM Field Day at McLaughlin Farm Ltd

McLaughlin Farm Ltd raises Highland cattle and is a local producer of pasture-raised, grass-fed and finished, dry-aged beef. John and Cathie McLaughlin sell beef directly to individual and commercial customers. The farm was originally a working dairy farm and was purchased by John's grandparents in 1932. The milking operation continued until the mid-1950s when it was discontinued and some of the facilities were demolished. In 1980, John and Cathie bought the farm and shortly thereafter reintroduced cattle, initially raising various breeds with their neighbor, Jackson Area Career Center. That relationship lasted about 12 years. Highlands were introduced in 2000 and are rotationally grazed and fed forages raised on the property in the winter. The farm is not certified organic but is trying to manage its property using the cattle and mechanical means of controlling invasive species. They use Gallagher Tumble Wheels for the grazing and a round bale unroller for winter feeding.

In addition, a few AHCA Beef Marketing enthusiasts will be present to informally talk with those interested in promotional approaches. Some vendors of grazing equipment and those used to feed forage, will be on hand.

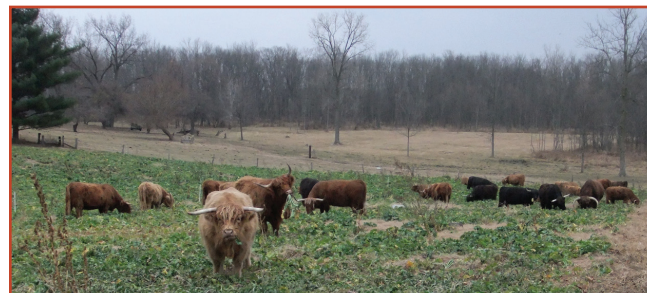
Pasture Walk

- *Jerry Lindquist, Extension Grazing & Crops Educator Emeritus, Michigan State University*
- *Kable Thurlow, Extension Beef & Grazing Educator, Michigan State University*

Jerry and Kable will lead us on a pasture walk at the farm. In addition, they will address work being done by Michigan State at their Lake City Research Center where they are doing research concerning regenerative forage-based livestock production. Their research on carbon sequestration is discussed in the Sacred Cow presentation earlier in the day.

7:00 PM-10:00 PM Annual Banquet in Jackson

Festivities this evening will include the prestigious Highland Member of the Year and Hall of Fame honors. A wide array of Highland collectibles, livestock supplies and unique wares will be offered to benefit MWHCA, AHCA, AHCAj and HCF. Enjoy camaraderie and delicious West Texas BBQ, a local favorite!



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

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Registration fee includes:
All activities, transportation during convention, one lunch and one dinner.
All fees non-refundable.



Hotel Accommodations

Our host hotel, Delta Hotels Kalamazoo Conference Center, is newly renovated with enticing amenities, a convenient location and thoughtful accommodations. You don't have to go far for a local craft beer. The on-site restaurant offers 20 regional brews on tap and Michigan-inspired meals. Hotel guests will receive discounted breakfast vouchers for the restaurant. Book now by calling 888.890.3222 and mention American Highland Cattle to get your group rate \$124/night (1-4 people) or go to the reservation link on www.highlandcattleusa.org> Calendar & Events> Annual Gathering. The hotel is at 2747 S. 11th St., Kalamazoo. **Reservation deadline September 8th.**

Camping/RV Facilities

There are several camping and RV parks in the Kalamazoo area and also at St. Joseph County Grange Fairgrounds in Centreville 269.467.8935 (near Dundonald Farm, 45 minutes away from hotel). You must provide your own transportation to/from the hotel both days if you plan to ride the bus to events.

Travel Arrangements

Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport is serviced by American, Delta and United and rental cars are available on-site. All details with contact information can be found at azoairport.com. The closest major airport is Gerald R. Ford International Airport located in Grand Rapids, MI approximately 45 minutes from the hotel; check flygrandrapids.org. Area breeders suggest connections through Detroit or Minneapolis as Chicago can have delays.

Tourist Information

Kalamazoo is a charming small city with a dynamic college town atmosphere. It's home to the Air Zoo, Gilmore Car Museum and Kalamazoo Nature Center, just to name a few local attractions. Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world being bounded by four of the five Great Lakes. If you haven't visited a Great Lake, this is your opportunity!

Learn more about the area:

www.discoverkalamazoo.com
www.michigan.org

Or contact fellow Highland breeder:

John McLaughlin
517.782.2962 or highlandbeef@gmail.com

MWHCA Fall Color Select Heifer Sale

We are excited to host this elite heifer sale of 15 of the region's finest! Gathering attendees, you can contact the MWHCA to care for your purchases until you haul them home Sunday. For full details go to www.midwesthighlands.webs.com.

Questions?

Pat White 517.543.7979 or leawhitefarms@gmail.com
Steve Palosaari 906.523.4210 or snowlandlivestock@gmail.com

Auction at the Banquet

Saturday night's auction benefits the breed and these organizations. Contact the following to pledge your support by supplying an auction item(s) or we always welcome you to bid!

- **Midwest Highland Cattle Association (MWHCA)**

John & Cathie McLaughlin
517.782.2962 or highlandbeef@gmail.com

- **American Highland Cattle Association (AHCA)**

American Highland Cattle Association Juniors (AHCAj)
Ginnah Moses 303.659.2399 or info@highlandcattleusa.org

- **Highland Cattle Foundation (HCF)**

Mark Schulz 507.481.7367 or mark@flatlandfarm.com

Notice of AHCA General Membership Meeting

The American Highland Cattle Association will host its 70th Annual General Membership Meeting at the Michigan Theater, Jackson, MI on Saturday, October 9, 2021. At this meeting the membership will elect three At Large Directors. Yearly members with dues paid for 6/1/21-5/31/22 who own or have previously owned purebred Highland cattle registered with AHCA and all lifetime members, will be entitled to vote. Junior members may not vote. Absentee ballots will be sent in August and should be completed and returned to AHCA in the envelopes provided, by those who are unable to attend the membership meeting.

Weather

During October, the temperatures are typically 45°-65° with variable fall conditions. We suggest dressing in layers and being prepared with a coat and waterproof footwear.

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