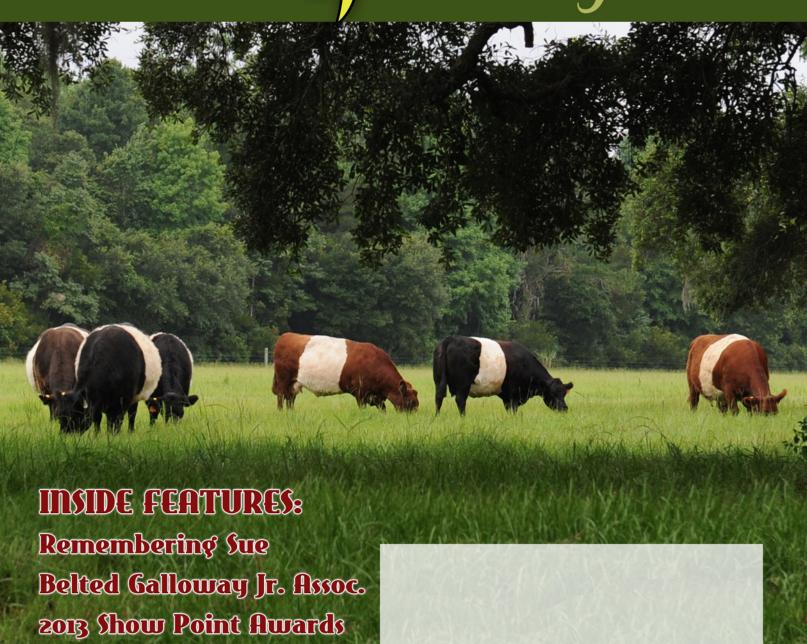
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FROM THE PRESIDENT By Michelle Ogle



As I sit and reflect on the 20-plus years that I have been involved with Belted Galloway Cattle, what comes to mind are the many wonderful people whom I have had the pleasure to meet, and the enjoyment that I've had working with this unique breed of cattle.

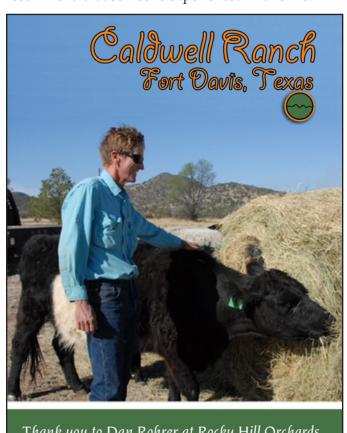
Some of my early years in breeding Belted Galloways come to me as memories of the people I have met and their dedication to the breed. In the fall of 1993, I had the pleasure of walking the fields of Aldermere Farm with Mr. Chatfield and experiencing his complete love for and dedication to his farm and cattle. He made me see the unique properties of the cattle and appreciate their potential in my operation. The following year I attended my first Annual Meeting at Anderson Hill Farm, and upon meeting Dick Anderson, I was again impressed with the love and dedication Dick showed for his farm and cattle. The following spring, I had the opportunity to visit with Merle and Lorraine Prock and as we toured the farm and talked about the cattle, once again that same love and dedication that I had previously encountered in other breeders was obvious. What was it about these cattle that caused such love and dedication?

When you come to the Belted Galloway Cattle from a more commercial program, it is not immediately apparent what it is about them that garners such devotion. Sure, the belt is striking and cute, and what could be more fun than seeing a group of "Oreo" cattle out in the field? But they are smaller in stature and have a slower growth pattern than the cattle I had been accustomed to raising. You need to look beyond the surface to see the qualities that make them unique.

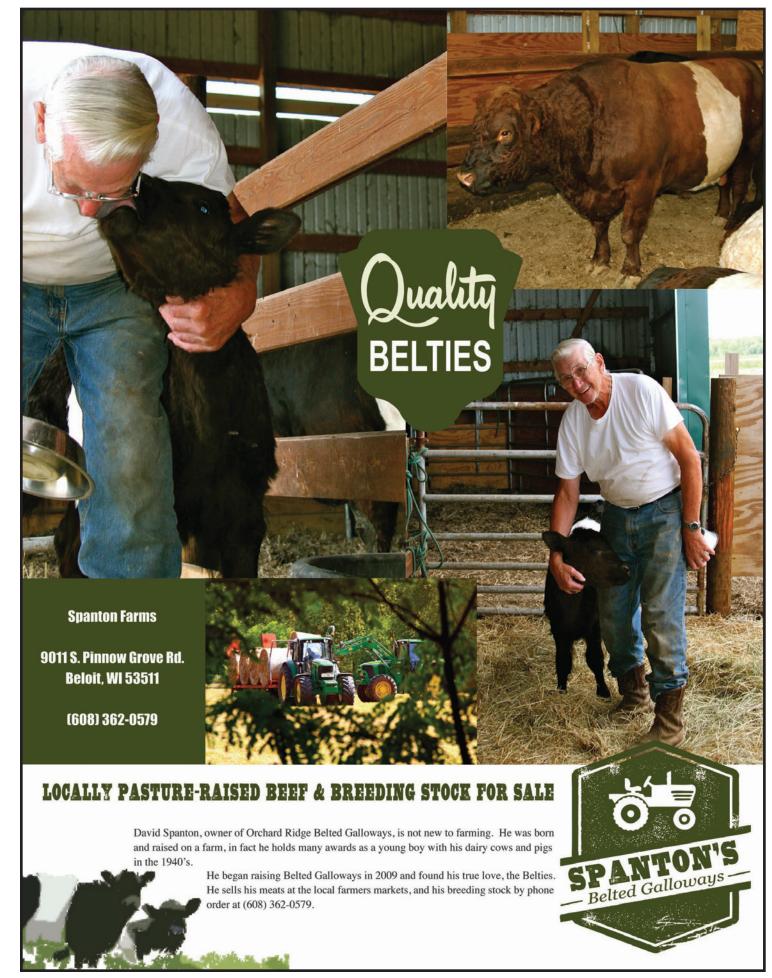
Belted Galloway cattle are hardy browsers that can utilize the most unimproved terrain as well as excel on a concentrate-based diet. I have observed them graze and thrive on pasture so poor that other cattle would be hard pressed just to maintain themselves. They are slower to mature, but whereas I find them to

be a year behind in maturing compared to other breeds that I have raised, I find that I gain three to six years of production in the herd over other breeds. I also have few calving problems with the Belted Galloway cattle compared to other breeds of cattle I have worked with. A typical Beltie in my herd will calve in less than two hours of first showing signs of labor, and the majority of their calves are standing and nursing within 15 minutes. Some of the calves are even faster than that in getting up and looking for milk. No matter what breed of cattle you raise, that is impressive. Moving cattle from field to field is always easy; if they see that I am heading for another gate in the pasture and not coming over to walk through the group as usual, almost every cow will race to meet me at the gate, expecting to be moved. I find their awareness of their surroundings to be exceptional. It's easy to see why those who breed them come to love Belted Galloways and have such dedication to the breed.

Is it the breed that makes the people great or is it the people who make the breed great? My feeling is that it's a good deal of both. And I can't wait to see what the future brings. Having the opportunity to meet and work with the people who are involved with Belties makes it worthwhile to be involved with this organization. And when you add the cattle to the experience, it becomes a must in the list of things that I would recommend that someone experienced in this life.



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Harry T. Burn Award

By Leanne Fogle

The Burn Award was established and funded in 1984 in memory of the late Harry T. Burn, Tennessee, one of the Society's early dedicated breeders. His nephew, James E. Burn, was president of the Society when he announced that the award, a large perpetual trophy and an engraved individual plaque, would be given to persons singled out as having provided outstanding support and promotion to the Belted Galloway breed. The award is not annual; rather, it is presented from time to time as merited. President Michelle Ogle, on behalf of The Belted Galloway Society, Inc., presented the Harry T. Burn Award to Ron Howard of Rockport, Maine during the 2014 National Sale in Fryeburg, Maine.

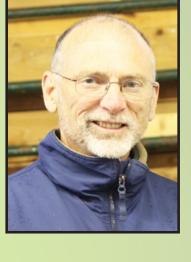
Ron Howard grew up in Rockport, Maine at Aldermere Farm owned by the late A. H. Chatfield Jr. Ron's father, Dwight, was the long-time herdsman at the farm. After the death of Mr. Chatfield in 1999, Aldermere Farm was bequeathed to the Maine Coast Heritage Trust and Dwight retired from his position. In 2000, Ron was hired as their general manager to sustain Aldermere Farm as a working farm, as well as implement educational and conservation practices.

Under Ron Howard's direction, the support of the Belted Galloway breed at Aldermere Farm has been outstanding. The farm holds annual events promoting Belted Galloway cattle including workshops and community functions that promote the breed and beef cattle in general. The Aldermere 4-H club has shown Belted Galloway cattle in the state of Maine and at national Belted Galloway shows.

Ron has been active in the New England Galloway Group. Ron and Aldermere Farm have been strong supporters of the National Belted Galloway Sale in Fryeburg, Maine. Ron was sale manager for the National Sale for several years. He also was president of the Maine Beef Producers.

Ron was elected to the Belted Galloway Council in 2007. He became the president of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. in 2010. During his term as president he spent countless hours researching a company to become the official registrar for the Belted Galloway Society. Ron also made the recommendation to Council to hire Vic Eggleston as the executive director of the Belted Galloway

Society. Together with Dr. Eggleston, Ron oversaw the transition to establish the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation as the of-



ficial registrar of the Belted Galloway Society Inc.

'Ron has a quiet demeanor and leads by example. He has a positive impact on everyone around bim. Ron bas integrity and the respect of many in the Belted Galloway breed. He has been my mentor and a dear friend. I am a better person for knowing him.'

Scot Adams – Starks, Maine



MOONSHADOW FARM

By Tim Thornberry

STARKS, Maine - Scot and Chris Adams recognize the effort it takes to live and work on a farm. But that doesn't deter them from expanding their Belted Galloway herd while working to ensure that a new generation will carry on with the Beltie breed.

Their Moonshadow Farm lies in the heart of what was traditionally Maine's farming area and it has proven to be a great place to raise their cows over the last 14 years.

"My wife, Chris, grew up as a dairy farmer's daughter and my grandfather was a dairy farmer so I spent a lot of time there at the farm," said Adams. "We started with one Belted Galloway and today we have 37 Belties on 175 acres along with our hay and beef business. But our true passion is to promote our breed."

The Adams show cattle extensively all over New England and they work with their local 4-H organization to help young people learn about the Belties and carry on a tradition that began in this country more than 70 years ago.

The Adams don't just sell beef. As a way to help other folks get started in the Beltie business or to

expand on their herds, the Adams also sell breeding stock.

"It's growing all the time and it's incredible how much it has taken off," he said.

Adams credits an old farmer named John Tyler with getting him and his wife involved in the Beltie business.

"We knew we wanted to run beef cattle but we didn't know what breed we wanted to have," Adams said. "Somebody told us to visit this gentleman. He had 20 to 30 Belted Galloways and I looked at my wife and said, 'This is it.'

As people involved with Belties often do, Tyler and Adams became close friends. When Tyler offered him a good deal, Adams bought his first Beltie—a cow named Wilma.

The stage was now set for the couple to start a breeding operation and grow a herd.

"My wife said I could only have 10 cows, but that didn't last long," he said. "We have had up to 40 or 50 cows here at a time. The numbers are always changing as we sell and buy cattle." Adams has





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become quite the "salesman," too. During the recent National Belted Galloway Sale and Youth Expo, held in Fryeburg, Maine, Adams got the sale's top price for one of his cows.

For cattle farmers of any breed, prices are at a premium right now and the same is true for Beltie owners. Adams said the price for beef is at an all-time high.

"Two years ago, if we got \$1.00 or \$1.10 a pound we were really happy. I just sold some 650-pound steers and I got \$1.70 a pound for them," he said. "When you can sell two 650-pound steers for \$2,210, I'll do that all day long."

Adams said he could have gotten more for the steers but he sold them to someone he deals with often, again showing the camaraderie that Beltie owners share.

One thing that has helped Adams and those with similar operations is the "buy local" movement.

"The consumer wants something natural; they want to know where their food comes from and once I have people try the Belted Galloway beef, I have them," he said. "It has a great flavor and is actually as good for you as chicken or fish."

This particular type of beef is known for its leanness, and this is a factor that has helped secure a market for the product, as increasing numbers of consumers look for healthier food choices. Beltie beef is growing in popularity, and this is happening, not only in the New England area, but all across the country.

Educating the public on the goodness of Beltie beef is something Adams does as part of his duties as president of the New England Galloway Group (NEGG).

"NEGG members go to every trade show and every event that we can possibly go to, in order to



promote what we have and what we do," he said. "We do a fantastic job of marketing our cattle up here. I think the Northeast has more Belted Galloways than any other place in the U.S."

Much of that marketing effort comes from the many livestock shows the Adamses and people like them attend each year. And most often, those shows include youth divisions.

In addition to his duties with the NEGG, Adams was recently named as the Chairman of the Belted Galloway Junior Association. In that position, he will oversee youth events connected with the breed throughout the country. He said that working with the young people and getting them involved with Belties is one of the most important things he does.

Chris Adams said Scot gets the 10-cow story wrong in that it was he who said there would only be 10 cows, but she admits that their love for the breed is something they are trying to pass on.

"We'll try to pass it on to a lot of different generations," she said. "We have several kids in the 4-H group who don't live in areas where they can have their own animals, so they lease heifers from us so they can show the Belties at their local fairs."





Being at those fairs has exposed youngsters to other types of animals and farming, giving them something to take into the future.

"They may not do anything with it but at least they'll know where their food comes from," said Chris Adams. "We try to educate people on what farmers do. We try to do the best that we can by the land and the kids and the cattle."

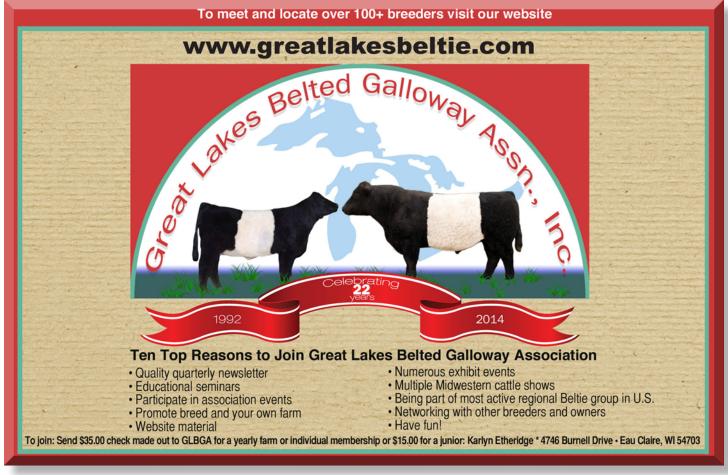
Scot and Chris Adams still work off the farm and their days are usually 14 hours long, but it is a lifestyle they love.

"Don't get me wrong. I have bad days and tell my wife I'm going to sell them all but the cattle have taught me so much about patience. And being involved with them has taken me all around the country," said Scot.

While Wilma has since passed on, her daughter is still on the farm and Adams said that Wilma's granddaughter will be, as well. This carrying on of the bloodline is symbolic of just how close the couple is to these animals.

"I have a huge, huge passion for the breed and I love my cows," said Scot Adams. "I can sit in my chair and look at the back field and watch them for hours. They're beautiful on the green pasture and beautiful in the snow. It's something that will be a part of me until I'm gone. I'll never get rid of my cows."





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Point Show Awards

The Society records placements for each animal entered in a Belted Galloway show, crediting points toward annual Lifetime Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards for sires and dams as well as show animals and exhibitors. The following exhibitors and animals earned distinction in 2013.

Show Female of the Year

Countyline Billie 34696B has had an exceptional year starting with several local shows and regional shows including Belties Unlimited, the Midwest Classic and the Indiana State Fair. After dominating the regional show circuit, she continued her success for Lillian Ford and her breeders. Jay & Liz Dausman all of Indiana, as Reserve Grand Champion Female at the World Beef Expo. Following WBE, HC Sims Farms of Kentucky and Pennsylvania acquired an interest in her. Billie Jo went on



to be the Kathi Jurkowski National Junior Show Grand Champion Heifer and the Reserve Grand Champion Female at The National Belted Galloway Show. She is sired by Southdown Unique, the 2011 Show Sire of the Year. Billie Jo is now owned in full by HC Sims Farms and has entered their breeding/donor program at their Kentucky Farm.



Show Bull of the Year

Oak Valley Zeus 34647D, bred and owned by Jake and Noah Keller of Durand, Illinois is the progeny of Platinum Lifetime Female, Oak Valley Wendy 30728B, and Platinum Lifetime Bull, Wayside Valley Houston 32389D. Zeus and his dam earned the title of Show Cow/Calf of the Year during 2012. Displaying a unique combination of muscle and heavy hindquarters, his 2013 show record includes winning Grand Champion Bull at the following venues: Rock County Preview Show, Belties Unlimited, Winnebago County

4-H Fair and World Beef Expo. He was Reserve Grand Champion Bull at the Midwest Classic and Junior Champion Bull at the National Show.

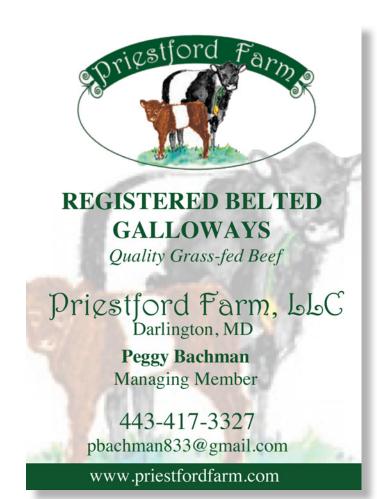
Show Cow/Calf of the Year

Sunnybrook Alexis 29180B is bred and owned by Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, Illinois. She is sired by Platinum Lifetime and two-time Sire of the Year Linetree's Pistol Pete 9535B. Her Platinum Lifetime Dam Sunnybrook Elaine 24684B was past Show Female of the Year. Alexis is remarkable in that she is the only female in the breed to be Show Female of the Year out of a Show Female of the Year and



is also the 2013 Honorable Mention for the Dam of the Year title. At six years of age, Alexis easily maintains her soundness and eye appeal. She has transferred these traits to her offspring. All four of her calves have competed at the national level. Alexis has also earned Platinum Lifetime status. She is pictured with her calf at side, Sunnybrook Celine, who is sired by the past Show Bull of the Year, Sunnybrook Valor.

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Show Sire of the Year

Meadowood Wayland 62W 32119B, was bred by Meadowood Farms LLC in Cazenovia, New York and is owned by Double Farm, Beloit, Wisconsin. He is sired by Driftwood Revered DP42R 11753B, and is out of Southdown Lilly 8L 18892B. In 2010, after a successful show career, he was the top-selling bull in the Premium Sale at the NAILE and was purchased by Sunnybrook Farms Belvidere, Illinois. Wayland consistently transferred his thickness and style throughout his first calf

crop. His calves were shown successfully in 2012 and were purchased by breeders in eight states. In 2013, the same group of calves had impressive show careers as yearling bulls, steers, and heifers in 18 different venues from coast to coast. He has also earned his Platinum Lifetime merit. His daughter, Sunnybrook Skye, is pictured as Reserve Junior Division Champion at NAILE in 2013 for Julia Weaber and Ellen Sims of Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

Show Dam of the Year

Rolling Acres Delores 31318B, sired by Big Rock Periwinkle 7993B, out of Rolling Acres Katheran 30962B, is bred by Vance and Gladys Kincade of Gobles, Michigan. She was named after their niece, Mother Delores from the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Connecticut. During 2010, she was one of the first females to arrive at Countyline Belties when Jay and Liz Dausman of Pierceton, Indiana were beginning to build their herd. She was bred to Southdown Unique producing her first calf, Countyline Anna, who was



later named Honorable Mention Show Female of the Year during 2012. In 2013, her second calf, Countyline Billie Jo, finished the year as the Show Female of the Year.

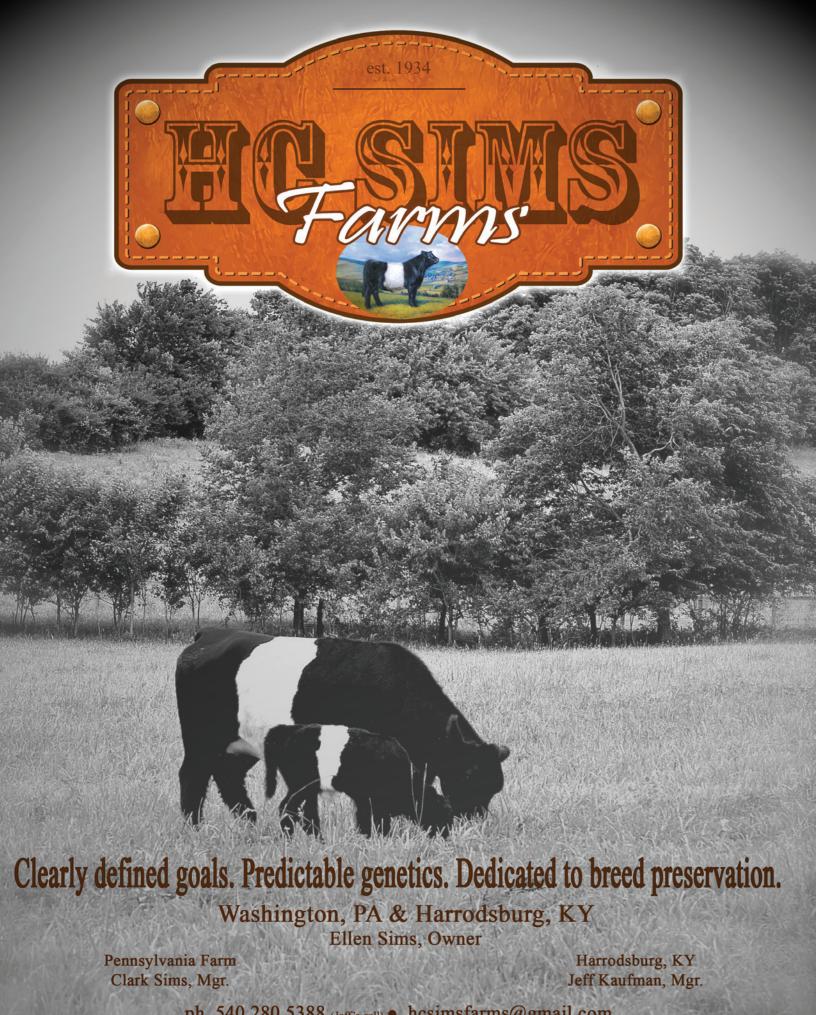
Breeder of the Year

Over the past decade, The Willis Family, Sunnybrook Farms of Belvidere, Illinois have produced numerous show animals of the year. The farm has implemented the use of production records, DNA trait identification, and carcass results from the use of ultrasound and slaughter data to further the predictability of the offspring from the herd. But the true testament of any breeding program is to produce offspring that are successful and perform for Sunnybrook Farms as well as other cattle breeders. Being named Breeder of the Year is the ultimate praise for a breeding program. Sunnybrook Farms would like to sincerely thank all of their customers, especially the Juniors, from coast to coast that had confidence in our program and were willing to devote the time and expense to successfully show their cattle to make this award possible.



Exhibitor of the Year

Sunnybrook Farms is located in Belvidere, Illinois and owned by the Willis family. With their extensive Angus background, they bred their Belties for the combination of quality, carcass, and conformation to perform in the show ring and in the pasture. The farm is based around 20 proven Belted Galloway females and has produced or developed four Show Females of the Year, four Show Bulls of the Year, three Dams of the Year, five Sires of the Year and three Cow/Calf Pairs of the Year. Sunnybrook Farms is quoted, "To raise that type of cattle is one thing but to take on the grueling task of developing, clipping, hauling, and exhibiting them at all the shows is almost impossible without the help of our awesome customers and Beltie friends. Without their help and dedication we would never have been able to realize this honor."



2013/2014 Sales

BELTED GALLOWAY PREMIUM SALE -November 2013

NINE OPEN HEIFER LOTS — Total

Sales \$27,100; Average: \$3,011/lot

FOUR BULL LOTS — Total Sales

\$8,750; Average: \$2,188/lot

THREE SEMEN LOTS — Total Sales

\$1,825; Average: \$61/straw

ONE EMBRYO LOT — Total Sales

\$800; Average: \$400/embryo

Total Gross sales \$40,275; Overall per-lot average of \$2,238

TOP SELLING FEMALE —

Driftwood Usherette (AI)(ET) 36135B. consigned by Sue Drew, Driftwood Plantation LLC, Awendaw, SC and sold to Bill & Katie Bliss, Blisful Acres LLC, Newkirk, OK. \$6000

TOP SELLING BULL — Driftwood Time Piece 54Y 36133B, consigned by Sue Drew, Driftwood Plantation LLC Awendaw. SC and sold to Steve & Callie Taylor, Jadewood Belted Galloways, State College, PA. \$3,300

NATIONAL BELTED GALLOWAY SALE -April 2014

22 LIVE LOTS — sold for an average of: \$2,723.00

7 LOTS OF SEMEN — sold for an average of: \$518.00 per lot

I EMBRYO LOT — sold for: \$1.800.00

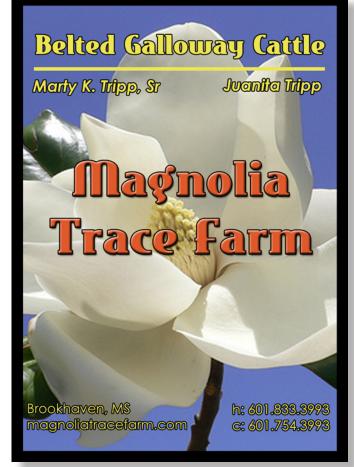
Total Sales: \$66.275.00

2014 NATIONAL SALE HIGHEST SELLING BRED HEIFER LOT —

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WINNER — Pine View Delight 35687B. Consigned by Pine View Farm (ME) purchased by Magnolia Trace Farm (MS) for \$3,650.00.







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SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

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SEPTEMBER 25-28,2014

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SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 5, 2014

Fryeburg Fair • Fryeburg, ME. Fair office: (207) 935-3268 or info@fryeburgfair.org

OCTOBER 3-4, 2014

Western Belted Galloway Association Annual Meeting Reno, Nevada.

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OCTOBER 16-26, 2014

North Carolina State Fair • Raleigh, NC. Contact entry office (919) 821-7400.

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2014

2014 National Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show (NAILE) Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 2 pm Louisville, KY. Cattle arrive Monday, November 17, 2014 8 am – 4 pm. Contact Michelle Ogle (908) 781-5576 or southdown cattle@gmail.com Cattle are released Friday, November 21, 2014 by 3 pm.

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 18, 2014 at 7 pm; Louisville, KY at Hilton Garden Inn; Contact Vic Eggleston (608) 220-1091 or executivedirector@beltie.org

2014 THE BELTED GALLOWAY PREMIUM SALE

November 18, 2014 at 8 pm at Louisville, KY. Location: Hilton Garden Inn.

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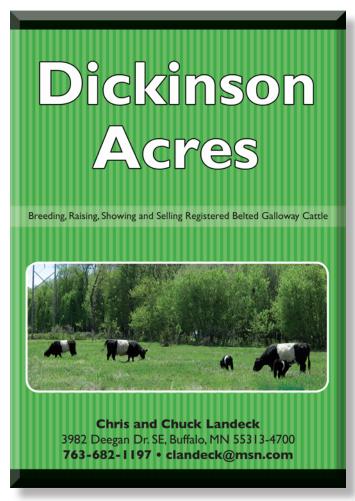
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Belted Galloway Junior Association

By Leanne Fogle

One of the most rewarding outcomes of a junior youth program is watching youth build a future and a foundation from their first animal project to larger goals that help to fund their future education or to form the foundation for a future breed-influencing herd. The Belted Galloway Junior Association is growing and is focused on inspiring our wouth to work hard and to build the desire and motivation to do the best they can to improve the Belted Galloway breed.

We are featuring two outstanding young women because of their knowledge, integrity, and all-around work ethic. They excel in the show ring and take time to mentor younger children. They represent the goals that the Society holds for each of its junior members. There is no doubt that they will go on to achieve great things and I am very proud of all they have become. Keep up the good work! I wish each one of them nothing but success in each of their futures. — Scot Adams, Chairman, Belted Galloway Junior Association



LAUREN GUPTILL

The last grandchild in her family to show Belted Galloway cattle, Lauren Guptill of Waldoboro, Maine is transitioning from the show ring, since age six, to a herdswoman who prepares cattle for sale to youth who are interested in 4-H projects and show stock. She has persevered through all types of Maine weather over the years; brutal winters, soggy/muddy springs and sweltering summers in order to ready her Belted Galloway steer projects for the show ring. She has been the only exhibitor during her 4-H career that consecutively raised a Belted Galloway market steer at the Fryeburg Fair for 12 years. Lauren begins college in the fall at the University of Maine. One of her shortterm goals is to bring Belted Galloway cattle back to the University of Maine's animal science program, even if it means bringing her own cattle to college. Lauren

is interested in research and animal genetics and she recently implanted an embryo in one of her females. Her long-term goal is to use the calf in her research studies at the University of Maine and to share her studies with the Belted Galloway breed. When she has completed her education, she will continue her dream of improving the Belted Galloway breed, raising her own cattle, and aiding in the expansion of the Belted Galloway breed across the United States.

MARGARET HALL

Margaret (Meg) Hall of East Dixfield, Maine has been a member of the Belted Galloway Junior Association

for 10 years. She is a go-getter, showing her Belted Galloway cattle locally in the state of Maine. at Fryeburg Fair, Big E, and the National Belted Galloway Junior and Open Shows. Meg is an animal science maior at the University of Connecticut and has future plans to become a large animal veterinarian. Interestingly. Meg has worked in produc-



tion agriculture on two farms simultaneously. Her family not only owns a purebred beef herd raising Belted Galloway and Hereford cattle, but also operates a multi-generational dairy in Maine. Meg was a 13-year member of 4-H and has continued her 4-H career on the collegiate level by becoming the vicepresident of the Collegiate 4-H Club at UConn. She is also a member of the UConn Block and Bridle Club and UConn Dairy Club. Meg is a busy show organizer who volunteers as beef superintendent at Skowhegan State Fair and UConn Block and Bridle. Meg is a believer of hands-on learning to enhance her agricultural experience and she is skilled in herd health, feed nutrients and genetics. She has been a past intern at Driftwood Plantation in South Carolina. Her current internship at the Eastern States Exposition this summer is assisting in educational display development in methane digestion.

Livestock Records

Canadian Livestock **Records Corporation**

By Vic Eggleston, Executive Director



he Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC) is a non-profit corporation, established under Canadian federal legislation, The Animal Pedigree Act, to provide registry services to incorporated breed associations. The CLRC acts as a neutral third party between the associations and their members. CLRC is governed by a Board of Directors composed of representatives of the breed associations who have been elected by their collegues to serve in that capacity. CLRC provides its services to 53 Canadian breed associations, also providing services on a contract basis to three bovine associations based in the U.S., including the American Galloway Breeders' Association.

The CLRC is responsible for enforcing the rules and procedures determined by The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. and for collecting the proper fees.

The CLRC currently has a staff of nine persons under direction of General Manager Ron Black. The staff has many years of experience and knowledge to offer. Two members of the CLRC staff, Betty Foti and Lisa Hutt, are assigned to members of The Belted Galloway Society.

In addition to the above services. CLRC also maintains a section of its website on which it posts a listing of members and the pedigrees of animals for each association that chooses to participate. The site is updated frequently from the main database.

CLRC SERVICES

The core registry service provided by CLRC is a complex service consisting of the following basic elements:

- ~ Printing and distribution of application forms.
- ~ Receipt and deposit of all fees.
- ~ Entry of information from applications into database.
- ~ Manual and computer checking of data and approval of applications, ensuring adherence to rules of eligibility as set down in Society by-laws and to recognized biological parameters.
- ~ Recording of DNA test results.
- ~ Issuance of certificates, in a format approved by the Society, and membership cards.
- ~ Mailing of documents, including all envelopes and
- ~ Invoice with completed documents that accounts for fees recieved and charged.
- ~ Contact with breeders to resolve problems.
- ~ Acquisition of necessary computer hardware and software and upgrades to same.
- ~ Scanning of all source documents into database, with offsite storage of backup material.
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Remembering



The legacy left by the late Susan Lyman Drew of Awendaw, South Carolina and her husband Gene will forever impact the history of the Belted Galloway breed in the United States of America during the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Miss Sue (or simply, Sue, as she liked to be addressed) was one of the breed's most ardent supporters and promoters



of the breed. Sue was a multi-faceted woman full of many interests.

Sue was born in Cleveland, Ohio and she attended Laurel School. When Sue was a child, she and her parents, Dr. Joseph and Susan Wearn, spent their summers in Brooklin, Maine. Sue recalled that childhood summer evenings included dinner parties spent with writers and artists. Interestingly, Sue shared that the author E.B. White and his family were their neighbors and friends. Sue was also a skilled and competitive sailor, learning to sail as a child in Cohasset, Massachusetts. Because of her lifelong love of Maine, the sea, and sailing, she annually returned to her summer home in Brooklin. In the early 1980s she bought Cirrus, a much-admired 42foot Herreshoff vawl. Under her ownership, Cirrus was completely rebuilt and raced often throughout Maine waters.

Sue graduated from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts with a degree in psychology. She was also known as an excellent horticulturalist, cook and entertainer. Her closest friends said that her greatest joys were simple: a good book, a good movie and most of all, a well-prepared dinner overflowing with humor and good friends.

For several decades, Sue's parents owned Castle Hill Plantation, a historic South Carolina plantation in Beaufort County. She met Thomas E. Drew, III (Gene) at Castle Hill and they married in 1964. They later purchased Driftwood Plantation in Awendaw to raise cattle, hunt, promote wildlife, and practice conservation. Sue also opened the Scarlett O'Hara Restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina in 1973. The Scarlett, a floating restaurant docked on the Cooper River, was one of the city's top restaurants for years.

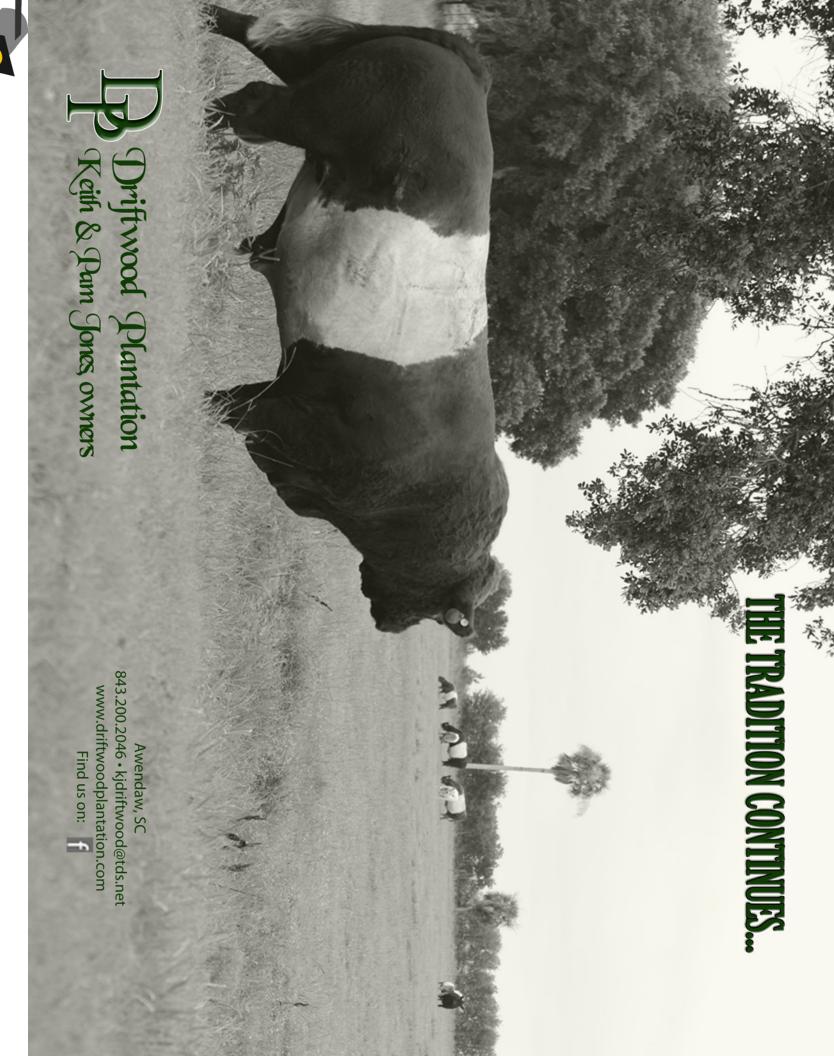
Driftwood Plantation is comprised of 1200 acres that adjoin the salt marshes along the Carolina coast. Large live oak trees, Spanish moss, and palm trees dot the expansive pastures which add to its true beauty and charm. It's no secret that Mother Nature is known to be very temperamental in a coastal environment. In September 1989, Hurricane Hugo moved thousands of miles across the Atlantic, rapidly strengthening to attain a category four before ripping into the Charleston Harbor. As Hugo raged up and down the coast, Driftwood Plantation took a direct hit. Sue and Gene committed to rebuild, although a decade later, they still had a barn of storm debris which was sorted and salvaged in search of their lost family treasures.

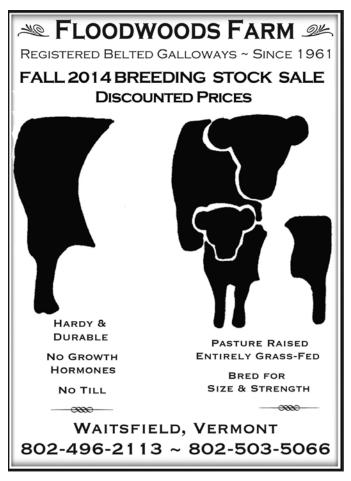
During October of 1992, the Drews bought a purebred Belted Galloway bull named Rose Farm Carl 3545 to use to cross with their Angus cows. Their interest in the breed grew and the Drews bought their first Belted Galloway females in 1996 at The National Belted Galloway Sale in Fryeburg, Maine.

Dwight Howard – Camden, Maine

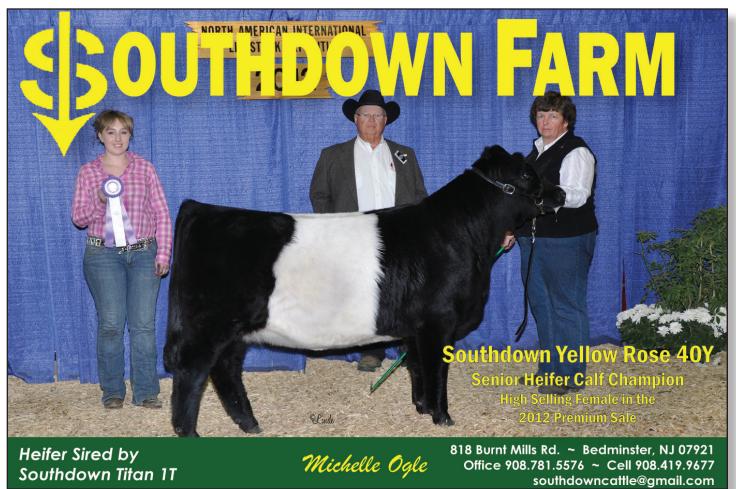
When Sue Drew very first began building her Beltie herd, I could not imagine the impact she would have on the breed, Aldermere Farm, nor my family. But that quickly changed! She bought cattle directly from Aldermere and then attended the National Sale for years, buying the best cattle she could to add to her herd. She engaged people in the breed and became more and more involved in Society issues. More than anything, she became a great friend.

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Sue had a way of asking questions and sharing ideas -- unlike any person I bave known. It would lead to many lengthy conversations on what was best for the Belted Galloway breed. We did not always agree, but you could tell bow much she valued others' opinions while being passionate about her own. It was never about what was good for berself or Driftwood Plantation, but what was best for the breed.'

Keith Jones and family joined Driftwood Plantation in late 1997. A year later, Driftwood purchased the Hillcrest herd from Luke and Ann Altman of South Carolina. Raising Belted Galloway cattle in the warm South Carolina lowcountry took careful planning on the 300 acres that was dedicated to cattle production. They installed watering systems, planned grazing paddocks to include shade, and clipped their cattle for the hot climate. Artificial insemination and embryo transfer were utilized and the herd continued to grow to over 200. The Driftwood herd initially began as a black belted herd and later added red and dun belted animals. The herd regularly won top prizes at national shows. Following Sue's vision, Driftwood Plantation became recognized nationally and internationally as one of the premier breeders of Belted Galloway cattle.

Over the years, Sue traveled to Scotland and Australia to visit Belted Galloway herds. As a result of her travels, she introduced new genetics into the United States. She often attended national events with international visitors as her guests. Driftwood Plantation hosted the Belted Galloway Society Annual Meeting, not once, but twice! Two sales were also held, The Deep South Sale during the 1998 meeting, and The Lowcountry Fall Classic Sale during the 2008 meeting.

Michelle Ogle - Bedminster, New Jersey

'My first meeting with Sue was in Fryeburg, Maine in 1995 or 1996. Dwight Howard introduced us and asked if I had any room on my trailer for cattle beading south. Sue was reserved and quiet, but after talking for a little while, I could see how enthusiastic she was about the cattle.

I began to see Sue more and more at events

and sales. After she hired Keith to be manager, we began to enjoy ber input and presence at meetings and shows. Sue was always the first to volunteer to sponsor a class or an award, or to donate to a silent auction. I could always count on Sue to fill in any "boles" in my sponsorship list at Louisville or Eastern States. The year that I did not have all the classes filled before the show, she offered to help if I was short of funds after the fact.'

Sue's summers in Maine included visiting the annual art show at Aldermere Farm. She enjoyed the Belted Galloway Show at Fryeburg Fair in Maine during mid-October and would return home to Gene and to Brittany Pointing Lane after the show.

As a staunch supporter of Belted Galloway youth, Sue funded camps at the University of Tennessee at Martin that taught animal husbandry, cattle fitting and showmanship skills. She donated cattle to youth of all ages for show and to promote the breed. She also offered internships to deserving youth who enjoyed a summer work experience.

Dr. Jerry Gresham - University of Tennessee -Martin Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources

'While the legacy of Sue and Gene Drew will be a permanent part of the history of the Belted Galloway breed in the United States, their legacy will also bold a prominent place in the future of the Department of Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee at

The Department's relationship with the Drews began as a result of a gift of a small Belted Galloway berd from a benefactor in Middle Tennessee in 2000.

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This gift and establishment of a small university berd attracted the interest of Sue in particular. She quickly recognized this opportunity to enhance educational opportunities for adults and youth interested in belted cattle and became an active participant in the affairs of the university. She provided funds to establish a beef cattle teaching center through lease property adjacent to the university farm, which eventually became one of the crown jewels for belted youth, a beef cattle management camp known affectionately as Beltie 101. Adults and youth became more familiar with beef cattle management and showmanship through the camps offered in 2002 and 2003. The youth and adults in those camps continue to have an impact on the beef cattle industry to this day.

Sue's indirect impact was significant in other ways. The presence of belted cattle on the university farm attracted the attention and interest of others. One benefactor decided to purchase some cattle for his farm and he also provided a significant private monetary gift to the university. These funds were used as matching seed money for additional grants from the USDA Rural Development Agency and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to build and equipment a beef cattle teaching facility and the West Tennessee Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. These facilities will continue to support the beef cattle industry for years to come. Academically, these facilities provided resources



for the establishment of a four-year Veterinary Technologist program that has grown to over 140 students in three years.'

When the Belted Galloway Foundation was launched, Sue was a major contributor. She led a capital campaign to raise funds for the organization. In 2008, Sue was nominated by Kathi and Jerry Jurkowski of Rockton, Illinois for the Harry T. Burn Award. Sue was awarded The Harry T. Burn Award by the Belted Galloway Society for outstanding support of the breed.

Kathi Jurkowski – Rockton, Illinois

'Sue was involved and served well on numerous committees. She took her knowledge of cattle to many other farms and even countries. She was always supportive and generous and she made a definite impact and improvement to the Belted Galloway Society and our beloved breed of cattle. Sue Drew was one of the most valued and valuable Belted Galloway Society members.'

Sue also identified the growing need for research regarding hypotrichosis in the Belted Galloway breed and she initiated the early scientific work associated with the condition. She welcomed input from professors and cattlemen who offered their knowledge in animal health and genetics, valuing their friendship and expertise.

Sue's careful stewardship of Driftwood reflected her unwavering passion for conservation. In 2007, Sue donated a conservation easement over Driftwood to The Nature Conservancy. She was an avid supporter of The Nature Conservancy and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, and was a long-time board member of The Center for Birds of Prey in Awendaw.

In later years, Keith Jones made sure her South Carolina home was surrounded with Belted Galloway cow/calf pairs. Sue often sat at her dining table gazing out large windows that overlooked her cow-dotted pastures and the salt marshes. Her table was dual-purpose. It served as her think-tank; many decisions were made around that table--whether for business, a casual visit, a glass of wine, or a meal. Sue loved to laugh and her sense of humor allowed her to laugh at herself.

Michelle Ogle – Bedminster, New Jersey 'I can't remember a time that I did not see Sue wearing a scarf. They were always colorful and tended toward a blue theme -- which I can remember. One of my fondest memories was of attending a

dinner in Sparta, North Carolina during a sale at Bittersweet Farm. I dropped some food down the front of my shirt. A bit embarrassed, I tried to unobtrusively wipe it away. Sue quietly leaned over and whispered, "That is why I always wear a scarf. I call them my crumb catcher and spot concealers, would you like to borrow one?" After that night, I can't look at a scarf without thinking of Sue.'

It is with a heavy heart that The Belted Galloway Society bids adieu to Sue Drew. We will always remember the contributions she made on behalf of the Belted Galloway breed.

Susan Broody-Grundner – Landenberg, Pennsylvania

'How lucky am I to have had Sue as my Godmother. She was the truest definition of her name - she was a devoted "other mother" to many and she was a gift from God.

Sue left an indelible, uplifting mark on so many lives and she asked for nothing in return. She always considered others and put them first. Every visit with someone was a cherished celebration for her.

Driftwood Plantation and the legacy that Sue and Gene built will continue. The Sue Lyman

Drew Trust will ensure that coastal lands will be managed and conserved according to ber wishes.

Favorite cow families will quietly graze in the Carolina lowcountry as the sun rises in the morning and sets in the evening over Driftwood Plantation.





- Jane Jackson, Chairman of the A.H. Chatfield, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

2014 REPORT

- Vic Eggleston, Executive Director

2013 was an active year for the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. and our membership as evidenced by the number of shows, sales, exhibitions, meetings and promotions that have occurred during the year.

In calendar year 2012 the Belted Galloway Society Council offered free annual memberships to new members if they either transferred and/or registered Belted Galloway cattle at the time of membership application. This incentive, along with a noticeable increase in public interest in Belted Galloway cattle, raised our membership to over a 1000 member farms for the first time in history. This promotion was so successful in retaining membership for 2013 that it was reintroduced for the calendar year 2014.

The U.S. Beltie News-Belted Galloway Society, Inc. Facebook page has proven to be a popular site for many members and those folks interested in the breed. During his two-year term, President Jon Bednarski and his wife Sylvia have visited member farms in 40 states. Their plans are to complete their Beltie travels to the remaining eight states this summer. Farm profiles written by Jon, along with pictures taken by Sylvia during their farm visits, have been popular in the Society's monthly newsletter and Facebook page.

Well-known shows in which Belted Galloway cattle have participated in during 2013 include: the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts; the World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Fryeburg Fair in Fryeburg, Maine; and the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky. In addition, there were a number of regional shows in New England, the Midwest, Texas and Idaho and several exhibitions in which Belties were the primary attraction.

The National Sale in Fryeburg, Maine completed its 24th sale in 2014. The sale is held

in conjunction with a large youth show and has set the standard for Beltie sales.

The 2013 Annual General Meeting was held in Louisville, Kentucky. The meeting, which followed the Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show, had a near record attendance. One of the highlights of the meeting was the introduction of two new traveling trophies. The Grand Champion Bull trophy at the National Belted Galloway show was donated by Ellen Sims, H. C. Sims Farm of Kentucky and Pennsylvania. The Grand Champion Heifer trophy was donated in memory of Robert Flynn of Fearrington Village in North Carolina. The Belted Galloway Premium Sale, the National Belted Galloway Junior and Open Shows were also held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville. The 2014 Annual General Meeting, Premium sale, junior and open shows will be held at the same location as well.

The 2013 calendar, photo contest was themed Kids and Belties. The winner of the photo contest was Persistence Farm in Maryland; second place went to Triple O Farm in Texas. The theme for the 2014 photo contest is Cows and Their Calves. In addition to the calendars, other promotional items that are available through the Society include Beltie flags, license plates and holders, Beltie bumper stickers, brochures, marketing inserts and the Belted Galloway Society Breeders Manual. Beltie cookbooks are also available, provided by the Belted Galloway Foundation, Inc. with the proceeds going to the A. H. Chatfield Scholarship fund.

Society members are making plans to attend the World Galloway Congress in Scotland in 2016. The Belted Galloway Society Council has made a proposal to host the 2018 World Galloway Congress or the 2020 World Galloway Congress in the United States.

Chatfield Memorial Scholarship

Each year, The Chatfield Memorial Scholarship awards \$1,000 scholarships to three deserving applicants. This year's winners of the A.H. Chatfield, Jr. Memorial Scholarship hail from three different regions of the United States: Maine, Iowa, and California.



Samantha Grant

Samantha Grant is from Gorham, Maine and she is currently studying at the University of South Maine. Belted Galloway cattle have always been part of the Grant family's life, and after Samantha bought her first Beltie bull from Mitchell Ledge Farm back in 2007, she has created her own Belted Galloway herd. An active member of the 4-H program in Maine, Samantha has won several 4-H awards, including the 4-H Leadership Award, the Agriculture Award, the Achievement Award, the Consumer Education Award, and the Citizenship Award. She has been very active with Belted Galloway cattle, attending the New England Galloway Group (NEGG) Expo as well as the Fryebury Fair Youth Show.

While in high school, Samantha captained the girls' ice hockey team and she participated actively with the girls' track team. Now she coaches a junior high girls' lacrosse team and she is the assistant coach for a high school girls' varsity ice hockey team.

Samantha admits that she has fallen in love with cattle and the beef industry, and she intends to get her bachelor's degree in science, and then attend an agriculture school and study ag education and communication. She hopes to

pursue a career in which she can advocate for agriculture and farmers.

Hayley Folkerts

Hayley's family farm is Bishop Avenue Belties Farm of Waverly Iowa. When she was in high school, Hayley served first as secretary, then vice president, and finally president of her 4-H club. She was active in FFA and served as her chapter's secretary, she was a member of the National Honor Society, played volleyball with a team that won the state championship, and was an outstanding tennis player for her school.

Hayley introduced Belted Galloways to her county fair at a young age. Her senior year, she exhibited her steer Turbo, a Beltie that was born and raised on the family farm. He was the first Beltie steer ever to be exhibited in her county's Grand Champion Market Beef Selection. Hayley then exhibited Turbo at the World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, winning the Grand Champion Belted Galloway Steer, and then at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, and once again winning the title of Grand Champion Belted Galloway Steer.

She now attends Iowa State University, majoring in animal science with a minor in genetics. She is active in the Block and Bridle Club as well as the Collegiate Beef Team, and she is a Junior Member of the Belted Galloway



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REGORAL GROUPS

NEW ENGLAND GALLOWAY GROUP

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Formed in 1995, this regional group plans two or more informal meetings annually featuring educational clinics and potluck lunches. Their emphasis is on providing support and encouragement to youthful breeders and showmen, and they have instituted a Heifer Project to encourage youth interest in the breed. They are also responsible for the National Belted Galloway Sale held in April at Fryeburg, Maine.

GREAT LAKES BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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GLBGA, formed in 1992, annually bolds a field day and educational clinic, exhibits animals at many fairs and expositions in the Great Lakes region and sponsors the Belted Galloway Show at World Beef Expo at Milwaukee in late September. The GLBGA also sponsors the annual Midwest Classic Show in northern Illinois. A newsletter called the Great Lakes Belted Galloway News is published quarterly.

SOUTHWEST BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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The Southwest Belted Galloway Association (SBGA) is made up of breeders and Beltie fans from all over the Southwest. The SBGA holds an annual meeting for members and serves to introduce the Belted Galloway to other ranchers and interested parties in that region.

WESTERN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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Westerners formed the regional group in early 1995. They meet annually, usually in October, promote the breed at various Western shows and exhibits, and publish a quarterly newsletter called The Belt-Line.

Regional groups of Belted Galloway breeders and others interested in Belted Galloway cattle were formed in support of the Society. Each of the groups welcomes new members interested in the breed.

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Association. Her plans are to have a career that deals with improving the genetics of livestock, especially Belted Galloways. Hayley hopes to work directly with

livestock in breeding procedures and reproduction.

Paige McGlothern



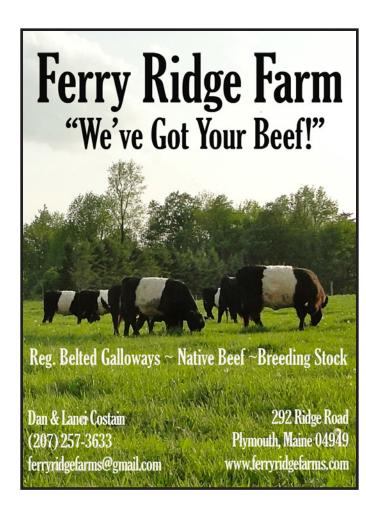
McGlothern of Napa, California was raised on a Belted Galloway ranch. An active 4-H member since 2001, she has also sat on the Junior **Board** of the California Junior Livestock Association. She is now attending

Paige

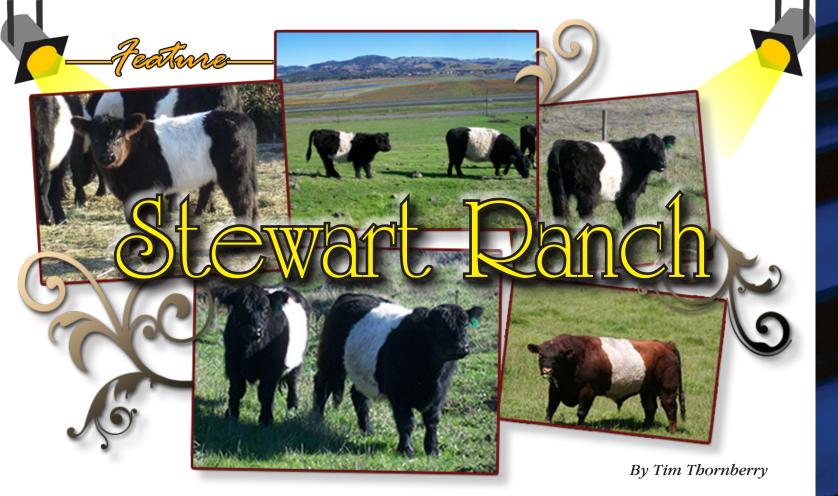
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, majoring in Animal Science with a Pre Vet Concentration.

Her family's farm, Stewart Ranch, markets Belted Galloway beef to a local grocery as well as to local restaurants. Paige--a true advocate of Beltie beef-has educated scores of their customers. In her Cal Poly Beef Production class, once she discovered that the curriculum only covered the large commercial breeds of cattle, Paige convinced her professor to let her make a presentation about Belted Galloway cattle to the class. Her presentation was a hit with her classmates, who were intrigued with learning about Belted Galloways.

Paige has worked with the university's Bull Test program, working with and evaluating the bulls, and then organizing the Bull Sale. In the catalog there is a photograph of Paige with the rest of her committee and in the picture, Paige is proudly wearing a Belted Galloway shirt.







NAPA VALLEY, Calif. In one of the most famous wineproducing areas in the world, finding a cattle ranch in the Napa Valley may come as a surprise for some. But Paul and Ailene Pritchett Tarap are raising their Belted Galloway herd on a farm that goes back four generations in one of the most agriculturally rich regions in the country.

It was Ailene's great grandfather, John Stewart, who purchased the ranch in 1904 and both Paul and Ailene's families have been in the cattle business since the early 1900's.

But the first cows on the Stewart Ranch were not beef cows but rather a dairy herd. It wasn't until 1987 that Belties made their way to the Stewarts' ranch.

"It was a dairy for two generations until the early 70's. Then we switched over to commercial cattle," said Ailene. "I originally bought a half dozen of the Dutch Belted just because I thought they were interesting."

However, producing beef cattle had become the order of the day for the Stewart Ranch. After making a trip to Maine and with the help of Albert Chatfield, who helped bring Belted Galloways to this country, the Taraps made contact with a Beltie breeder in Washington who was dispersing his herd. Ailene said they put as many bred heifers into their trailer as they could and they made their way back to the Napa Valley.

"That breed fit more into our operation. We were more commercial meat sales and no longer a

commercial dairy," she said.

Producing a grass-fed animal with very lean meat was actually not something the couple was focused on at the time.

"I was purely attracted to their stripe, and that's a terrible thing to say," Ailene said with a laugh. "They really attract a wide variety of people but it was just something that interested me."

The look of the breed may have gotten the Taraps interested initially but it was the conformation of the animal that became the most important aspect of the cows.

"Mr. Chatfield advised me early on when I had a heifer born with an incomplete belt," said Ailene. "I asked him if we needed to cull the animal out right away. He said absolutely not. If she's got great conformation, keep her in your breeding herd."

That cow is now in her late teens, still in the herd. And since that first calf, she has never produced a calf without a complete belt.

"She is one of my best brood cows. I feel that many of our breeders tend to go just for the belt and they don't think about the conformation," said Ailene. "I think that there are a lot of bulls out there that should have been steered out."

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Herd Bull Lineup







Aldermere Wiga 1W

Anderson Hill Bop Man

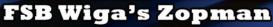
Anderson Hill Unbridled II

Anderson Hill Bop Man
Anderson Hill Sebina

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Aldermere Wiga 1W

Aldermere Nora



Semen Available • \$50/unit





Ridgeview Starstruck

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Stewart Ranch

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While there is a certain amount of attraction to the Belties because of the way they look, Ailene doesn't think getting involved with the breed is a good thing for those without cattle experience.

"Unfortunately, many of the people that do come into the breed have little cattle background and in fact I'm hard pressed anymore to sell to anybody that doesn't have a cattle background. It's because, quite frankly, they don't know take care of them and it's really not fair to the animals or to the breed," she said.

Being good to the breed is something that is paying off for the Taraps as their direct beef sales have grown to the point that they have not sold cows to any outside people for several years.

"Mainly we want to keep them in our herd because our meat sales have increased to the point where we need every steer we can produce," said Ailene.

That is a good problem to have, especially at a time when cow numbers are down across the country, and especially in light of the severe drought experienced in the West.

The Taraps said that the water situation got so bad last year, they found themselves in the position of looking at getting rid of a portion of their herd.

"We were fortunate enough to get some early fall rains and that really helped us," said Ailene.

Another plus for the Stewart Ranch is the presence of a larger pasture that always seems to have plenty of grass.

That drought has affected the cattle industry across the country and has brought input prices up. Ailene said that that in turn means higher prices for the customer, but the couple has found a niche market and they process their beef in a different way that is working for them in their efforts to supply their growing list of customers.
Instead of processing their meat in the very traditional way to get the dif-

to get the different cuts such as steaks and roasts, for example, the Taraps realized that the market for hamburgers was very popular on the west coast.

With that in mind, they have all their meat ground for burger, a move that has created first, an exquisite product and next, it gives to the restaurants that buy from them something that's different and exclusive. That relationship is important to the Taraps economically since restaurants represent about 98 percent of their clientele.

"Everybody likes a nice hamburger, from the sliders all the way up to the gourmet burgers. We have restaurants that are just hamburger places so we came up with the idea of processing all the carcass beef into hamburger," said Ailene. "In our hamburger are all the choice cuts which you normally wouldn't find. We also dry age our beef and you don't see a lot of hamburgers that are dry aged. That's what we have been doing and it's been very successful."

She emphasized that while other commercial cattle growers might think the Taraps' processing method is a waste of prime cuts of beef, Ailene said it was a good way to utilize a smaller number of animals.

In addition to the beef business, the Stewart Ranch has become quite popular to tourists. The ranch has even been featured on the popular morning show "Good Morning America."

Ailene said that many people stop to take

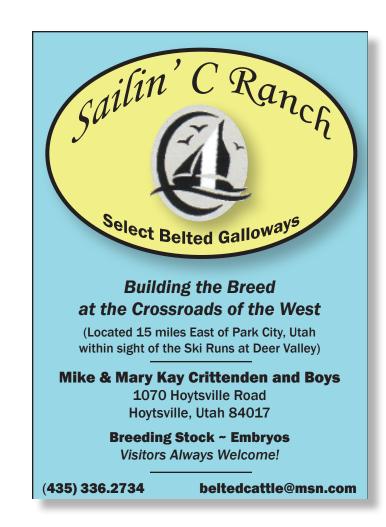


photos and look at the Belties--one reason they always keep some of the herd in a visible pasture. But make no mistake about it, the Stewart Ranch is first and foremost a cattle operation, something the Taraps take great pride in.

"We have an open barn policy so anyone can come out and visit, they just have to give us a call. And we take pride in the fact that the animals are not stressed and are not being shipped from one feed lot to the next," said Ailene. "And if you actually look at the sides of beef at the butcher shop, you can really see the difference."

For more information about Stewart Ranch, visit their web site at http://www.oreocows.net.







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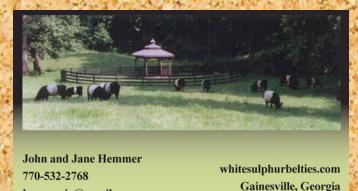
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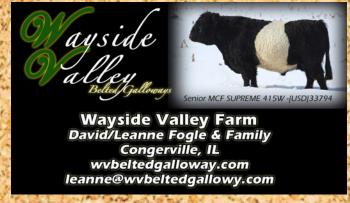
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