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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Greg Hipple, Solon IA

Progress -- Belted Galloway breeders in the United States continue to advance the breed. I find it exciting to see that Belted Galloway cattle are becoming more mainstream as they gain more interest and attention throughout the country. Those efforts take place on every farm and ranch where Belted Galloway cattle are produced. We are being noticed because of the work being done by our members and affiliates of this beloved breed of cattle. In Iowa for example, our county cattlemen's association is predominately commercial. A Belted Galloway producer was presented their prestigious seed stock producer of the year award at their local annual banquet and meeting. Belted Galloway cattle now are showing at many county fairs, state fairs, and national shows like the North American International Livestock Exposition, World Beef Expo, and others. People are noticing because we are doing things right!

It has been an exciting year for me as I serve as president. I am blessed to work with a Council that truly strives to serve the best interests of the membership and a team of officers that ensure that the Society has a bright future ahead of it. The Appendix recordation study is a perfect example of the integrity and dedication of our volunteers. The Long Range Planning committee and

the Council have painstakingly strived to reach the best solutions for the future of the breed and our organization. Our Executive Director Dr. Vic Eggleston, and Editor Leanne Fogle continue to be positive advocates for our breed and our members. The Officers, Council, and the membership are fortunate to have them as the face of our organization.



Another amazing observation from my perspective is the work and progress that the regional groups are making to publicize the benefits of owning, raising, and marketing Belted Galloway cattle. I feel that no one works harder or does more on a grass roots level than the regional groups. If you are not a member of a regional group, please consider investigating your region's group. I think you would find it very worthwhile and enjoyable to participate in one of their events. Some of the best friends I have in this world, I have met through the Society and regional group functions.

It has been my absolute honor to serve the membership as president this year. I thank you for the opportunity and the privilege. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Belted Galloway Journal. Please tell the fellow breeders who advertised that you saw their farm ads. Thank you for reading!

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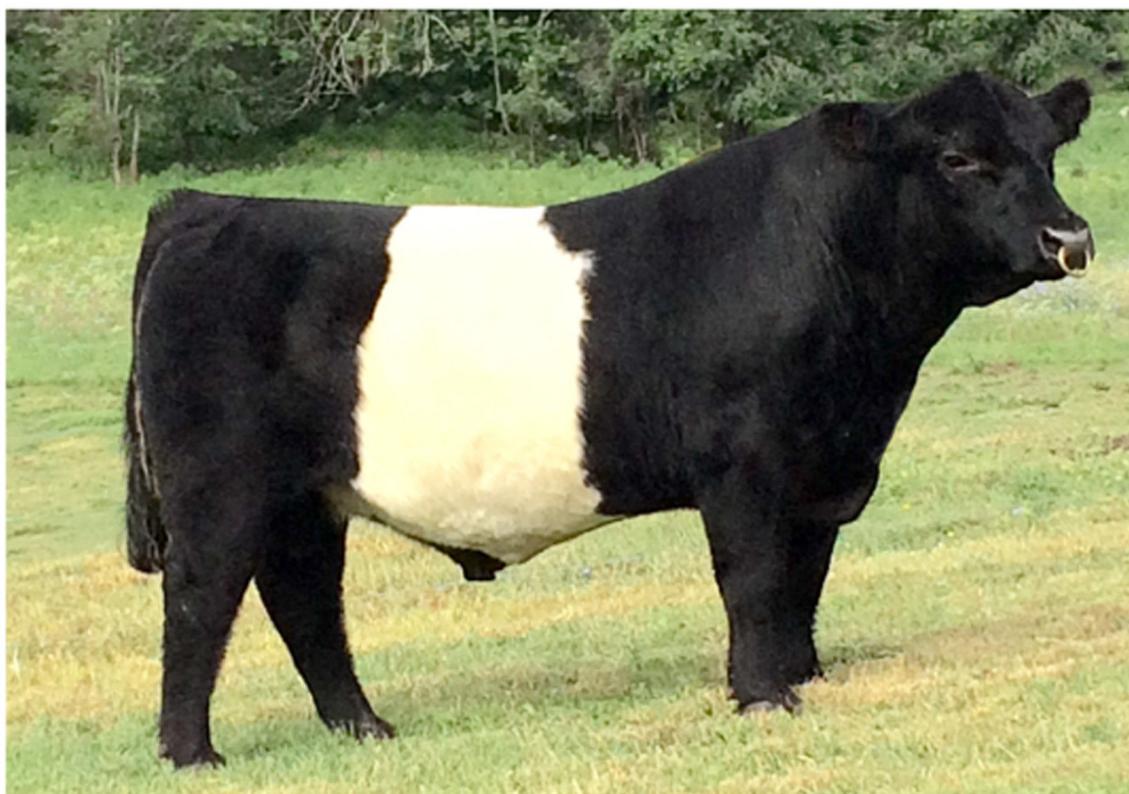
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# Ray Family Farms



Chad Ray is very honest when it comes to discussing his farm and farming as a way of life. He acknowledges that it is hard work, but he is also quick to share his love for everyone who lives on a family farm. More importantly, Chad recognizes how vital it is to teach a new generation about agriculture.

To say farming is in his blood is an understatement. Chad's family, and his wife Jodi's family, all have farm roots that stretch back at least 10 generations in the Bunn, North Carolina area.

But that doesn't mean the land there has been handed down from generation to generation. In fact, it was Ray's parents who were the first in his family to own farmland after generations of share cropping. The family raised tobacco. Many years before cattle were brought to the farm, Chad and Jodi have worked to build the soil, the fences, and make improvements.

"I don't want people to think that you have to inherit something from your great-great granddaddy to be able to do what we do, but in order to have anything, you have to get started," he said.

That hard work has created a very diverse farming operation for the Rays including their Belted Galloway herd.

Ray pointed out that there are many people that want to get into farming, but because of land and equipment costs, many think they cannot.

"That's true in many instances but with a breed like the Belted Galloways, you can feed yourself very well, promote the breed, live happy and so many other things even if you can't farm for a living or do it full time. Our wonderful breed excels on small hobby farms just as good as it does on vast large acreages of grasslands. The reason is they are very efficient foragers and they aren't picky," he said.

The Rays fall into that category of working away

from the farm, as well. But there has still been plenty of time to devote to the farm, their cattle, and helping a new generation learn the value of agriculture.

Ray said in the beginning they wanted to grow their own food with a few cattle, chickens for eggs, gardens for vegetables, and even a few horses.

"It was the definition of a hobby farm for sure," he said. But the outside job in the home building trade enabled the Rays to subsidize the cost of the farm; that is, until the 2008 recession hit. Ray said it was then they had to make the farm pay for its own bills to be sustainable.

Fortunately, the couple found a niche in selling beef locally by way of a couple of steers they had on the farm. "That gave us an idea that a market was there," he said. The Rays would try many things on the farm including turkeys and pigs in addition to their cows, horses and chickens.





Today, the Rays sell their farm beef products through their market and also feature products from other nearby farms. Their products are sold from the farm in a building remodeled as a market.

“Over time we figured out what we were best at was grass-finished Beltie beef,” he said.

Today the Ray’s feature all of their farm products, as well as, items they co-op with other nearby farms and vendors including soaps, jellies, honey, North Carolina seafood, goat cheese, butter, and much more.

“We don’t want to be a grocery store. It’s really about the community. It’s about being a grass-fed beef farmer who can help a family trying to raise chickens, or a family that has honey from hives just down the road, and the family that does cheese from goats. That’s where we are right now,” said Ray.

In all they do and have done, the Rays have figured out that they are really good at raising their Belted Galloway herd and marketing directly to their growing customer base. They feel that the Belted Galloway breed is not only the world’s best beef, but also for people searching for the perfect cattle dreaming of a hobby farm of their own.

“That is what we focus on now, in terms of what our farm does monetarily-wise,” said Ray.

His interest in the Belties came as a youngster when he saw one for the first time at a neighbor’s farm. “Once you see one,

you don’t ever forget them. When our family was able to fence in some of our land, we all wanted a different breed of cattle for the farm, so my wife suggested we pull names out of a hat,” said Ray.

As luck would have it, the Belted Galloway breed was the pick. Fast forward to 2016, not only does the breed provide beef for his market, it provides a way to teach a new generation.

Families that come to their on-farm market often have their children along, something Ray feels helps in teaching them where their food comes from.

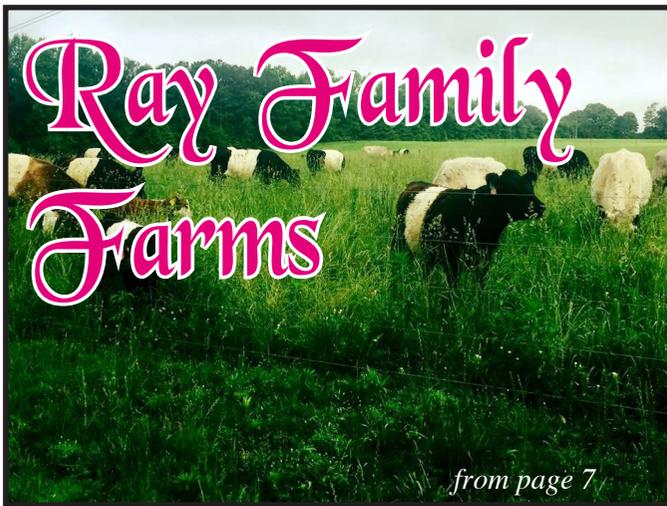
In fact, it was because of a customer looking for a way to get their children involved in showing cattle, that the Rays began their involvement in that part of the business.

“During that first trip to the fair, my wife and I were so afraid we’d have a cow running over people,” he said. “We were nervous and we didn’t have a clue.”

Those humble beginnings in the show ring with just two young people, has grown into a 4-H club of about 85 youth who do a variety of things on the farm, with 36 of them showing cattle.

“We show a lot and we want to give as many kids as possible an opportunity,” said Ray. “Most of these children don’t come from farms and it proves to us that every one of

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them has the desire to connect to agriculture. We just have to give them a chance and we know working with these cattle will change their lives.”

And to date, no cows from Ray Family Farms have run over people at the fair!

At the end of the day, Chad and Jodi Ray understand the concept of agriculture and know that their breed of cattle need to have a purpose, and for his operation, it is for food. They have gone from selling beef from two steers a year to 30 per year. The Rays feel it is important to promote the breed in all ways; including the fact they are good mother cows, docile in nature, easy to maintain, and good for shows, to name a few.

“What we do works! It’s a team effort with my wife and my mom and dad. So it’s definitely a family farm,” he said. “If not for my wife Jodi and our parents, I don’t know what we’d do.”

Chad continues to work at his outside job and he tells others it may be difficult to do this for a living. But he also tells them, “You can do what we do, and have a wonderful life!”



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Open Heifers	\$3,750 Average
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Bulls	\$3,667 Average
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# Jane Faul Service Award

by Leanne Fogle, US Beltie News

The Belted Galloway Society's Council established The Jane Service Faul Award during 2014 to commemorate the memory of the late Jane Faul from Battletown, Kentucky. Jane was a Belted Galloway breeder, Council member, and Society contractor who worked tirelessly for over two decades to promote the Belted Galloway breed. The presentation of the award celebrates her spirit of dedication and commitment. Past president Marlin Sherbine explained Jane's service to the breed: *I have served on a lot of boards and belonged to many organizations and I have never encountered anyone so energized or devoted to a single cause and to the Belted Galloway breed. The Jane Faul Service Award will not be annual, but presented from time-to-time by the Executive Director and Newsletter offices to a member who has shown outstanding support and service in the administration of the Belted Galloway Society.*

**Michelle Ogle**, Bedminster, New Jersey is the first individual to receive the award for her 20+ years of energy and devotion in the administration of the Belted Galloway breed. Michelle has spent two eight-year terms on Council and has served as the chairman of many committees throughout the years. She was the 1995 inaugural show organizer of the Belted Galloway show at the Big E (Eastern States Exposition) in Springfield, Massachusetts and she organized the Belted Galloway shows and the former Select Sale in Louisville, Kentucky. Following a three-year sabbatical after the birth of her daughter, Michelle returned to chair the committees that administrate the annual National Open/Junior Belted Galloway shows and the Premium Belted Galloway Sale in Louisville, Kentucky. Her second term on Council began in 2012 and she served as the president of the Belted Galloway Society from 2013-2015. Michelle continues in the administration of the Society as past president on the executive committee. During Michelle's term of president, she led the redesign of [beltie.org](http://beltie.org) and promotional literature. Michelle's dedication and commitment to the breed was achieved during her position for 20+ years as the manager of the 70 cow-herd, 500-acre Southdown Farm in rural Bedminster.



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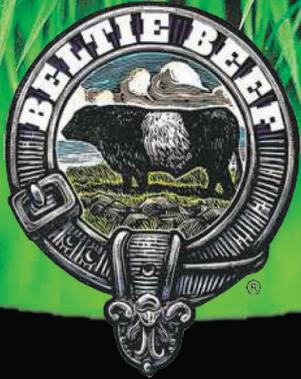
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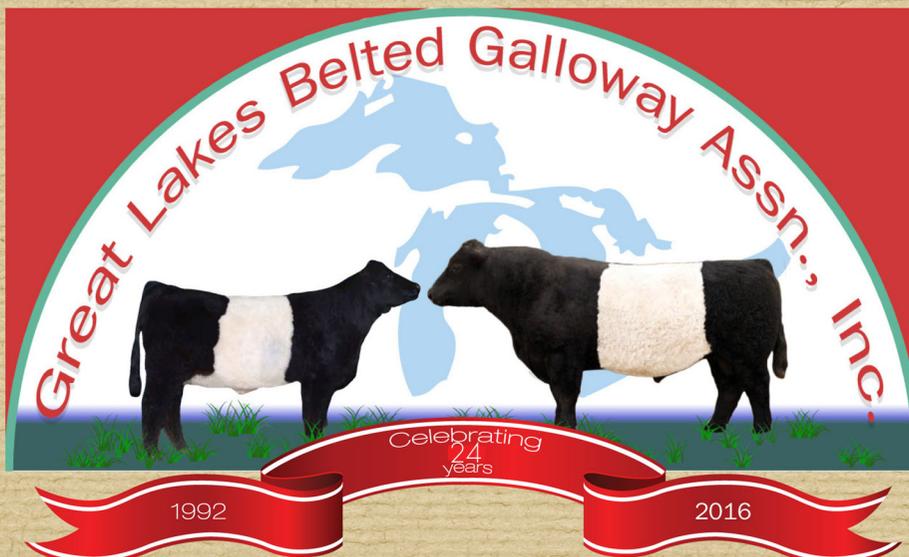
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# Point Show Awards

During 2015 the following animals and exhibitors are honored for earning the highest show points. Throughout the calendar year, the Society recorded the placements for each animal entered in a Belted Galloway show. Animals that are shown, along with their dams and sires, accumulate lifetime points toward a Silver, Gold, or Platinum distinction.

## BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR, SUNNYBROOK FARMS

is located in Belvidere, Illinois and owned by the Terry and Julie Willis family. They shared, "The Sunnybrook herd is bred for a combination of quality, carcass, and conformation that will perform in the show ring and in the pasture. This is not just a fancy saying for marketing, but the foundation we have used for developing our herd over the years." The farm has around 20 proven Belted Galloway females. They have produced or developed four show females of the year, five show bulls of the year, three dams of the year, six sires of the year, and four cow/calf pairs

of the year. The Willis family recognizes the support they have received. They stated, "This award is almost impossible without the help of our awesome customers and Beltie friends. We would like to sincerely thank all our Beltie friends who have helped us throughout the show season. And thank you to all of our customers, especially the juniors, from coast-to-coast that have had confidence in our program."

Over the past 15 years, the Willis family has 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 their herd. The cattle who have won awards have produced progeny who have continued the tradition of winning the same awards as previous generations. Thus, they have created breeding cattle with generations of predictable performance packed into their pedigrees. The end result is a uniform and consistent calf crop that is successful and performs for the Willis family. They stated, "Being named Breeder of the Year is the ultimate praise for a breeding program and we appreciate all of our present and future customers."



## SHOW FEMALE OF THE YEAR, OATLEY'S FARM

**IVY 37517-B** was bred by Victoria Oatley of Oatley's Farm in Exeter, Rhode Island and owned by Ethan Oatley. She is sired by Platinum Lifetime Award winning Driftwood Kingsize (AI) 8095-B. Her dam is the Platinum Lifetime Award winner Spurwink Magnolia 19908. Victoria received Magnolia through the New England Heifer Project in 2002. Ivy has been described as being massively built with extreme depth of rib. She was awarded Supreme Overall Heifer at the Union Fair, Maine; Reserve Belted Galloway Heifer at Fryeburg Fair, Maine. She was also a division winner at both Eastern States in Maryland and the National Belted Galloway Show at the NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky. *Runner-up – Aldermere Amazement (A19) (AI) (ET) 36916-D.*

## SHOW BULL OF THE YEAR, OATLEY'S FARM

**EDGE 38139-B** was bred by Victoria Oatley, Oatley's Farm in Exeter, Rhode Island and he is owned by Ethan Oatley. Edge is sired by the Platinum Lifetime award winner Ashleigh Signature [AUS] 617. His dam is the Lifetime Gold Award winner Oatley's Farm Azalea 20200B. He is described as being stunning from the side profile and extremely feminine through his front one-third, a true heifer maker in the making. He was awarded Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull at Skowhegan State Fair, Maine; Supreme Overall Bull at Union Fair, Maine; Reserve Champion Belted Galloway Bull at Eastern States, Maryland and Fryeburg Fair, Maine. Edge was the reserve in his division at the National Belted Galloway Show in Louisville, Kentucky. *Runner-up – Sunnybrook Saturn 38363-B.*



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# Point Show Awards

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## SHOW COW CALF OF THE YEAR, SUNNYBROOK TEQUILA 26546-B

a platinum award winner is bred and owned by Sunnybrook Farms in Belvidere, Illinois. She is sired by the Platinum, and two-times Sire of the Year, Line-tree's Pistol Pete out of Circle R Florita, also a Platinum Lifetime Award winner. As a heifer, Tequila was successfully shown and her show results included Champion Female at the World Beef Expo. At nine years of age, Tequila easily maintains her soundness, udder quality, and eye appeal when she was named Champion Cow/Calf at the World Beef Expo. This was a feat very few females have accomplished in any breed. All of Tequila's progeny have been shown and have been named champions numerous times. Tequila is pictured with her heifer, Sunnybrook Sangria. Sangria was named Champion Female at the 2015 Kathi Jurkowski National Junior Show and Calf Champion in the 2015 National open show in Louisville, Kentucky. Sangria was also named Champion Female at the 2015 Indiana Hoosier Beef Expo.



## SHOW DAM OF THE YEAR, ALDERMERE XANDERLEE 32345-B

continues her legacy in 2015 as one of the signature females at Aldermere Farm of Rockport, Maine. After being undefeated in 2011, her final win as a show heifer was the National Grand Champion Heifer at Louisville, Kentucky. Later that year, she was named Show Female of the Year. Aldermere Farm celebrated her success in the show ring but is even more excited about her genetic contribution to their herd and the breed. Xanderlee produced the 2014 Show Female of the Year, PCSC Step Aside 5A (AI) (ET) 36320-B, purchased as an embryo by Matt Thurston from Maine. Xanderlee had a total of four progeny who showed very well during 2015 who accumulated the show points needed for Xanderlee to be awarded Show Dam of the Year. Three offspring were sired by Anderson Hill Bop Man 10615-D and full siblings to PCSC Step Aside 5A (AI) (ET). Xanderlee is the daughter of Gold Lifetime Award winner, Aldermere Shoshana



nah 27238-B, and previous National Grand Champion Bull and Platinum Lifetime Award achiever, Aldermere Lance 8071-B. Aldermere Farm is owned and operated by Maine Coast Heritage Trust. *Runner-up – Spurwink Magnolia 19908.*

## SHOW SIRE OF THE YEAR, SOUTHDOWN UNIQUE 9U 11781-B

was bred by Michelle Ogle of Southdown Farms in New Jersey and is owned by Jay and Liz Dausman of Countyline Belties in Indiana. Unique was named Sire of the Year in 2011 with his first calf crop and followed as runner-up Sire of the Year in 2012. His first calf, Sunnybrook Symphony, was the 2010 Champion Female at the World Beef Expo as a weaned calf. She went on to be named Champion Female at the 2011 Denver Stock Show. Unique has gone on to sire a Show Female of the Year, a Show Bull of the Year, two runner-up Show Females of the Year, a runner-up Show Bull of the Year, a World Beef Expo Grand Champion Female, Bull and Steer, and Sunnybrook Gracie--Grand Champion Heifer at the Indiana State Fair. He sired the 2015 Champion Female and Steer at the Kathi Jurkowski National Junior Show, in addition to, Meadowood Braelynn—the 2015 National Grand Champion Female in Louisville, Kentucky. His son, Sunnybrook Saturn, was also the Supreme Champion Bull at the 2015 Sandwich Fair in Sandwich, Illinois, besting 56 other bulls representing seven breeds. At seven years of age, Unique continues to consistently transfer his thickness, length, bone, and correctness into his progeny and grand progeny. *Runner-up – Meadowood X-man 33650-B.*





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# Belted Galloway Junior Association

By Leanne Fogle, US Beltie News

The Belted Galloway Junior Association is comprised of members who are ages eight to 21 years. Our leadership structure includes a Belted Galloway Society Council representative and area leaders. Each area has multiple volunteers who help with programs and fundraising.

As one travels to various Belted Galloway Society sponsored events across the country, the Belted Galloway Junior Association always has a strong presence. Each area is encouraged to develop youth programs specific to that region and conduct fundraising activities.

Any youth interested in the Belted Galloway breed may enroll by joining the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. as a junior member paying \$20 in annual dues. Membership applications are available on [beltie.org](http://beltie.org). The Belted Galloway Junior Association will turn 20 in 2016. Look for special activities during the 2016 North American International Belted Galloway Show in Louisville, Kentucky.



ABOVE: The National Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. (photo credit: Leanne Fogle, Illinois)



The Northeast Regional Junior National Belted Galloway Show. (photo credit: Dustin James, Maine)



ABOVE: The Midwest Classic in Pecatonica, Illinois (photo credit: Liz Dausman, Indiana)

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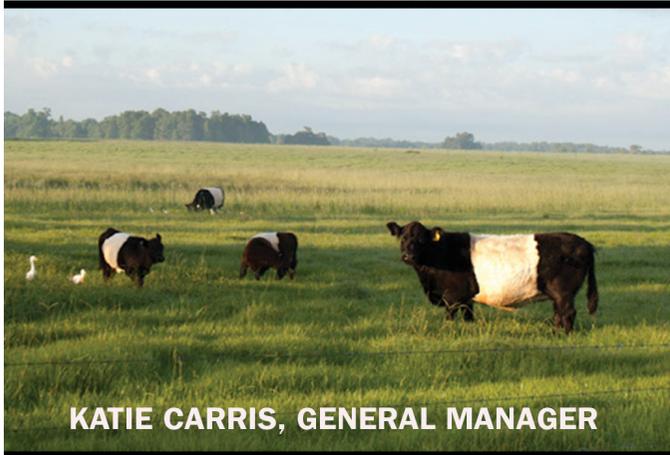


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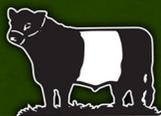
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# Belted Galloway cattle at the Abbey of Regina Laudis



**As** visitors approach the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, Connecticut they can sometimes catch a glimpse of black cows with a white belt grazing in the green pastures.

“I guess it is fitting that we have mainly black cows with a white belt; we do wear black and white habits,” laughed Sister Augusta Collins, the manager of the beef herd.

The Abbey of Regina Laudis has two belted breeds on the farm, Belted Galloway and Dutch Belted, but Sister Augusta points out the white belt is the only thing they have in common.

## ***A Breed of Stewardship***

The docile black cows with the unique white belt were not the first beef breed to graze the fields of the Abbey. When Mother Stephen introduced cattle to the agriculture operation in the 1960s she began with Shorthorn cattle and through the years interbred with Angus, Charolais and Simmental.

“I became in charge of the hay, pastures, and beef herd when Mother Stephen became ill. At that time we had a mixed breed of cattle,” said Sister Augusta. “We conferred and decided to get back to a single breed.”

Sister Augusta talked about researching breeds that would be suited for the weather and lands. The sisters first had considered Galloway, but when offered a donation of a Belted Galloway bull and a heifer they happily accepted.

“Mother Dolores’ uncle and aunt raised Belted Galloway

in Michigan, and they offered to give us a bull and a heifer,” explained Sister Augusta. “That is when we started our Belted Galloway herd.”

Sister Augusta laughed as she told the story of when she and Mother Telchilde drove from the Abbey to Gobles, Michigan to pick up the new bull and heifer from Vance and Gladys Kincaid. The journey in 2000 was not only the beginning of the Belted Galloway herd at the abbey, but the beginning of a new method of raising beef on the farm.

Adding the Belted Galloway breed to their cattle herd has allowed the sisters to transition their farming operation to one with a greater focus on conservation and stewardship practices in the field. Originally we raised corn for silage along with hay, but they found Belted Galloway were such good grazers there wasn’t a need to raise silage.

“When you plow the land it is a lot of work and you are also diminishing the organic matter in the soil,” stated Sister Augusta. “Belted Galloways are a very healthy good grazing breed. If you cultivate healthy pastures, you can just point them in the right direction and they are very self-reliant.

Today their herd is grass-fed and supplemented with hay in the winter months. By focusing on grazing lands and raising hay the sisters are able to maintain and improve the land while not taking on the additional work required with the production of silage. The sisters have been able to improve grazing with

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# The Abbey of Regina Laudis

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assistance from the NRCS, by receiving funding for fencing and other projects on the farm.

“We have over 100 acres in pasture today that we rotationally graze and cut for hay,” said Sister Augusta. “We have also started grazing after the second cutting on some of our hay fields, which helps improve the land.”

She explained that the abbey has taken advantage of several Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) programs that have been offered over the years to help farmers implement conservation practices on the farm.

“We have always had a focus on conservation and in the 1990s we received a River Restoration grant that allowed us

to protect an area of wetlands on the farm with high tensile fencing. We were also able to use grant funds at that time to create two cattle crossings so the cattle would not go through the wetlands and streams to get to the pastures.”

Recently they received an EQIP grant to build a new bull barn in a heavy use area. The funds allowed them to take down an old barn, build the new small structure, and put in place a conservation plan to reduce runoff during the rainy and winter months for the heavy use area.

“It is a small beautiful structure that has helped to improve our operation and the land, since we have to keep animals in the barn at times during the winter,” said Sister Augusta. “We have a wetland downhill from the heavy use area, and the new barn has been a huge help in conservation efforts.”

The abbey is very excited to see all the changes implemented on the farm thanks to these conservation programs. They hope to implement the final phase of the rotational grazing plan this fall with the addition of field watering systems, as they continue to strive to develop the optimal rotational grazing plan for their operation.

“The rotational grazing will allow us to manage the pastures and hay fields for our herd of 14 breeding animals, the new Belted Galloway bull we purchased last year, steers being raised for beef, and the 10 new gorgeous calves,” said Sister Augusta. “We will continue to breed animals for use at the Abbey and to sell, but we have no plans of expanding our



operation. We plan to remain a sustainable grass-fed operation and are comfortable with our current numbers. Expanding too much would mean moving into a direction where the animals would be more confined due to increasing numbers.

### *A Faith of Stewardship*

The Belted Galloway herd is just one part of the rich agricultural tradition the small monastic community has embraced in their stewardship efforts since Mother Benedict founded the abbey in 1946.

Mother Benedict, born Vera Duss, was a United States citizen by birth but lived most of her early life in France with her mother. She became a surgeon after receiving her Doctorate in Medicine from the Sorbonne. She left that behind in 1936 when she heard the Lord's calling and entered the Benedictine Abbey of Notre Dame de Jouarre. During World War II, Jouarre and the Abbey were occupied by the Germans. As an American, Mother Benedict spent the war in hiding. As she watched the American soldiers liberate the village and abbey, she decided it was her calling to give something back to her home country.

"Mother Benedict decided she would give back by establishing a monastic foundation in the United States," explained Sister Augusta. "She had originally planned to establish a monastery in Virginia, but she was shown hospitality by an artist in this community. When a piece of land was offered by a local businessman, she decided to establish the monastery in Bethlehem."

Mother Benedict along with Mother Mary Aline started the Abbey of Regina Laudis on just a small piece of land, and through the years the Abbey has grown to the more than 400 acres that the sisters' care for today. Taking care of God's creation and working the land has always been a focus of the small monastic community of cloistered nuns.

"Saint Benedict set a standard that has made Benedictines environmentally conscious from the beginning of their history," explained Sister Augusta. "If we look back on the first monasteries, the monks were tied to the land for survival, so they tended the land as they tended their faith. Mother Benedict



continued this tradition when she planted the first vegetable garden at the abbey."

Sister Augusta explained that in the 1950s when Mother Stephen joined the community she took her knowledge from growing up on a farm in Minnesota and expanded the vegetable gardens, orchards, and introduced pigs and sheep into the operation. In the 1960s the abbey received a gift of two Shorthorn beef cattle. Thus the relationship between the land and the cows was born.

"We had just acquired a piece of land in the center of the farm, a beautiful farmhouse and pasture, when we got the cattle," said Sister Augusta. "It was then that we started to raise the animals to provide food for the community and as a source of income for the abbey."

In the 1970s, as the abbey grew, the farm slowly continued to expand with the introduction of new machinery that allowed the sisters to begin raising silage and hay for the livestock. As Mother Stephen and others, such as Mother Ruth who cared for the sheep grew older, Lady Abbess (Mother Benedict) recognized the importance of educating the next generation to continue the agriculture operation. So in the 1990s Sister Augusta, along with two other nuns, were sent to the University of Connecticut to pursue advanced degrees in agricultural studies.

"None of us were born on farms, and we didn't have that land based background. We just learned by working with Mother Stephen and others in the community," explained Sister Augusta. "I got my masters and PhD in agronomy; Mother Telchilde Hinckley got a masters and PhD in animal science; and, Mother Noella Marcellino in cheese microbiology. Working at the abbey dairy, Mother Noella had developed a surface ripened cheese that was based on the technique taught her by a French cheese master, and she has laid the groundwork for many new cheese makers to arise in the community."

All the products produced on the farm are served at meals or sold to the public at the Monastic Art Shop on the grounds of the abbey. The array of products produced at the abbey includes cheeses, jams and jellies, herbal teas, flavored vinegars, herbs, crafts, greeting cards and beauty products. The art shop also sometimes has a variety of leather products made from the

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Farmington Fair  
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## **SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2016. SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

Richard Anderson Belted Galloway Show  
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## **NOVEMBER 5, 2016. MCKINNEY, TEXAS**

Southwest Belted Galloway Association Gathering and  
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## **NOVEMBER 16, 2016. LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

The National Belted Galloway Open Show  
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## **NOVEMBER 16, 2016. LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.**

The Belted Galloway Society Annual General Meeting  
and Dinner 6:30 pm at Hilton Garden Inn.  
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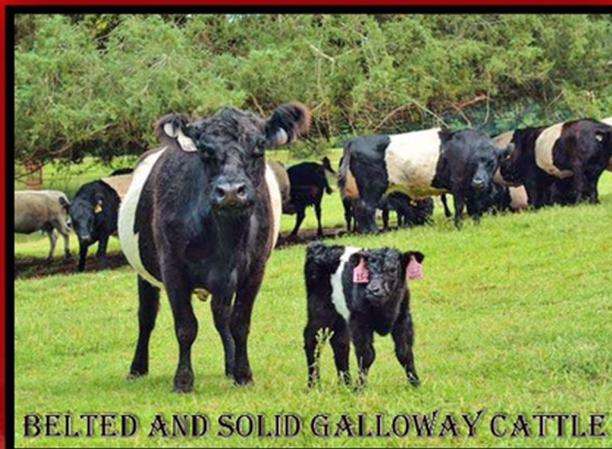
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# The Abbey of Regina Laudis

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hides of the Belted Galloway cattle raised on the farm.

“When we get the hide back from the butcher, rather than see it be burned or composted,” said Sister Augusta, “we begin scraping it in preparation for tanning. We are not able to work every hide, but we do as often as we can. We value each part of the animal, especially the beautiful hides that will survive long after the animal is gone.”

When time and assistance allows the sisters use the hides to make a variety of wonderful products including purses, belts, book covers, and pen carriers. Sadly for customers, the beef products you will not find in the Monastic Art Shop are the fresh individual cuts of beef.

“We do not have the facilities to process individual cuts of meat to sell retail, so we contract with individuals that buy beef halves. We have sold beef that way for over 10 years and have a steady customer base,” explained Sister Augusta. “We do serve our grass-fed beef at meals and to guests that visit the abbey.”

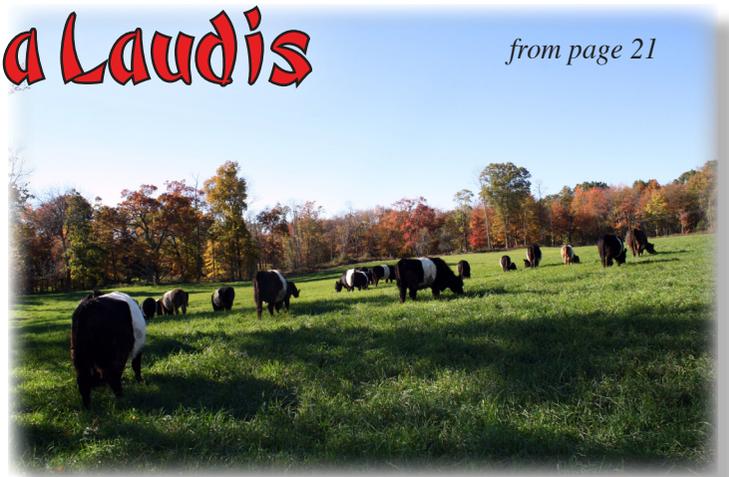
## *A Life of Stewardship*

The Abbey of Regina Laudis hosts a number of guests each year for short visits, which allows its visitors to pray and work with the monastic community and possibly partake in our agricultural practices first hand if they desire. For those individuals wanting to immerse themselves in the life at the Abbey, there is the intensive yearlong internship program that has become an integral part of sustainability and outreach of the abbey operations.

“Young men and women who are looking for a spiritually based experience in crafts, land work, and studies can apply for the internship program,” explained Sister Augusta. “They do not receive pay for their work, but live in houses on the land, share in meals with other guests, and at the end of the program, receive a diploma in the area of concentration they choose.”

The majority of interns at the Abbey are young people in their 20s who are getting ready to enter college, taking a year off before graduate school, or taking some time off between jobs. All interns work in various areas at the abbey.

“I have the opportunity to teach the interns about the cattle, the equipment we use taking care of the fields, especially for the hay operation by raking and tedding, and I teach them the importance of conservation and caring for the land,” said Sister Augusta. “These are a few of many areas available, such as work at the dairy with Mother Telchilde, and at the sheep with Mother Jadwiga. We see this as a great opportunity to pass on to young people a skill and a love for the land and animals, as Lady Abbess and other Mothers in

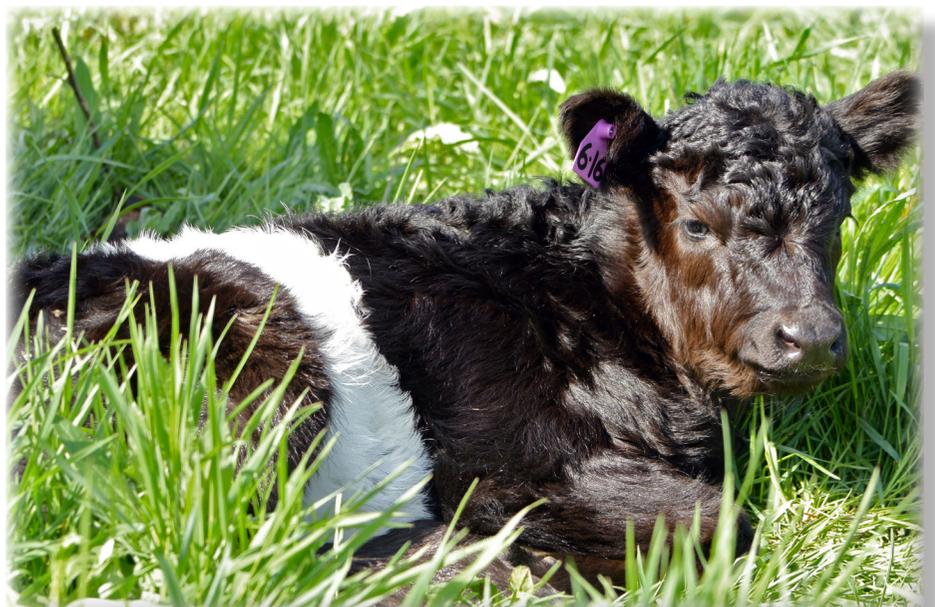


the community shared with us.”

Sister Augusta sees the internship program as a mutually beneficial experience. It provides the small monastic community with assistance on the farm and in operations at the abbey. The sisters also share with the interns their experience of a life of stewardship and Christian faith. Interns can go to prayer services and Mass at the Abbey, plus they commune together at meals and at work on the farm.

“It is important for the interns to make that one year commitment, to see and work all the seasons on the farm,” said Sister Augusta. “That year provides the interns an opportunity to learn new skills and an environment to encourage personal growth.”

The cloistered Benedictine nuns at the Abbey of Regina Laudis, while small in number, have created a thriving sustainable farming operation with their strong foundation in stewardship and faith in God. Like the unique and self-reliant Belted Galloway herd that grazes on the pastures of the abbey land, the sisters at the abbey have been pointed in the right direction and have proven they can survive and thrive on the land.



# Chatfield Memorial Scholarship

By Leanne Fogle, US Beltie News

The Belted Galloway Foundation is a separate non-profit organization funded by generous donations, bequests, and periodic auctions. In addition, the Foundation funds the A.H. Chatfield Jr. Memorial Scholarships, which each year provide \$1000 in assistance to three deserving students. The selection process includes judging each applicant's written essay and factors leadership participation, community service, scholastic standing, and extracurricular activities.



Autumn Clair

**Autumn Clair, Chesterville, Maine** is a 2016 graduate of Mt. Blue High School, Farmington, Maine and will seek an associate degree in agribusiness at Iowa Lakes Community College, Esterville, Iowa.

Autumn began showing Belted Galloway cattle through 4-H. She leased animals

and later bought her first heifer from Aldermere Farm of Rockport, Maine. She later purchased more heifers to add to her Boulder Cattle Company herd. Autumn raised a Belted Galloway steer every year to sell at 4-H auctions.

Autumn credits the friendships that she has made in the Belted Galloway breed and the opportunities to show locally and at national shows. She has photographed the breed for promotion and sponsored a beef clinic for a 4-H beef club in New Hampshire.

“I have found something extraordinary in the Belted Galloway breed that not many other breeds possess. The Belted Galloway breed has a community of people promoting and continuously trying to better the breed. I am proud to say that I am a part of the community.”

**Lauren Guptill, Waldoboro, Maine** is a sophomore at the University of Maine-Orono and majoring in animal science.

Lauren became part of the family business of raising Belted Galloway cattle when she was a five-year-old following in the footsteps of her mother. Lauren is a third generation member of Prock Ridge Farm, raising Belted Galloway cattle since 1977. Lauren showed Belted Galloway cattle for many years in 4-H and at national shows.



Lauren Guptill

Her years of maintaining a Belted Galloway herd have given her the opportunity to learn nutrition, hay production, herd health, sire selection, and conformation.

Lauren is now expanding her bovine knowledge by working at the J.F. Witter Teaching and Research Farm in Old Town, Maine.

“Although I milk Holstein cattle, I talk with visitors daily about different beef breeds, specifically Belted Galloways. When asked what is the best beef breed to raise for meat, I inform the public about the nutritional benefits of Belted Galloway beef. Additionally, I also wrote a dietary analysis paper for one of my classes. I can declare that I have dedicated a great majority of my life to raise and promote Belted Galloway cattle.”

**Frances Pendleton, Rockport, Maine** is a 2016 graduate of Camden Hills Regional High School in Rockport and will major in biology at the University of Maine-Orono. Frances became involved with Belted Galloway cattle at the age of eleven when she joined the after school program, Farm Hands, sponsored by Aldermere Farm in Rockport, Maine. She joined the Aldermere Achievers 4-H club and has been a six-year member showing Belted Galloway cattle. Frances also works at Aldermere Farm, leading farm tours, mentoring youth, interacting with the public, and shares information about sustainable agricul-

ture. Frances feels Belted Galloway cattle have taught her a strong work ethic because of the day-to-day care required to exhibit cattle. She has had the opportunity to show Belted Galloway cattle across the state of Maine and at the National Belted Galloway Show. Leadership and community are very important to Frances and she has volunteered extensively.

The years that Frances has spent at Aldermere Farm have given her an understanding of the mission of the farm's founder A.H. Chatfield Jr. to protect the land and cattle that he left in trust.

"I believe Mr. Chatfield understood that sustainable agriculture begins with people, and he was ensuring the sustainability of the Belted Galloway community by forevermore providing opportunities for people, especially youth, to grow to love the Belted Galloway breed as he did."



Frances Pendleton



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# 2015 JOURNAL REPORT

– Vic Eggleston, DVM, Executive Director



**T**he Belted Galloway Society continues to grow each year. Our total membership for 2015 topped 1,080 and the number of new members was 223, both are new records. The interest in Belted Galloway cattle from consumers and breeders is increasing every year. Beef consumers are becoming more concerned about how the animals that provide their beef are raised. As a result, interest in breeds that are known to thrive in low-impact, sustainable pasture environments are in demand. What great news for the Belted Galloway breed! The Council has voted to continue offering complimentary memberships to new members that either register or transfer animals at the time they apply for membership. That strategy has helped encourage new breeders to become involved with the breed and Society activities.

The 2015 Annual General Meeting was held in Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exhibition. Belted Galloway activities there included the Kathi Jurkowski National Junior Show and National Belted Galloway Show. The Premium Belted Galloway Sale was held again this year in the form of a video presentation immediately after the Annual General Meeting. Sale animals were on exhibit prior to the sale. Plans are underway to expand the 2016 junior show activities to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Belted Galloway Junior Association.

The Society's newsletter, the US Beltie News, has received many positive comments since instituting the printing of the newsletter in color.

The Council established a contract with the UC Davis veterinary genetics laboratory to test hair samples for hypotrichosis as of July 1, 2015. A number of members have taken advantage of the opportunity to test individual animals for hypotrichosis since the test was made available at the UC Davis.

The 26<sup>th</sup> National Belted Galloway Sale was held in Fryeburg, Maine this past April in conjunction with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Northeastern Regional Junior National Show. The sale continues to set the bar for Belted Galloway sales in the United States. The junior show included competitions such as a photo contest, public speaking opportunities, team marketing, a bake-off, and showmanship.

A number of shows that feature Belted Galloways continue to thrive. There are several shows in the Northeast that feature a significant number of Belties such as, Union and Skowhagen fairs in Maine. Large market venues include the Belted Galloway shows at Big-E in Massachusetts, and the Fryeburg Fair in Maine, which had 85 entries in 2015. During the summer months, the Midwest has two exclusive Belted Galloway shows; the annual Midwest Classic and the semi-annual Belties Unlimited. Every fall, the World Beef Expo has a Belted Galloway show.

The statistics produced by the CLRC indicate the number of the registered Belted Galloways in the United States is at an all-time high. Texas has the largest number of cattle with the states of New York, Wisconsin, and Maine following. The number of Society members per state continues the same trend.

Several members of the Council were recognized for other Beltie activities during 2015. President Michelle Ogle received the Richard Anderson recognition award for her dedication and contributions to the Belted Galloway breed at the Big-E. Vice-President Greg Hipple serves on the board of directors of the World Beef Expo in addition to working and showing his cattle there. Executive Director Vic Eggleston traveled to Reno, Nevada to speak at the Western Belted Galloway Association annual meeting, and past president Jon Bednarski traveled to the Fryeburg Fair Belted Galloway Show in Maine. In addition, Michelle Ogle was presented the first Jane Faul Service award. Jon Bednarski was awarded the Harry T. Burn award at the Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Belted Galloway Society continues to use EDJE Technologies to update and maintain the Society's website. EDJE was instrumental in the design of Society's new logo and is coordinating the membership survey.

Thanks to the efforts of Jon Bednarski, the Society's logo apparel is available through Land's End that offers a great variety of clothing options.

The World Galloway Congress was held in Gretna Green, Scotland in August of this year. Organizers enjoyed the largest attendance the Congress has ever had. Well over 20 Belted Galloway Society members from the United States attended.

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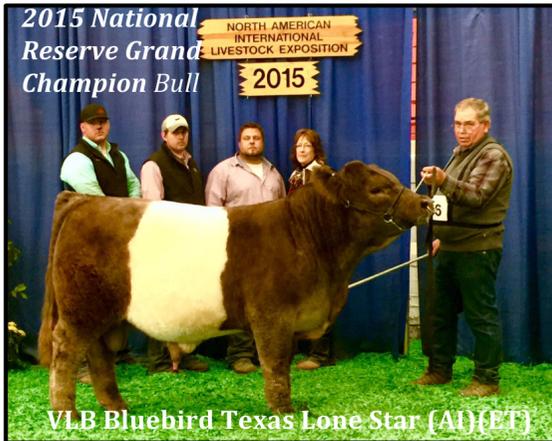
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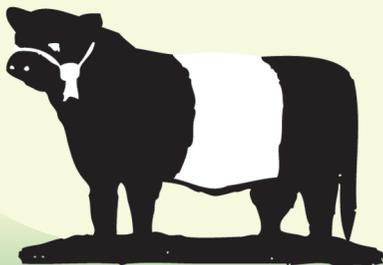
**Jon Bednarski**, LaGrange, Kentucky has served on the Society's Council becoming the president from 2010-2012. He has been a member of the executive committee and chaired the advertising and promotion committee. Jon spent three years traveling



across the United States interviewing Belted Galloway breeders and featuring them in the US Beltie News. He is a coordinator in the production of the annual Belted Galloway Journal and now serves as the president of the Belted Galloway Foundation. He is also the treasurer of the Belted Galloway Society. Jon and Sylvia Bednarski's Sherwood Acres Farm won the prestigious Leopold Conservation Award for Kentucky and received the 2014 National Cattlemen's Beef Association Environmental Stewardship Award for the 17-state region. He began his Belted Galloway herd in 2002 and now direct markets his beef through farmers' markets, a chain of grocery stores and several restaurants. His farm, Sherwood Acres, has been featured in many magazines promoting conservation practices and Belted Galloway cattle.

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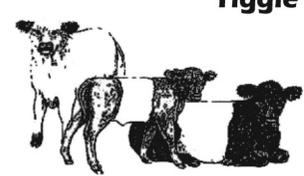
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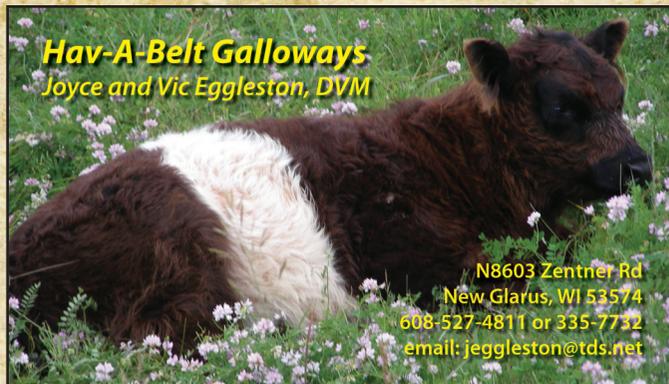


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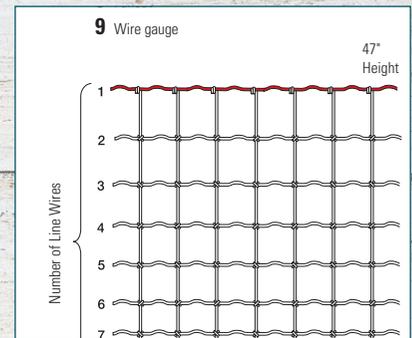
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