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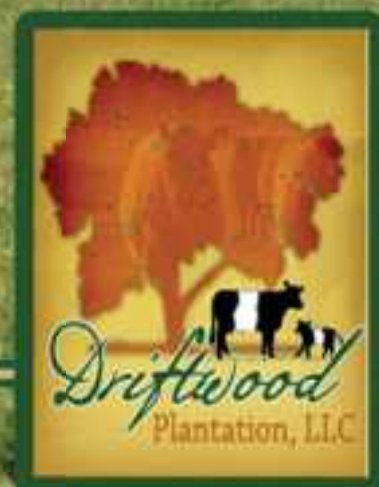
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From the President



Ron Howard, President
Belted Galloway Society, Inc.

This *Belted Galloway Journal* is a symbol of the seemingly rapid evolution our Society has taken in the last few years.

It started with the transition to CLRC for our herd registries, following a series of outstanding private individuals who acted as our secretaries and record keepers. Next, we were able to upgrade the secretary position and contracted with Vic Eggleston to be our first executive director. Then a number of prestigious publications were pleased to work with us to promote our breed. Finally, after a number of highly successful annual publications, led primarily by the outstanding work of Jane Faul, we have been able to contract with Naylor, LLC, to produce this journal.

Why so many changes and opportunities within a relatively short timeframe? To me, there are two primary reasons for the shift. As a breed, we see continued expansion across the country; we see the quality of animals improving; there are exhibitions where Belted Galloways not only compete well against other breeds but have beaten them and, the distinct beauty of the breed in combination with their outstanding carcass traits have made them perfect for the growing “eat local” movement.

Secondly, while we love our hobbyist members, we also continue to gain breeders who study their animals’ genetics and performance and who appreciate services and support to complement and promote their work. They are investing time and money in their animals and deserve the tools and resources to support their efforts.

As we all know, change can lead in at least two directions! We are VERY fortunate to have a breed that possesses, as one of its strengths, the fact that it has not undergone rapid changes for the sake of pursuing a temporary fad, but has remained true to its roots and strengths. If we all keep that foremost in mind, I am extremely confident that history will report favorably on these exciting evolutionary changes.

Ron Howard

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The Belted Galloway Society, Inc.

The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. was established in the 1950s to maintain a registry, to promote the breed and to provide services to members. Early membership began with three people. By the 1980s membership rose to 150 members and today membership totals 860 members.

The Society is directed by a president, vice-president and immediate past-president serving one one-year terms, and a six-member board elected by the membership to serve two-year terms.

Committees are appointed annually to work on breed promotion, long-range planning, youth activities, budgeting and breed promotion just to name a few. Most of the business of the Society is conducted by dedicated council members serving as volunteers.

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By Vic Eggleston, Executive Director



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After several months of work programming, the Society registry and the CLRC developed programs specific to the Belted Galloway Society. The CLRC systems manager used many common routines for all the various associations and customized them for our Society while incorporating the particular rules, regulations and requirements set down by our bylaws. The next step was to transfer the existing member and animal data to CLRC.

The CLRC currently has a staff of nine persons under the direction of Ron Black, general manager. The staff has many years of experience and knowledge to offer. Two members of the CLRC staff are assigned to our members of the Belted Galloway Society.

In addition to the mentioned listed services, CLRC also maintains a section on its website where 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.



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- Recording of DNA test results
- Issuance of certificates, in a format approved by the Society, and membership cards
- Documents, including all envelopes and postage
- Completed documents fees received and charged
- Works with breeders to resolve problems
- Necessary computer hardware, software and upgrades
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The Belted Galloway Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit corporation created to engage in educational and scientific activities dedicated to the improvement of Belted Galloway cattle breed production and marketing practices, and encouraging youth involvement in beef production.

The Foundation is funded by generous donations, bequests and annual auctions. Past projects include providing every member of the Society the Breeders Manual, the BYG Handbook sent to every junior member of the Society, grassfed trials conducted on a Bob Rose's donated Belted Galloway herd, plus awarding the A.H. Chatfield, Jr., Memorial Scholarship. The selection process includes judging each applicant's written essay, involvement in the Belted Galloway breed, leadership participation, community service and scholastic standing.

The 2010/2011 scholarship recipients are as follows:

Brianna Flanagan (MA)

In 2010 she was a second-year student enrolled in Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, Basseterre, St. Kitts, West Indies. Brianna previously received her B.S. in animal science at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, and was on the dean's list. Brianna's experiences with Belted Galloway cattle are numerous. From September 2005–May 2009 she served as president, and reproduction and records manager of the UMass Belted Galloway Group. William and Dayle Cark, Rocking M Ranch (MA), wrote, "Brianna encouraged, educated and helped the UMass Beltie Group grow and also assisted in the students' showing at national shows (Big E, Big East, and the Beef Expo in Fryeburg, ME)." Brianna has also assisted various Belted Galloway farms in the New England states. During 2009 Brianna organized a field day for UMass at Rocking M Ranch (MA). During the field day, students were given tours around the ranch teaching them how the farm operated. Students were taught how to evaluate cattle, how to properly fit cattle for show, how to work with show cattle and the day culminated with a show among the UMass students. Brianna explained that in the future, she is looking forward to owning her own Belted Galloway farm with the goal of using Belted Galloway cattle to educate others about agriculture.

Ross Fogle (IL)

A senior during 2010 at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, Ross graduated in 2011 with an undergraduate degree in agricultural science, agronomy. Ross was formerly a 12-year member of the Beltie Youth Group, and now at age 22, he serves as one of the advisors in the BYG Region 5. In 2009, he was the co-coordinator of the 2009 Camp Hope and The John Romine Memorial Show. Brad Angus, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL, wrote, "Ross is a tireless proponent of Belted Galloway cattle... he was quick to educate any and all students in his animal science classes about the utility and value of the breed. In my opinion, because of his knowledge and passion, his classmates are more knowledgeable and better advocates for a breed that they were previously unaware of." The GLBGA recently developed Ross's concept of a Belted Galloway semen catalog. Ross is also a livestock evaluator; he was formerly on the state of Illinois 4-H Livestock Judging Team, the Joliet Junior College Livestock Judging Team and the Western Illinois Livestock Judging Team. He was the High Individual Overall at the Sioux Empire Competition in South Dakota. Ross and four other teammates from WIU placed second overall at the 2010 Houston Stock Show in Texas. Ross communicated that he will always raise Belted Galloway cattle; it's what he does.



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Laura Mahoney (MA)

During 2010, Laura began her junior year as an animal science major at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. Laura has been admitted to Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine. Laura is a dedicated member of the UMass Belted Galloway Group and next semester is aspiring to be a teacher's assistant for the UMass Belted Galloway Group. Last semester, Laura was a teaching assistant in intro animal management at UMass. She taught portions of the labs, made up quizzes and graded them. Prof. John Balise at the University of Massachusetts penned, "Laura is driven, confident, motivated, knowledgeable, compassionate and an inspired young woman. Laura seems to be a natural when working with animals." Laura is a graduate of Norfolk County Agricultural High School where she was first exposed to the school's Belted Galloway herd. Laura shared she instantly fell in love with the breed. She feels her animal experience is unique and diverse because she is always looking for new challenges and constantly expanding her animal education.

Victoria Oatley (RI)

Victoria will begin her sophomore year in August 2011 at Black Hawk College in Galva, IL. Victoria is an agriculture transfer student who is seeking a undergraduate degree in agribusiness. Victoria is currently on the Black Hawk Livestock Judging Team and will travel throughout the U.S. evaluating livestock with her team. She is a nine-year member of the Beltie Youth Group and has been involved in many agriculture clubs and organizations such as 4-H, FFA and the Rhode Island Beef Committee. Victoria attributes her success in the Belted Galloway breed through the New England Galloway Heifer Project. Victoria states because she was awarded her heifer, Spurwink Magnolia, she was able to establish the foundation of her Belted Galloway herd through Magnolia. A decade later, Victoria continues to use Magnolia's genetic foundation by developing, through a careful breeding program, many show winners and awards. Victoria's mentor, Sherry Griffiths (RI), wrote, "Victoria accomplishes the goals she sets for herself while remaining modest and genuine. Her friendly and sociable personality makes it a pleasure to be around Victoria."

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Francis Quimby (ME)

Francis will begin his freshmen year in the fall of 2011 at Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle, ME. Frank, as his friends call him, has a love for classic vehicles and tractors and will make his career path restoring these antiques. Frank has been a member of the BYG since 2007 and has shown his cattle at every Belted Galloway event in the New England area. Frank told us his aunt and uncle, Scot and Chris Adams, introduced him to the Belted Galloway breed several years ago. The Adams have been his mentors. He is determined to one day own his own farm and raise Belted Galloway cattle in an eco-sustainable environment. Frank loves the Beltie's gentle disposition and curious nature. He said that he finds Belted Galloway breeders to be honest, friendly and always willing to give tips or share their best animal husbandry practices. As Reva Merrill (ME), Somerset County cooperative extension aide, communicated, "Frank is an honorable and resourceful young man. He is dependable and committed to excellence in any task that involves his cattle or his responsibilities."

Audrey Wagner (IA)

Audrey will start college in August 2011 at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. Audrey will seek her undergraduate degree in animal science with her career goals to become a veterinarian. Audrey began raising Belted Galloway cattle in 2007. She manages her herd with minimal help from her family and feels a sense of accomplishment by doing the work herself. As she wrote, when she exhibits her cattle, she halter breaks them and prepares them for show by herself. Audrey works as a vet assistant for West Branch Animal Clinic in Tipton, IA. She is a member of the Beltie Youth Group, FFA, and 4-H. Audrey was named the BYG Member of the Year in Area 5 and is active in attending shows in the Great Lakes regions. Audrey told us she will always raise Belted Galloway cattle and plans to do so for future generations of her family. Randy Amosson (IA) stated, "Audrey has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition. She is definitely a leader rather than a follower. She displays this in all of her activities whether it be at her school, work or her numerous extracurricular activities. She has great sense of humor and is an absolute pleasure to be around."

Regional Groups

Join Fellow Breeders

In recent years, a number of regional groups for Belted Galloway breeders and others interested in the unique cattle were formed in support of the national Society. Each of the groups welcomes new members interested in the breed. Regional groups organize and sponsor events, educate and foster fellowship.

NEW ENGLAND GALLOWAY GROUP

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The New England Galloway Group (NEGG) was formed in 1995 to provide support and education for Belted Galloway and Galloway cattle breeders in the New England region. The NEGG is known primarily for its management of the Annual National Belted Galloway Sale in Fryeburg, Maine. The national sale is the longest running and most well known Belted Galloway sale in North America. The Belted Galloway heifers are donated to deserving youth recipients in an effort to foster new interest in the Beltie breed.

GREAT LAKES BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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GLBGA, formed in 1992, holds field days and educational clinics, exhibits animals at many fairs and expositions in the Great Lakes region, maintains home pages on the Internet and sponsors the Belted Galloway Show at the annual Wisconsin World Beef Expo at Milwaukee in late September. The GLBGA also sponsors the annual Midwest Classic in Pecatonica, IL in July. A newsletter called Great Lakes Belted Galloway News is published quarterly.

SOUTHERN BELTED GALLOWAY CATTLE ASSOCIATION

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Formed in the spring of 1994, the southern regional group holds meetings from time to time and has sponsored a Deep South Belted Galloway Sale at various locations.


TEXAS BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION


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


WESTERN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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Westerners formed their regional group in early 1995. The group meets annually, usually in October, and promotes the breed on their regional website with Beltie facts, a member directory and current events. 



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Harry T. Burn Award

BGS Congratulates Kathleen Jurkowski


Kathleen Jurkowski of Rockton, IL, was presented the Harry T. Burn Award during the 2010 Annual General Meeting for outstanding support and promotion of the Belted Galloway breed.

This award was established and funded in 1984 by his widow in memory of the late Harry T. Burn, TN, 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.

Kathleen Jurkowski has worked tirelessly since the early 1990s to promote youth programs and Belted Galloway cattle. She was the national leader for the Beltie Youth Group for many years. Every year, BYG members show at the Kathi Jurkowski National Junior Show in Louisville, KY. She chaired a committee that developed a selection guide for purchasing Belted Galloway cattle. In 2008, Kathi's dream of creating The Beltie Youth Group Handbook came to a real-



ity. Kathi serves as the public relations director of the Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association. Kathi and Jerry Jurkowski's Klover Korner Farm has been featured in many print publications.

"My hope is that I will make a difference in the lives of Beltie Youth Group members because they, in turn, have made a difference in mine," Kathi said. "I could not have done any of what I did, if it wasn't for good Beltie friends! I am the idea person, and I needed help along the way. For those that have ever helped me, and you know who you are, I thank you for your support and your friendship. After all, we all do it for the love of the breed and junior members!" 



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Family friend, Leancy Rupert, offered ranch tours of Silver Antler Ranch and an adjoining property. Leancy explained that the cattle graze on native Arizona fescue, blue gamma and tri-tip grasses. Often, 10 or more acres are needed to sustain one grazing animal. Hay is shipped in, and the cattle are fed forage pellets during winter months. The ranch is located at the base of the San Francisco Peaks and the Coconino National Forest. The main house, guest house and barn are all made of timbered logs. A spring-fed well, a half-mile deep, serves as the water source for the ranch.

Beautiful cattle, spectacular vistas and new perspectives were gained by visiting Silver Antler Ranch and learning how they raise Belted Galloway cattle in Arizona.

The remaining weekend's activities were held at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff. Saturday's conference featured Jon Bednarski (KY) and John Hamm (WI) on direct marketing beef, Shai Schendel (AZ) forage and conservation options for Arizona and Michael Caldwell, M.D., (WI) regarding nutritional properties of Belted Galloway beef. 



2010 Annual Meeting

The Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association and Wisconsin River Meats hosted a terrific educational weekend for the Belted Galloway Society's Annual General Meeting in South Central Wisconsin. The event, held October 15-17, 2010, was attended by Beltie enthusiasts.

Guest speakers were: Ron Black (Can.) Canadian Livestock Records Corporation; Rachel Fogle (IL) Area 5 Beltie Youth Group; Craig Saxe (WI) University of Wisconsin-Extension. Black gave an overview of CLRC registry service, website, membership info and animal identification. Fogle explained the origins of the Beltie Youth Group, Area 5 BYG activities, and presented The Harry T. Burn Award to Kathi Jurkowski of Rockton, IL. Saxe covered the basics of rotational grazing, understanding plant growth, how to set up grazing systems, fencing alternatives, watering and frost seeding.

The afternoon session began with two busloads of folks experiencing an adventurous, roundabout bus ride to John & Diane Hamm's Wisconsin River Farm. Upon arrival, guests toured Wisconsin River Meats, owned by John and his business partner, David Mauer. Four of the High Steaks Carcass Contest Beeves were hanging in the cooler room for guests to evaluate and judge. Attendees also viewed an entire side of Beltie beef with David Mauer explaining the various cuts and optimum marbling. Beef tasting and sausage sampling were yummy treats in the meat shop.

A Wisconsin farm-style lunch was served and tours were conducted of Wisconsin River Farm's cattle located adjacent to the beautiful Wisconsin River. Six Belted Galloway steers were entered in the High Steaks Carcass Contest. Keith Vandervelde of University of Wisconsin judged the carcasses. Wisconsin River Meats won the competition and Michelle Ogle (NJ) had a perfect score in the meat judging contest. Dr. Victor Eggleston demonstrated the proper tattoo technique and guests were able to try their new skills out under his skillful instruction.

Guests returned to the Ho-Chunk Conference Center for an evening banquet and silent auction to benefit the Belted Galloway Foundation, Inc.



A Rare Breed

By Julie Slaymaker

Sherry Fabina-Abney, one of the top hospital lawyers in the country, works until the cows come home. Then she goes home to them.

As she drives up the long, crunchy gravel road leading to her elegant home perched atop a hill in rural Johnson County, Fabina-Abney is greeted by her family's herd of purebred Belted Galloway cattle. It's a rare breed, indeed. According to the Belted Galloway Society, there are only approximately 14,000 registered Belties in the United States, belonging to about 1,000 breeders. The Abneys fell in love with the breed 12 years ago after seeing them on a farm they were considering buying.

Originating from Galloway in southwest Scotland, Belties are primarily raised for their quality marbled beef. "My family eats well," says Fabina-Abney as she and her husband, Eli Lilly manager Doug Abney, lean on the fence surrounding their wooded 18-acre property.

Doug, last year's Johnson County 4-H Council president, proudly shows visitors their spring-fed lake, the biggest sycamore tree in Johnson County ("So we've been told," Fabina-Abney says with a laugh), and the family's bull: 2,000-pound Max. Their first bull, Gus, was Doug's 16th wedding anniversary gift to his wife.

The bucolic farm is a far cry from the steel mills of Michigan City, where Fabina-Abney was raised by former University of Pennsylvania football standout John Fabina and his wife Suzanne Kiniry Fabina.

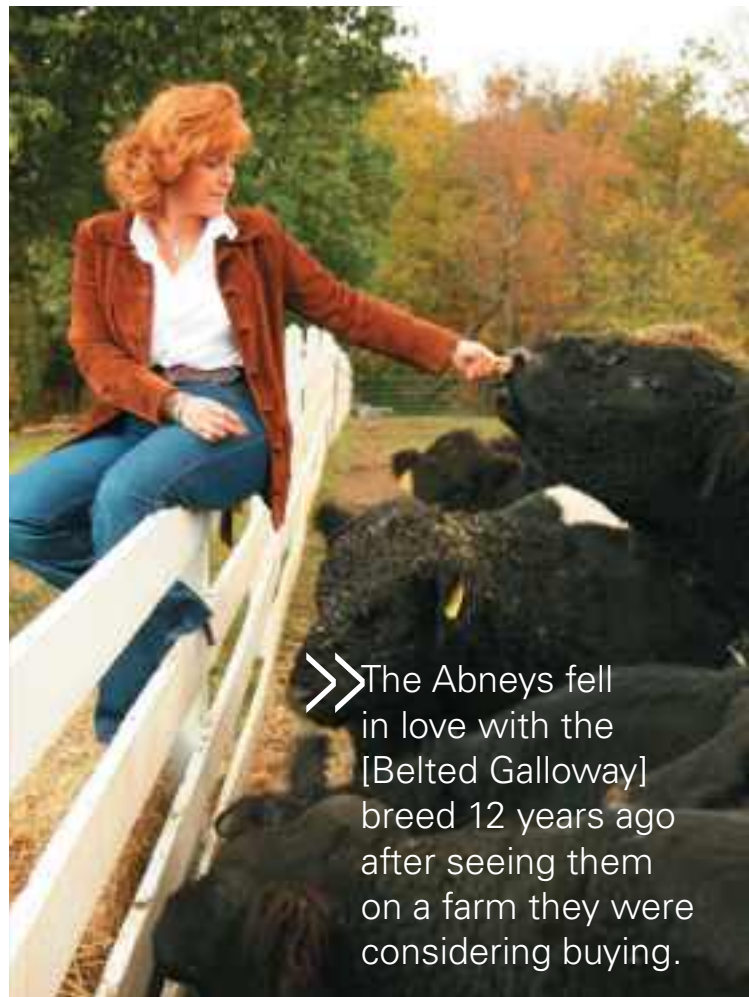
Early Beginnings

After graduating from Purdue University in 1985, Fabina-Abney moved to Bloomington to attend the Indiana University School of Law. While her favorite instructor was tort law professor Roger Dworkin—"If he had a cult, I would be a Dworkinite!" she says—it was professor Joseph Hoffman who recommended her as a judicial clerk to Judge Michael S. Kanne of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

"In making a trip to Chicago, we traveled up to the Indiana Toll Road and then to the Chicago Skyway," Kanne says. "Sherry was driving the vehicle, new to her, and I was reading legal briefs in the passenger seat."

"As we approached the toll booth on the Chicago Skyway, Sherry accidentally lowered both the driver's side and the passenger windows," he continues. "Once the toll was paid, we proceeded on but Sherry realized that the lowered windows had become inoperable. This was particularly attention grabbing because it was December and the temperature was hovering around zero degrees. The distance from the toll booth to the Dirksen Federal building downtown was approximately 15 miles."

Traveling at 65 miles per hour, the two got a bit chilly. "I know Sherry felt she was not making a very good impression on her new boss," Kanne says with a laugh.



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Fabina-Abney's car troubles didn't end there. As a second-year law student, she drove a clunker of a red 1972 Ford Maverick that Doug had bought and refurbished for her. "I called it The Bloodmobile because it leaked transmission fluid," Fabina-Abney says.

"On my way to the interview at Ice Miller, I was driving downhill, past the IU football stadium when the brakes went out on the car," she says. "I kept pressing on the brake but there was absolutely nothing. I was picking up speed when I spotted a huge bush in front of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. I went for it!"

The Bloodmobile came to a stop. In her only suit, Fabina-Abney frantically rushed into the church where ladies were preparing for a rummage sale in the basement.

"I apologized for damaging their bush, gave them my insurance information and told them that I would call for a tow truck," she says. "Then I walked to the Hertz on Walnut Street, rented a car and got to the interview on time. I was too embarrassed to mention the events of the morning."

She didn't get an offer for the firm's summer program. But after working at Callahan & Riley, Ice Miller partner Harry Gonso offered her a summer position at the firm. "I laminated his letter and it hangs in my office to this day," she says.

Fabina-Abney joined Ice Miller in 1989, and now provides litigation, risk management and general legal services to hospitals and health care entities.

High Praise

Client James Alender, president and CEO of Kokomo's Howard Regional Health System, sings her praises. "Sherry has counseled with Howard Region Health System for over 12 years on issues specific to the laws affecting the relationship between our hospital and our medical staff. She brings creativity to her role, building consensus and devising solutions in what are often emotionally charged situations. By taking the time to get to know the people she works with, Sherry is able to transcend political and personality-driven issues."

A graduate of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, Fabina-Abney has served as a precinct committeewoman, delegate to the Indiana State Republican Convention and Indiana delegate to the National Federation of Republican Women's 2003 Convention.

It was through the Franklin Republican Women's Club that she became friends with Janet Alexander, the city's former clerk-treasurer. Doug, who already knew her as the president of Johnson County's United Way, would enthrall the two with tales of his trip to the 2006 Circle of Champions Cattle Camp at the University of Tennessee. Not to be outdone, the next year Fabina-Abney drove her truck 400 miles to the camp, cow trailer in tow. She was accompanied by Janet, a neighbor and her daughter, the Abney girls, Angela, 18, and Allie, 16, and three Belties steers—King Arthur, Socks and Timmy.

The trip didn't always go as planned; "Doug cautioned me not to try going through a drive-through with a six-wheel truck that is pulling a trailer with cows," laughs Sherry who is on the board of the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

"The week was unique," says Alexander. "Three women, three teenage girls and three cows on a road trip!"


4-H is a big part of Fabina-Abney family life. Daughter Angela is graduating this year from Franklin Community High School where she is currently serving as president of her high school's FFA chapter and is secretary for District VIII. She is a 10-year 4-Her. As part of her FFA supervised agricultural experience program, Angela started her own business, Red Barn Meats LLC. She sells 100 percent natural freezer beef, lamb and pork at local farmers' markets.

Her agricultural sales proficiency placed first in the District VIII leadership contests and she is now competing at the state level for top Indiana Agricultural Sales Proficiency. She placed first in the FFA Leadership Ambassador contest and competed at the state level in June. She's headed to Purdue University where she plans to study agri-business or ag-economics. She also serves as an executive board member for the Indiana Junior Beef Cattle Association.

Allie, 16, is a high school varsity cheerleader. Though only a sophomore, she was named "most valuable player" of the cheerleading squad this year. She is a team member of Indiana competition cheerleaders who will compete this summer in Australia and Hawaii. An active member of FFA and 4-H, Allie wants to follow in her mother's footsteps by becoming a lawyer, practicing agricultural law.

Dougie, 12, plays soccer, wrestles and runs track when he's not working with his cattle. He likes making arrowheads for his homemade bow and arrows. He bagged a couple of raccoons with his bow this past winter and enjoys trapping muskrats on their lake.

It's hard to argue with Janet Alexander who says, "I admire Sherry because she is a terrific lawyer and an incredibly loving mom," she continues. "She knows how to balance work and family and keeps it all very fun. I am in awe of how she chooses to live her life."

Sherry Fabina-Abney is outstanding in her field—and fields. 





The Way It Was...

By Jane Faul

In the early 1950s, Harry Prock of Pennsylvania founded the Belted Galloway Association with H. Gordon Green of Quebec and Charles Wells of Michigan. When A.H. Chatfield, Jr., of Maine joined the group, Charles Wells said, "The Society consists of three millionaires and me. Guess who they named secretary?" He wasn't far off the mark, as owning Belties remained a wealthy man's province for quite a few years. Mr. Chatfield estimated that the average cost to import a good

cow from Scotland or England was about \$7,000, a substantial sum in the '50s.

A few new members signed up each year, and in 1964 the association became the Belted Galloway Society, Inc., when the organization was incorporated. When I joined in the 1970s there were 50 to 60 members, about 35 actively breeding, and perhaps 900 Belties in the U.S. There were very few females available for sale, making it obvious to the Society's officers that growth would be severely limited unless

upbreeding could be adopted. In the mid-1960s an appendix to the Herd Book was established to record female calves from unregistered dams but sired by registered Belted Galloway bulls. The progression was 1/2, 3/4, 7/8, and at 15/16 the properly marked female was accepted in the Herd Book. From grade cow to registered heifer takes a minimum of 11 years, and the first crossover to Herd Book status was one of Al Tietig's excellent Stonecroft animals born in the 1980s in Ohio.

Until the late '80s, when the U.S. banned live animal imports, about 100 top-quality cows and bulls were imported by the Society's founders along with early members Fred Johnson of Summitcrest, Ohio; General James A. Van Fleet of Florida and Virginia; Dick Anderson of West Rutland, Vermont; and a handful of others. In recent years, genetics in the form of semen and embryos continue to be imported. By natural breeding, artificial breeding and upbreeding, the U.S. herd has grown to about 14,000 head.

But I'm not here to bore you with statistics, I'd rather share some recollections of the giants among us. Men like Mr. Chatfield and General Van Fleet were devoted

to the breed throughout their long lives, remaining active until their deaths at ages 99 and 100, respectively. This isn't to say they always agreed with each other. Chat was fond of reminding us that "meat is the bottom line" and believed in breeding to achieve larger frame scores, 5 or 6 instead of 3 or 4. Chat's longtime farm manager, Dwight Howard, said in the 1990s, "Look for an adjusted yearling bull weight of 950 lbs., and this should be raised to 1,000 lbs. in the next few years."

The General, on the other hand, was a preservationist who felt that Belties were small, hardy hill cattle and should remain true to type. This school of thought says, "Longer legs don't mean more meat." A friendly rivalry between Sleepy Creek and Aldermere persisted at early shows and exhibits, and it's not difficult to spot the Sleepy Creek influence in many of today's herds.

Other breeders influencing our thoughts included Ernie Cutter at Beaver Dam, who chose bulls on their merits without regard to genealogy. Dick Anderson in Vermont helped give dun-colored animals a head start in the U.S., as he felt they exhibited "more substance." Though Al Tietig at Stonecroft and Sloan Rainwater in Arkansas at one time or another brought in duns from Canada, I think we can fairly say that Dick Anderson's fine imported duns were most influential in expanding our preferences. Reds are a recent addition to our color pattern. Developed in the early '90s at Four Winds in Connecticut by Lisa Wyman and Wayne Budney from black Canadian stock with red recessive genes, they quickly became quite popular.

The Startups

In the '70s and '80s, when so many new herds were starting up, the pioneers we've mentioned were most gracious and generous about sharing information and help. Annual meetings back in those days tended to draw 80 percent of the Society's membership, all eager to share notes and learn more about the breed. A mentor I especially appreciated was Richard Stein of Swatara in Pennsylvania. Richard said it like it was with no holds barred. He would haul me around on farm visits, offering comments such as, "I wouldn't have that cow on a bet!" without regard to a proud



owner's proximity. A bit rude, maybe, but his explanation of sickle hocks would make it all clear to the eager student.

And a word here for the excellent cattlemen among the farm managers. I learned more from Leo Shepherd at Stonecroft, Dwight Howard at Aldermere, and Bruce Anderson and Bob Stimson at Anderson Hill than from any other sources. I recall with chagrin arriving at Sleepy Creek in Virginia to pick up my first bull, Georgie Patton. The General assumed the friend accompanying me was a farm manager and said grandly, "Your man can load the bull while we have tea." I had a wonderful visit with Virginia Wells and the General, learned about the Normandy invasion, saving Greece from communism, and had a tour of objets d'art from Korea. When back on the road my friend asked, "What did you learn about these striped cows?" I said, "Uh, nothing." He said, "Well, don't worry, Richard Merica is a real cattleman and he gave me the full course."

Many dedicated hands have shaped the Society. Among our best presidents were Marlin Sherbine of Pennsylvania who turned a dire financial picture around and put us on a businesslike footing, and Andy LeMaistre of Maine who facilitated startup of a monthly newsletter, supervised our first major exhibit, and put together a wonderful VHS documentary about Belties,

leaning on generous breeders to donate the funding. "Belties Are Better" was a very good tape and an effective attention-getter when run in a continuous loop at exhibits. Hopefully some bright light will get it converted to DVD one of these days so that it can continue its usefulness.

That first exhibit at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville was fun, as well as hard work; we spent 10 12-hour days tending the pens, minding the booth and answering questions about the breed. Jay and Tiggy Gerli from Marben Farm sent down Boeing, a super cow (tag #747). Robert Blenis of Dolomite brought Aldermere Buell from New York, a 2,300-lb. perfectly marked bull with a mellow disposition. Then-Secretary Mary McClellan sent a few nice heifer calves up from Alabama.

Robert Blenis's teen son (bless him!) met me at the door each day at 7 a.m. to help muck out pens and brush animals. On several occasions the overnight security guards reported they'd pushed our 30 feet of pens back to the wall after Buell hauled them across the aisle to huff and puff at a 3,400-lb. Sennepol. Luckily for Buell, the Sennepol ignored him.

A Western rancher visiting our booth said, "You know, your cattle won't amount to anything until we meat producers want to buy your bulls." Well, I'm glad that I



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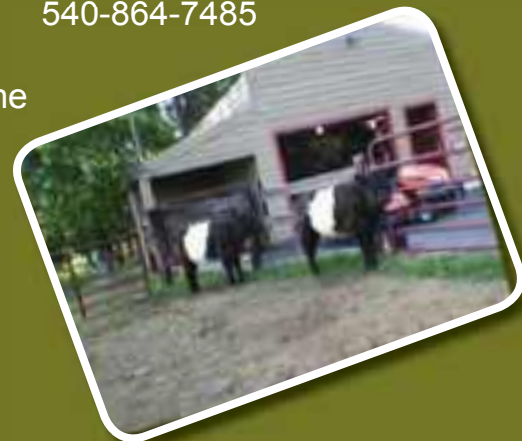
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ers. Promotions Chairman Dick Anderson was delighted that we were one of the first breeds to achieve a presence on the web, but the Council withheld approval until Chat jumped in. At age 92 he had begun computer lessons and was happily surfing the net. He was more than pleased with our site and not only contributed but also wrote Council to say that our webmaster was a very important man in command of a very big ship who deserved the Society's heartfelt thanks and, at the least, a life membership. Problem solved; approval granted.

But our best promotional tools are the cows themselves. Nothing wins us more friends than getting animals out in front of the public. Through the 1980s Belties in the U.S. were shown only at Fryeburg Fair in Maine and one or two fairs in Maryland and Virginia. In the '90s public events mushroomed to a dozen shows with two or sometimes three sales annually. Regional groups formed to support breeders in the Midwest, the Northeast, West and South frequently organize and man live-animal exhibits.

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» So how can you tell that you're finally a cattle person? I think it might be when you realize that you can recall a fellow's herd bull but may or may not remember his wife's name.

Minding the booth has its bright spots. Serious inquiries are rewarding; silly questions are amusing. Often heard is, "Uh, that's a cross between a buffalo and a what?" One of my favorite quotes was voiced at a Canadian exhibit. Indicating the dish of Oreo cookies on the hospitality table, a lady asked, "How many do you have to feed 'em to make that belt?"

Pat Frey in Wisconsin has tended booths at numerous exhibits in the Great Lakes region. She outdid herself the day she answered a gentleman's many questions, then asked his name. He said, "I'm your governor." She said, "Get outta here!" He said, "No, really. See those suits watching us? They're my bodyguards." Pat gave him an impetuous hug and said, "Well, they're not doing a very good job of protecting you from me!"

Tommy Thompson is one of many who became interested in the breed after meeting the cows in person. Beltie owners have run the spectrum from Winston Churchill to Randy Travis and included governors, senators and even a presidential candidate. It's apparent that these folks have good taste.


However, it's the workaday worthies who own a dozen or two dozen cows and feel a sincere dedication to the breed that form the backbone of our organization. Now that Belties are recognized and accepted, we do occasionally attract a get-rich-quick type but, since raising cattle isn't the fastest route to fame and fortune, the speculators tend to depart unheralded.

Most of the Beltie fraternity is uncommonly gracious. After a devastating drought, Jim Burn of Tennessee offered a few Hathburn cows on permanent loan to help me rebuild—at a time when females were extremely difficult to obtain. And I won't forget the phone call from Lyndal and Bob Mack in Wisconsin when the Ohio River put my farm most-

ly underwater. Lyndal said, "We hear the river is rising eight inches an hour, and we can be there with a trailer in 10 hours if you need to move the herd." Amazing generosity!

I do miss the good ol' boys—Dick Anderson, Al Tietig, Ernie Cutter. The General attended his last Society meeting at my primitive little farm when he was about 94. He said he wasn't traveling much then but had to get out just one more time to see how his girls were faring in Kentucky. Mr. Chatfield gave up tootling around the

country in his motor home in his late 80s but was a frequent phone visitor and kept current on all things Beltie right up until the end. His lengthy Sunday morning phone visits always terminated abruptly with a cheery, "Righto, then!" and a click.

I've thoroughly enjoyed 30-plus years with Belties; it's been a learning experience all the way. So how can you tell that you're finally a cattle person? I think it might be when you realize that you can recall a fellow's herd bull but may or may not remember his wife's name. 

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Raising Organic Belted Galloway Cattle

By Janie Frazar

I thought the cattle looked adorable and began asking the locals, "What are those cattle?" Having been given the name "Belted Galloway" as the breed, I proceeded to do a search on the computer. Written records dating back to 1530 suggest that this unusual and remarkable breed of cattle may be one of the oldest known to man. Described then as small but hardy, they were brought to the mountainous and wooded southwestern region of Scotland by the Viking hordes that overran Great Britain in the ninth century. The Vikings named the region Gaul, a name which later became Galloway.

During the next few years my curiosity had peaked about these cattle. In 2005, we moved to Whitefish permanently after Ron retired from his business. I started to drop hints to him about animals, chickens, cattle... whatever he would agree to. I did grow up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin, so I knew a few things about animals.

My husband thought chickens would be okay. We had a two-story tree house in a wooded area that we turned into a chicken coop. We recycled wood, shelving, electric wall heaters and fencing materials from a remodel on our house. I wanted to raise chickens that laid brown and colored eggs. I began research on chicken housing, feed, care and where to buy them. I ordered our first batch of 25 from Murray McMurray Hatchery. They shipped day-old chicks through the U.S. mail with next day delivery. The golf ball sized chicks arrived in a small peep-box. That was the start of the chicken business.



Image courtesy Laura Fonner of Portraits of Whitefish

We have ordered baby chicks every year except this year. We have started all the chickens on organic feed and organic cracked corn. We also order 40-60 Jumbo Broiler Rock chicks each year for meat birds. We currently have 24 Chinese Ring-neck Pheasants that, with a permit from Fish & Game, will be released to the wild and we will continue to feed.

In spite of the chickens and pheasants, the subject of those "Belted Galloway" just kept coming up. I relayed all the information that I had researched to my husband. The "Belties" are short cupeled (low to the ground), making calving easy. They are also good mothers producing enough rich milk to wean large healthy calves. They are very hardy and disease resistant and can survive harsh climates. Their heavy, double hair coat means that heat loss is reduced and rain and snow can barely penetrate it in cold, wet weather. "I guess we could try a couple," Ron said. I set out on the search.

I spent considerable time on the computer checking registered societies, calling cattle auction houses, ranchers and farmers. We also would drive to areas where people thought they had seen this breed of cattle. I looked in other states including Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Colorado... no luck. There were some, but none for sale. I was on the phone with my sister who lives in Wisconsin when she said, "Jane, those cattle are everywhere here." It happened that we were on our way back there for a family gathering. I contacted Lorna and Michael Caldwell of Caldwell Farms only 20 miles from my parents' home and made an appointment with them. After

» In 2008, there were 29 registered Belted Galloway in the State of Montana. Frazar Farms owned 14. My commitment is to preserve the integrity of the breed and the land.

seeing their Belted Galloway cattle, I knew I had to have those beautiful creatures. The Caldwell's story is similar to ours. They saw the Belted Galloway cattle in Ireland and started with their own herd of 13. They were new to cattle raising, but today have grown their herd to over 300 head.

Initially, the Caldwell's didn't have any to sell, but after a couple of weeks we spoke again. "How many are you looking for?" Lorna inquired. We settled on 12 impregnated heifers.

However, the heifers we were about to receive were unable to ship. The state of Wisconsin is considered a brucellosis-free state, requiring no brucellosis vaccinations. Montana, however, requires that any incoming cattle be vaccinated for the disease.




We did receive 12 registered heifers that were not pregnant but that had been vaccinated. We also ended up with one bull, Aldermere Lager, and one steer to process. The heifers were born in 2006 and are registered with the Belted Galloway Society. The Society dictates an alphabetic letter for a tattoo code for a particular year. 2006 was the year of "S." The heifers all have Gaelic names starting with "S": Shona, Sorcha, Sheena, Senga... we have continued with the Gaelic names. In 2008, it

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was the letter “U” and we have a heifer named Una. For 2009, the letter was “W” and we have Williwaw and Willow Way.

The Caldwell’s cattle, pasture and hay are Certified Organic. They inspired and coached us into the organic program. In 2006, I began filling out the State of Montana Organic Certification application, a truly overwhelming process. I finally sent the application in 2007. The certification requires detailed records for each animal, the food they eat and records documenting their land management. The “Certified Organic” label means the animals, the land on which the animals live and the food they eat are free of chemicals, hormones, medications and any other non-organic contamination. I also do water, soil and hay testing.

My entire operation was required to comply with USDA rules for a full three years before being considered for Organic Certification. Frazar Farms received its USDA State of Montana Certified Organic designation in 2007.

An application for certification is required yearly. A USDA inspector visits my operation annually to qualify my cattle, chickens, hay and pastures. The inspector scrutinizes all my


records, and visually inspects my animals, pastures, feed and animal housing. This year we have leased pasture land adjoining our property and it has also been Certified Organic.

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy has recently reviewed their Conservation Priority list and made some positive changes. Belted Galloway cattle have been moved from “Watch” to “Recovering” as the registered list of these cattle has reached over 10,000. In 2008, there were 29 registered Belted Galloway in the State of Montana. Frazar Farms owned 14. My commitment is to preserve the integrity of the breed and the land.

The beef itself is wonderful—the bonus is organic. Research studies have shown “Beltie Beef” to have genetically a very low fat content of 2 percent, which is the same fat content as chicken or fish. The beef is exceptionally tender, full of flavor and juicy.

When our first heifers arrived they were wild, running like deer, having been cut out of a big herd. I could not get close to them. Today, they come when called, are very docile and love to be scratched. We now have 24 head of cattle, two horses, two dogs, chickens and pheasants. Ron put his foot down on pigs, but hopefully goats or sheep may be in our future.

This has all been a huge learning curve. After two years of operation we have gotten a few things under our belts and it is becoming more manageable and less hectic. We are now selling a few of our breed stock, heifers, steers and beef.


We are thankful to have great neighbors who call to check on us and the cattle and who will “come running” if I need them. 

Thanks for letting me share my story. Please feel free to contact me. Call Janie at Frazar Farms 406-862-8959 or janie@frazarfarms.com. Article reprinted from the September 2009 issue of Montana Woman Magazine—a monthly publication designed to inspire, educate and entertain its readers. To enjoy this insightful publication, please visit www.montanawoman.com or contact Editor Cindy Branch at info@montanawoman.com or 406-755-5753.


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Little Everglades Ranch



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Robert and Sharon Blanchard are opening up the gates to the Little Everglades Ranch in Dade City, Florida, this October to host the Belted Galloway Annual Meeting.

The Blanchard's 2,050-acre working ranch specializes in breeding Belted Galloway cattle along with other endeavors including Hanoverian performance horses, thoroughbred race horses, commercial cow/calf operation and much more. The majority of the Little Everglades Ranch was placed into a conservation easement with The Southwest Florida Water Management District in 2000.

The Blanchards believe that one way to conserve the land is to open their ranch to the public for events—to give others a chance to see why it is so important to protect the natural resources in Florida and beyond.

"We are excited to have the members of the Belted Galloway Society come to our ranch for their annual meeting," said Sharon Blanchard. "I believe it is going to be a wonderful event, and we hope that all will enjoy the ranch and everything this unique area of the state has to offer."

The Blanchard Belties

The Belted Galloway breed has traditionally been found in the cooler climates around the world, but in the early 1990s Robert and Sharon Blanchard decided to introduce the unique-

ly colored cattle to their diverse ranching operation in Central Florida.

"We were in Maine visiting family and someone told us that we just had to go see these unusual cows, and that is how we were introduced to the Belties," laughed Sharon.

Soon after the Blanchard's returned from their Maine trip they decided to travel to Georgia for one of the first Beltie sales in the area.

"At the sale in Georgia we bought Marbens Bernard and five heifers, and that was our Beltie herd in the beginning," explained Sharon. "Soon after we brought Katie Carris to the ranch to oversee the livestock and farming management and she has made the herd what it is today."

Katie is quick to give credit for the success of the Belties at Little Everglades Ranch to the good stock with which the Blanchard's started the herd. She explained that along with their first bull, Marbens Bernard from Marbens Farms, the Blanchard's purchased good five generation stock from Aldermere Farms Bloodlines and Beaver Dam Farms to name a couple.

Katie admits that she has culled the herd pretty heavily this last year. The herd currently stands at 15 breedable cows, but Katie has worked hard to keep the older bloodlines strong in the herd. In fact, there are still several daughters from Hickory Ridge Jody and Klover Korners Valentine Candy, heifers from the original herd, working today.

"Hickory Ridge Jody was great; she calved up until two years ago," said Katie. "I always thought I should send her in as one of the oldest working cows; she was just an amazing cow."

Several years ago, Katie purchased straws of Marpine Viking semen to inseminate several of the older bloodline cows, and out of that breeding was born a calf named Romeo.

"Romeo was a very good bull calf, but unfortunately his dame and several of his aunts were still here, so I sold him fresh off the cow," explained Katie. "Then last year I had to sell a bull that was not giving me the belts I wanted to see, so I then turned around and leased Romeo to bring some of that bloodline back in the herd."

So far, most of Romeo's offspring at Little Everglades Ranch have been bulls, but Katie is anxiously awaiting heifers.

"We've always looked around to keep us close to the bloodlines we have, just recently we purchased a yearling bull from Dick & Lisa Williams of Stonestrow Farm," explained Katie. "The yearling is also heavy in Aldermere breeding, staying consistent with the lineage we love and giving us a more modern trait also."

The Beltie operation at Little Everglades Ranch will never be the chief money maker of the operation, but that doesn't keep Katie from working hard to make sure that it is a profitable endeavor on the ranch. In marketing the Belties, Katie and the Blanchard's have chosen to stay away from the livestock market and instead they favor direct marketing of the Belties.

"I do not sell anything through the livestock market; I work straight with the rancher buying breeding stock or the packing company for our culls," said Katie. "It has nothing to do with the sale barn; it has everything to do with the care of the animal. The temperature in those barns soars over 90 degrees some days, and that is just too hot for Belties."

Katie pointed out that the extreme heat in Florida doesn't just impact the animals in the sales barn—it also poses challenges in the field.

"They always have to be in a pasture where there is a lake, which is not hard for us to do," explained Katie. "Even with our vast water resources, the Belties bred here in Florida will never have the size of their northern-bred cousins due to heat stress."

"Thankfully we have the water resources to make it work here at the ranch, and we never sell our animals to anyone who doesn't understand the care they need," said Sharon. "Truth is the Belties hold a special place on the ranch, and we just love having them here."



Beyond the Belties

A Belted Galloway herd in the middle of Florida is not the only enterprise that sets Little Everglades Ranch apart from other ranches in the area. The ranch is known for its Hanoverian performance horses, thoroughbred racehorses, peat mining, commercial cow/calf operation, Tifton 44 hay that is grown and baled for horse and cattle feed, and Camelina (a biofuel crop) is grown and harvested.

"Both of us were raised around farms growing up, and so we were excited to move to the ranch here in Dade City," said Sharon. "It is just a beautiful piece of property and I'm really pleased with what my husband has done with it to preserve the lands."

Sharon is referring to the 1,800-plus acres of the Little Everglades Ranch that has been placed into a conservation easement



with The Southwest Florida Water Management District. Since the Blanchard's entered into this agreement in 2000, they have created more than 300 acres of lakes and wetlands on the property and have seen many native species flourish in the area.

"The Southwest Florida Water Management District was very pleased we were willing to put the land into conservation," said Sharon. "And it has been wonderful for us as well. Along with the natural beauty of the land, it has helped us create the water resources we need for our agriculture operation."

Welcome to the Ranch

The Little Everglades Ranch is a working ranch, but the Blanchard's philanthropic spirit has led them to open their ranch for a wide array of public events.

They helped establish the Little Everglades Steeplechase Foundation, Inc.—a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to promoting equestrian activities for the purpose of raising money for charitable causes while furthering public interest and knowledge in the historically and culturally important aspects of equestrian activities—and also hosted the Little Everglades Steeple Chase event at the ranch for many years.

The International Combined Driving Event was a four-day long equestrian event held in February at the ranch. This event brought in competitors from around the world to test carriage drivers and their horses in three different disciplines consisting of Dressage, Marathon and Cones.

"It isn't just equine events that we have at the ranch. We also host events like the Florida High School Cross Country Pre-

Race and then the state finals," explained Katie. "This year we are also hosting a new event in December called the Tough Mudder, which is a race that is a lot like the Iron Man where only teams compete."

It is the fact that Little Everglades Ranch is a working ranch and that the Blanchard's host such an array of events that Vic Eggleston chose to approach the Blanchard's about being the host for the 2011 annual meeting of the Belted Galloway Society.

"We are not a big operation but it think a lot of people will be interested in seeing a Beltie operation in Florida," said Katie. "Plus I think many will be interested in seeing what it takes for a ranch to stay above the red line in Florida, which for us is cattle, horses, peat mining, hay and the Belties."

Katie is also working with Vic to bring in a variety of speakers from the area to talk about everything from heat stress issues to conservation efforts on the ranch. She believes the final program will be one that will be both entertaining and educational for all those in attendance.

"I'm looking forward to opening up the ranch for others that raise Belties around the county," said Katie. "This is the Blanchard's home and it is still a working cattle ranch, but we all believe that opening up the ranch to the public and keeping people involved with what takes place at the ranch, is a part of the cycle that helps to protect the natural resources the Blanchard's have worked so hard to preserve."



To learn more about the Little Everglades Ranch, visit www.littleevergladesranch.com.

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Point Show Awards

Points are credited for each animal's placement in Belted Galloway shows across the country. The points are tabulated for Annual and Lifetime Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards to sires and dams as well as show animals and exhibitors. The Point Show Award system was established not necessarily to identify who had the best

cattle or were the best breeders or exhibitors, but as a token way to recognize breeders that do show. We recognize their personal hard work (the more shows they go to the more points they can potentially earn) and personal investment (it costs a lot of money to show cattle) by marketing our breed for each of us.

The following exhibitors and animals earned distinction in 2009 and 2010 and are honored here:

2009 Show Bull of the Year



Stonesthrow Umbro 11941B (AI) (ET) was bred by Dick and Lisa Williams of Stonesthrow Farm, Marietta, SC, and is co-owned with Chris and Steve Willis of Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, IL. Um-

bro's sire, Driftwood Kingsize 29180B, and his dam, Holbrook Lilly 20206B, are both Gold Lifetime recipients. At less than a year of age, Umbro was champion bull four times and Reserve once. He also represented the Beltie breed competitively among all other breeds in open shows.

2010 Show Bull of the Year



Stonesthrow Whitehall (AI) (ET) 32593B was bred by Dick and Lisa Williams of Stonesthrow Farm, Marietta, SC, exhibited by Julie Willis of Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, IL, and owned by George and Sharon Adams of Avalon Farm, Palestine, TX. Whitehall's sire, Driftwood Kingsize 29180B and Dam Holbrook Lilly 20206B are both Platinum Lifetime Award recipients. His full brother, Stonesthrow Umbro (AI) (ET) 11941B, was Show Bull of the Year in 2009 (above). Whitehall had an exceptional show career at less than one year of age and is continuing that success as a yearling. He was named Reserve Champion bull at the 2011 National Western Stock Show in Denver.

2009 Show Female of the Year — It's a Tie!



Anderson Hill Dee Fox 29452D, bred and owned by Richard Anderson, Anderson Hill Farm, West Rutland, VT, is a dun heifer that has proven to be a champion. She was shown twice this year, once at The Big E in Springfield, MA, and again at the North American in Louisville, KY. She was Grand Champion female at both of these major shows. Dee Fox calved April 5, 2008, with a birth weight of 70 pounds. Dee Fox has given her sire, Anderson Hill Valley Man (AI) 9007B, and her dam, Anderson Hill Agatha 24344D, reason to be proud. Anderson Hill Farm looks forward to the addition of her progeny in our herd.



Sunnybrook Alexis 29180B (AI) bred and shown by junior members Chris and Steve Willis of Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, IL, and owned by Colton Muehleip, Ten Strike Ranch in Galena, IL. She is sired by two times Sire of the Year, Linetree's Pistol Pete 9535B and her Dam, Sunnybrook Elaine 24684B, the 2007 Show Female of the Year. Alexis had an exceptional show career among the Beltie breed and all other breeds. She has already earned her Gold Lifetime status. Alexis finished the year being the top selling lot in the Belted Galloway Premium Sale in Louisville, KY.

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2010 Show Female of the Year



Sunnybrook Jackie (AI) 30966B was bred by Michelle Ogle, Southdown Farm, Bedminster, NJ, and shown by Chris and Steve Willis, of Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, IL. Jackie's sire, Driftwood Jackal 6969B and her Dam Southdown Sophia 1S 29518B are both Platinum Lifetime Award winners.

Jackie was named champion female at eight Beltie and all breed shows. She most recently was named Reserve Champion at the 2011 National Western Stock show. She has already earned the Silver Lifetime Award.

2009 Show Cow/Calf of the Year



Ridgeview Rosanna (AI) (ET) 24794B owned by Jake and Noah Keller of Oak Valley Farm (IL) and bred by David W. Carter of Ridgeview Farm (NC). Rosanna is a well-balanced, deep-bodied brood cow with exceptional milking ability exemplified by her calf at side, Oak Valley Wendy

30728B, sired by the 2009 Sire of the Year, Antietam Porsche. She has done extremely well in the show ring and was the Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair at World Beef Expo (WI) in 2009. She has produced two heifer calves to date that have had a successful show career. She is sired from Bolebec Dun Concorde 7953D (3187) on the top side and Du Rapide Gina 27G (AI) (ET) on the bottom.

2010 Show Cow/Calf of the Year



Southdown Sophia 1S 29518B is a 4-year-old female who was bred by Michelle Ogle, Southdown Farm, Bedminster, NJ, and is owned by Chris and Steve Willis of Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, IL. She is sired by Southdown Holbrook Lionel (ET) 8117B, Gold Lifetime

Award winner and her Dam is Ridgeview Josephine 17586B Platinum Lifetime Award winner. Sophia has proven that she has the style and structure to compete in the show ring as well as exceptional maternal ability to produce outstanding offspring. Her calf at side is Sunnybrook Breeze (AI) 32315B. She is sired by Linetree's Pistol Pete who was two time Sire of The Year and is Platinum Lifetime. Her first calf, Sunnybrook Jackie, is the 2010 Show Female of The Year. Breeze and Jackie are unbeaten as Produce of Dam in nine shows. Sophia has earned her Lifetime Platinum status after only her first two offspring.

2009 Dam of the Year

Aldermere Riga 12012B

owned and bred by Aldermere Farm (ME). Riga continues to produce consistent outstanding progeny for Aldermere Farm. Riga became nationally known in 2002 when her daughter Aldermere Liza



II (AI) 18804B was named National Grand Champion. Her productivity has remained consistent as her most recent progeny in the show string included Aldermere Utum 11583B and Aldermere Ulga 30786B who were 2009 Grand Champion Bull and Grand Champion heifer respectively at Fryeburg Fair, as well as placing very high at several other shows. Riga's offspring have consistently yielded not only very thick, deep performance oriented show animals for Aldermere, but also make up several of their herd's current top producers.

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2009 & 2010 Sire of the Year

Antietam Porsche 9417B

is co-owned by Mark Keller, Oak Valley Farm (IL) and Thomas E. and Sue Drew, of Driftwood Plantation (SC). Porsche was bred by Lisa and Jeff Lovett of Antietam Farm (IL). Porsche is free-moving and athletic. He



combines overall eye appeal, substance of bone, and natural

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thickness with a very sound foot. He has had a tremendous show career and won Grand Champion Bull at World Beef Expo as well as several local shows. He was show bull of the year in 2007 and his offspring have followed his path in the show ring to award him with Sire of the Year in 2009 and 2010.

2009 & 2010 Exhibitor of the Year

Sunnybrook Farms is located in Belvidere, IL and owned by the Willis family. They first became involved with Belted Galloway cattle in 2000. Two females were purchased and added to a prominent Angus herd. With the addition of Linetree's Pistol Pete and two more females, the resulting matings proved to be the foundation for the herd. The combination of quality, carcass and conformation produced cattle that performed in the show ring and the pasture. As the herd grew and space was limited, a decision was made to disperse the Angus herd and concentrate on the Belties. The herd of 20 Belted Galloway females has produced three show females of the year, one show bull of the year, two dams of the year, a two time sire of the year, cow/calf of the year and a national carcass winner at Louisville. The farm has also 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.

2009 Breeder of the Year

Years ago, as a young man, **Dick Anderson** (VT) had a dream. His dream was simply to have a top-notch breeding farm. In 1969 he purchased an abandoned property, nestled in the valley below the Green mountains (part of the ancient Taconic mountain range) and began to bring it "up to code." His cattle of choice were the Belted Galloway. Through years of dedication and hard work, Anderson Hill Farm in Vermont has evolved from a thought into a reality. With the importation of six head from the British Isles in 1988 (and the continuing importation of semen from bulls still residing there), Dick has managed to make yet another one of his visions become a truth. Anderson Hill Farm of Vermont welcomes visitors at any time.

2010 Breeder of the Year

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Youth

Beltie Youth Group

The Beltie Youth Group (BYG) is comprised of junior members ages eight to 21 years of age. We also nurture a group of pee-wees (pre-eight-year-olds) for our program as they become of age. Our leadership structure is comprised of a Belted Galloway Society Council representative and six area BYG leaders. Each BYG area has multiple volunteers who help with programs and fundraising.

As one travels to various Belted Galloway Society sponsored events across the country, the Beltie Youth Group always has a strong presence. Each area is encouraged to develop youth programs specific to that region and do fundraising. Individual areas have heifer projects, hold contests and provide education.

The Beltie Youth Group has reached a new milestone, older BYG members are now teaching younger members and former BYG members are taking leadership roles in their regions by teaching and implementing programs.

Any youth interested in the Belted Galloway may enroll by joining the Belted Galloway Society Inc. as a junior member paying \$20 annual dues. Membership applications are available at www.beltie.org.

In 2010, an upgraded BYG website was implemented and the BYG semen project was revised. We look forward to our future and all it holds for our youth members. Check us out at www.beltie.org. 🐄



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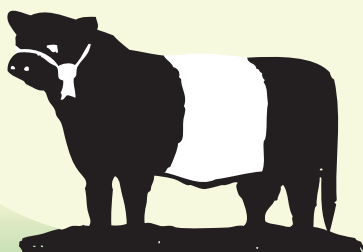
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Sales

Sales 2009

19th National Belted Galloway Sale

Fryeburg, Maine

April 2009

History was made in Fryeburg, ME, as the 19th Annual National Sale was broadcast live over the Internet for the first time through the services of EDJE Cast Technology. There were 64 registered bidders at sale time and all 34 lots from 20 consignors sold. Seven of the lots were purchased by offsite buyers; five animals sold over the Internet and two animals sold via the sale desk phone.

The National Sale had its first consignor from a Western state and purchases of five animals went to new Mid-Western homes in Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

The NEGG sale organizers felt that purity and quality were of prime importance to the event. Consignment rule changes this year required that all animals have a minimum five generation clean pedigree and carry the name of the consigning farm. By stipulating that the consigned animals must carry the consignor's farm name, the NEGG ensured that the animals were being sold for the first time. As a result, the caliber and condition of the Belted Galloways consigned were very impressive and provided very promising sale results despite the tumultuous times.

Total Sales:	\$ 51,750
Semen, Embryo and	
Flush Sales:	\$5,725
Live Lot Sales:	\$46,025
Live Lots Sold:	26
Live Lot Average:	\$1,770



The Belted Galloway Premium Sale

Louisville, Kentucky

November 2009

The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. was pleased to host the Belted Galloway Society Premium Sale held during the North American International Livestock Exposition. Support by the consignors and breeders made the sale very successful. EDJECast also promoted our sale including an online brochure. There were 31 registered viewers from 14 states including two from Canada. Of those 31 viewers, there were 14 registered bidders.

Total Sales:	\$56,825
Bred heifers average:	\$3,500
Open heifers average:	\$2,855
Bulls average:	\$2,167
Semen lots average	
per straw:	\$135
Flush average:	\$2,300
Embryo average per embryo:	\$200



Sales 2010

20th National Belted Galloway Sale

Fryeburg, Maine

April 2010

What a sale it was! With consignors and buyers, old and new, rekindling friendships and making new ones, these are the people that make this a really wonderful event.

As the sale began, the sound of bagpipes was heard as a Scotsman dressed in his kilt opened the 20th anniversary sale.

EDJECast technology proved invaluable again this year with 46 people online to view and bid on animals. Thirteen lots were sold via EDJECast. EDJECast sales totaled \$37,800, with animals going to Kansas, Rhode Island, Indiana, Massachusetts, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Total Sales:	\$72,850
Semen, Embryo and	
Flush Sales:	\$5,700
Live Lot Sales:	\$67,150
Live Lots Sold:	28
Live Lot Average:	\$2,398

The Belted Galloway Premium Sale

Louisville, Kentucky

November 2010

The Belted Galloway Society Premium Sale returned for the second consecutive year. EDJECast promoted the sale providing viewers and bidders an opportunity to participate remotely via online bidding.

14 Female lots average:	\$2,804
2 Bull lots average:	\$2,400
2 Semen lots average	
per unit:	\$72.50
2 Embryo lots average	
per embryo:	\$487.50



Events Calendar: Fall 2011

Skowhegan State Fair

August 11-20, 2011, Skowhegan, ME
Contact Scot Adams (207) 696-3812 or
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Union Fair/ Maine Wild Blueberry Festival

August 20-27 2011, Union, ME
Contact (207) 785-2978 or
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Windsor Fair

August 28 to September 5, 2011,
Windsor, ME
Contact Curtis Prime (207) 621-4167

Sandwich Fair

September 7-11, 2011, Sandwich, IL
Contact Julie Willis, (815) 547-6912 or
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World Beef Expo

Sept. 22-25, 2011, Wisconsin State Fair
Park, West Allis, WI
Entries www.worldbeefexpo.com.
Entry office: (414) 266-7052 or
Contact Mark Keller (815) 248-4687 or
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The Big E (Eastern States Exposition)

September 16-October 2, 2011
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Contact Entry office at (413) 205-5011 or
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Farmington Fair

September 18-24, 2011, Farmington, ME
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World Beef Expo

September 23-26, 2011 Milwaukee, WI
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Western Belted Galloway Association Annual Meeting

September 30-October 1, 2011
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Fryeburg Fair

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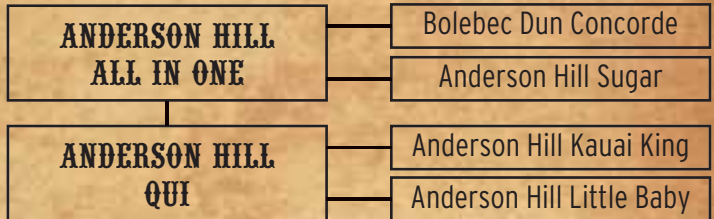
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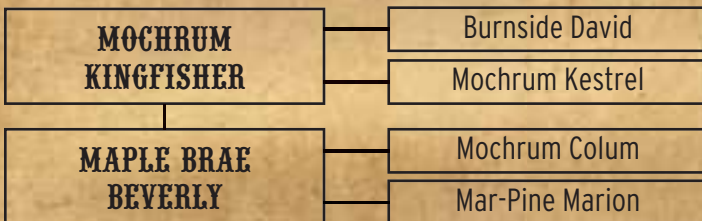


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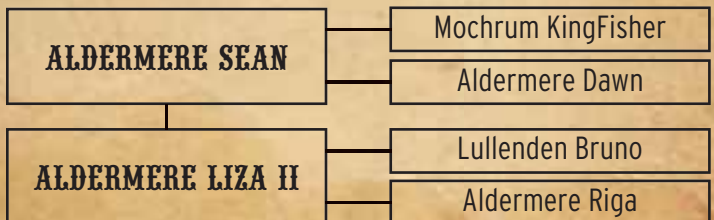
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