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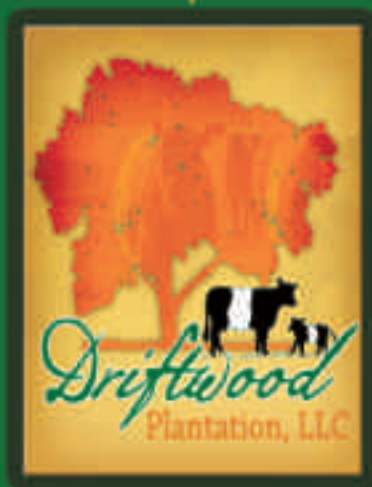
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From the President



Jon Bednarski, President
Belted Galloway Society, Inc.

The Belted Galloway Society

The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. was established in the 1950's to maintain a registry, to promote the breed and to provide services to members. Early membership began with three people. By the 1980's membership rose to 150 members, and today membership totals around 1000 members.

The Society is directed by a president, vice-president and immediate past-president serving 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, and budgeting, just to name a few. Most of the business of the Society is conducted by dedicated Council members serving as volunteers.

As my two-year term as President of the Society winds down, I thought it would be an opportunity to reflect a bit.

Getting out to meet and listen to our membership was one of my personal goals. By the time you read this 2013 Journal, I will have visited 41 member farms in 41 different states. I will reach my final goal of the lower 48 when I visit the remaining seven southwestern and western states this winter. What a ride (literally) and learning experience it has been!

My passion and excitement for the breed only parallels that of the members I have met. I hope you will agree from the farm profiles I have written in our newsletter, our farmers and ranchers are just as unique as the Belties they choose to raise. Whether you are scaling back your farming operation, or like many I have met, just now finding your niche in the breed, we all have a lot to share. It saddens me when well-established members exit the breed, but the Society is also fortunate to have some new and enthusiastic farmers entering the ranks. I have mentioned this before and I will do it again, mentor a young farmer and share what you know. It's important to our breed.

Your new *2013 Belted Galloway Journal* is a great resource and has been created and designed to promote the breed. It's just one more tool in our arsenal to highlight what existing members are doing and a vehicle to draw potential members to our farms and cattle.

Speaking of new members, another goal was to increase and retain members. I am pleased to say that our overall membership has grown by 10% during the last 16 months and should reach 950 members by year-end! Retaining and recruiting members is very important and it keeps us on good financial footing and allows us to offer more services.

I am proud to be part of a largely volunteer organization, the Society along with its Officers, Council and Committees, provides a great service for its members. Thanks to Vic Eggleston, our Executive Director, and Leanne Fogle, our Newsletter Editor, for keeping the day-to-day operations of the Society running smoothly.

We had a huge show and sale in Louisville, KY last year. I look forward to seeing many of you again this November at the North American International Livestock Exposition!

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Looking Back

2012: Another Great Year

By Vic Eggleston, Executive Director

2012 proved to be an active year for the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. and the membership as evidenced by the number of shows, sales, exhibitions, meetings and promotions that occurred throughout the year.

One of the promotional efforts that Council initiated during the 2012 calendar year was to provide free memberships to any new member who had registered Belties transferred to them at the time they applied for membership. This incentive, along with a noticeable increase in interest in registered Belted Galloways, raised our membership to over a 1000 member farms for the first time in our history.

The new U.S. Beltie News - Belted Galloway Society, Inc. Facebook page has proven to be a popular site for many members and those folks interested in the breed. Jon and Sylvia Bednarski have visited Society members in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia, South Carolina, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Michigan and New York during 2012. The pictures taken by Sylvia Bednarski during the farm visits have been a real hit. A number of photos from Beltie shows have been posted on the Facebook page as well.

In addition to the well-known shows in which Belted Galloway cattle have participated, such as The National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO, The Big E in Springfield, MA, The World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, WI and The North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, KY, there were a number of regional shows in New England, the Midwest and Idaho that included Belties. Some shows had over 60 head of registered Belties entered. The Southwest Belted Galloway Association produced a show and sale in May. Additionally, there were several exhibitions around the country in which Belties were the primary attraction. The National Show in Louisville set the record as the largest Belted Galloway show ever held.

The National Sale in Fryeburg, Maine has been in existence over 20 years, and along with a large youth show, has set the standards for Beltie sales. The Belted Galloway Premium Sale, one of the three major events for the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. was held at the NAILE during Louisville in November. The sale was held along with the National Show and Annual General Meeting and was a major success. Not only did sale prices increase over last year, but due to the efforts of Meagan Stephens of Oklahoma and her family, a "Mason Jar" of various Beltie and animal related items sold for \$4600 at the auction. All those proceeds plus \$1800 received from a Driftwood donated steer will go toward future Beltie youth projects.

2012 marked the first year the Annual General Meeting was held at a public event rather than at a member farm. The meeting, which followed the Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show, had a near record attendance.

The promotion committee started a calendar contest this year in which members could submit their photos of Belted Galloway cattle for possible inclusion in the calendar. A significant number of photos were submitted of which 12 were chosen to appear on the calendar. The winning photo was submitted by the Romani family of Harmony Acres, Rhode Island. The second place photo was submitted by the Riley family of Ledgestone Farms, Texas. The calendar and photo contest proved to be very popular and will be run again in 2013. In addition to the calendars, Beltie flags and cookbooks furnished by the Belted Galloway Foundation to raise funds for scholarships are also available.

Five Belted Galloway bulls were entered by Tom and Robin Brown, How Now Farms, Iowa in a bull feeding test station run by Kirkwood College. Their entry was the first time in several years that Belted Galloway bulls were involved with an official feeding station.

President Jon Bednarski was able to attend the World Galloway Congress held in Ontario, Canada in 2012. Jon was impressed with the diversity of Galloway owners and their operations. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to meet Galloway and Belted Galloway breeders from all over the world. The 2012 meeting had more attendees than any of the previous meetings which are held every two years in different countries around the world.

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Canadian Livestock Records Corporation

By Vic Eggleston, Executive Director

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Belted Galloway Foundation

2012/2013

Scholarship Recipients

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, while encouraging youth involvement in beef production.

The A. H. Chatfield, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Mr. A.H. Chatfield, Jr. the founder of Aldermere Farm in Rockport, ME. The Scholarship Fund has grown over the past decade and The Foundation is now able to award three \$1000 scholarships per year. The selection process includes judging each applicants written essay, involvement in the Belted Galloway breed, leadership participation, community service and scholastic standing.

Leanne Fogle, U.S. Beltie News

Haley Folkerts (IA)



Haley Folkerts graduated from Waverly-Shell Rock High School in Waverly, Iowa. She will be attending Iowa State University in the fall of 2013 and is interested

in studying animal science and animal genetics. Her career plans include working in a career that deals with improving the genetics of livestock.

Haley has owned Belted Galloway cattle for over a decade and enjoys educating others about the breed. She has shown her breeding stock as heifers and cow/calf pairs through 4-H. She also showed Belted Galloway steers in market classes at the Bremer County Fair in Iowa. Haley enjoys spending time with her siblings and teaching them how to care for their cattle. She is confident that they will continue to represent the breed and care for their cattle while she is away at college. Haley is fascinated by Belted Galloway genetics and how belting patterns are unpredictable. She communicated that Belted Galloway cattle have shaped her animal

science interests and her educational goals. Her high school activities included FFA, National Honor Society, volleyball, and tennis. She volunteers in her community and was the past Bremer County Beef Queen.

David Carlson, Hayley's Ag Instructor/FFA Advisor said, "Hayley is a leader who is respected by her classmates. She is motivated by doing and that is what she does while being active in the FFA program. As an FFA member, she participates in leadership contests, judging contests, and is an excellent motivator to our chapter. Hayley uses her leadership and communication skills by being chapter secretary and committee chairman. She has participated in the conduct of meeting, secretary's book contest and parliamentary procedure. Her involvement and commitment inspires and motivates members to be a part of FFA."

Paige McGlothorn (CA)



Paige 'Pookie' McGlothorn graduated from Napa New Technology High in Napa, California. During high school she took college classes at Napa Valley College. Her career goal is to become

a large animal veterinarian and enter Cal Poly San Luis Obsipo in the fall 2013. Reproduction and embryology are two areas of study that are of particular interest to her.

Pookie does not remember life without Belted Galloway cattle as her family has been raising Belted Galloway cattle since 1987. Pookie credits A. H. Chatfield Jr. with helping her family locate Belted Galloways to establish their herd. Pookie has showed her Belted Galloway cattle in 4-H, statewide and national events. Pookie also shows market steers on a yearly basis. Her extensive show career has earned her many trophies including showmanship awards. Her senior project in high school was learning bovine castration and artificial insemination. Her animal accompanied her to school for her artificial insemination demonstration. Pookie told us she is sure that her senior project will not be forgotten! She also has served on the California Junior Livestock Association Junior Steer Board and later was vice-president of the board. She has been an intern at the St. Helena Vet hospital in St. Helena, CA. Pookie is also accomplished in the saddle. She has shown Quarter Horses since 2004. *(cont'd on p. 10)*

Scholarships

The Belted Galloway Foundation

★ 2012/2013 ★ Scholarship Recipients

(cont'd.)

"I was Pookie's supervisor this year for her internship at my veterinary clinic. Pookie was professional in appearance, attitude, work ethic and in contact with clients and coworkers. She is willing and capable of learning and strives to expand her knowledge. I have also observed Pookie at our local fair as she cared for and showed her animals. She is a great showman and dedicates herself to her animals' comfort and appearance." said David Gold, DVM.

Clayton Stephens (NY)

Clayton Stephens graduated from Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains, New York. Clayton is planning a career in agriculture and will enter college in the fall of 2013 at Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa, Oklahoma as an animal science major. Clayton feels his entire life has been an agricultural learning experience to prepare him for a lifetime in agriculture.

Clayton considers it a privilege to have spent 14 years of his life living in Clinton Corners, New York and with Belted Galloway cattle at Uphill Farm. He has had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and attend an international conference, field days, shows and sales. Clayton is a talented showman and has won many awards for the animals he has exhibited as well as his showmanship. Clayton not only

exhibits cattle but travels the United States showing sheep and pigs. 4-H, FFA, National Junior Swine Association, National Junior Shropshire Sheep Association and New York Producers keep Clayton busy. He has received multiple proficiency awards in livestock production. He enjoys extemporaneous public speaking and recently had an opportunity in to work on agricultural policy issues with New York Senator, Greg Ball.

Michelle Ogle (NJ) told us, "Clayton has shown himself to be a hard working individual who enjoys his work with the animals, but also enjoys the company of the people around him who share those same interests. He is involved in so many facets of animal agriculture which includes his work with sheep, swine and cattle. He has worked hard and shown on a local, state and national level in all those species and excelled in the process. Over the last eight years, he has raised money for St. Jude's Hospital by donating the proceeds of a market lamb to help the children treated by the hospital. Clayton approaches everything I have seen him do with enthusiasm, drive and attention to detail."



Photo by Fiona Harrar at Meadowood Farms



Victor Eggleston DVM of New Glarus, Wisconsin was awarded the **Harry T. Burn Award** in 2012 for his many years of outstanding support and promotion of the Belted Galloway breed. Vic is a retired large animal veterinarian and a retired associate scientist and clinical instructor at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine Pathobiological Sciences Department. He has been a member of the Belted Galloway Society since 1990 and associate member of the Canadian Galloway Association since 1991. He has served on various Society committees and was the President of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. and the President of The Belted Galloway Foundation.

Greg Hipple, Solon, Iowa wrote these words:

'Few Belted Galloway breeders have accomplished such things as Dr. Eggleston. He was a founding member of the Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association for which he served as a member of the Board of Directors, as well as President. He has served the Belted Galloway Society as a member of Council, as Vice President, and as President, recently completing his service to the Belted Galloway Foundation and currently serves as the first ever; Executive Director of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. Dr. Eggleston is first and foremost an ambassador for the Belted Galloway breed. He is a supporter of the breed and its attributes, wherever he goes, in whatever he does. His willingness to support the Society and the regional groups with his experience and expertise are truly remarkable and commendable. Few people have the attributes and integrity as Dr. Eggleston. In his current position as Executive Director, he manages the business of the Belted Galloway Society in a courteous and professional manner, and maintains a personal relationship with the membership few could emulate.'

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Sales/Calendar

2012 Beltie Sales



There are many exciting options for selling Belted Galloway cattle. A seller and buyer can choose from consignment sales, private sales, online sales and online bidding available to them when selling and buying. With the use of new electronic options available, it is becoming easier and easier to buy or sell cattle across the country without leaving home.

There are three annual sales that are available to Belted Galloway enthusiasts. The National Belted Galloway Sale, held in Fryeburg, Maine the last weekend in April; the Southwest Belted Galloway Association Sale held in Texas during May; and finally the Belted Galloway Society Premium Sale held in conjunction with the National Belted Galloway show in Louisville, Kentucky every November. Below are reports from those sales.

Introduction by Michelle Ogle, Chairman Sale Committee

National Belted Galloway Sale

Seven lots of semen sold for an average of \$872.00

Four lots of embryos sold for an average of \$1,012.00

Twenty-six live lots sold for an average of \$2,721.00

Total Sales \$82,005.00

Highest Selling Bred Heifer

Partridge Meadow Ursela,

Consigned by Richard & Susan Paul (NH). Purchased by

Ellen Sims (PA) for \$4,000.00.

2013 National Sale Highest

Selling Lot, Highest Selling Open Heifer and Tyler Cup Award Winner:

Aldermere Yolly,

Consigned by MCHT/Aldermere Farm (ME). Purchased by

John Bagley (VA) for \$5,300.00.

Southwest Belted Galloway Sale

Two lots of embryos sold: average of \$800.00

Eight lots of semen sold: average of \$594.00

Nine live lots sold: average of \$2,567.00

Total Sales: 29,450.00

Belted Galloway Premium Sale

9 Female lots - Total sales: \$36,150.00 Average: \$4,017.00/lot

4 Bull Lots - Total sales: \$10,500.00 Average: \$2,625.00/lot

1 Flush - Total sales: \$5,500.00 Average: \$5,500.00/lot

1 Embryo Lot - Total sales: \$400.00 Average: \$400.00/lot

5 Semen Lots - Total sales: \$5,350.00 Average: \$134.00/straw

Total Gross sales: \$64,350.00

Overall per lot average of: \$3,217.00

Top Selling Female

Southdown Yellow Rose 40Y 34967B,

consigned by Southdown Farm, Bedminster, NJ and sold to

James Miller, Hillcroft Farm, Paris, KY. \$5,500.00

Top Selling Bull

Driftwood Redman 36Y (AI)(ET),


consigned by Driftwood Plantation, Awendaw, SC and sold to Peggy

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		Driftwood Reising	24810B

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E + H Millie	17604B
Mitchell Ledge Scarlett	13664B
Ponderosa Wendy	18818B
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Calendar of Events

The Big E (Eastern States Exposition) - The Richard Anderson Belted Galloway Show

September 11 - September 15, 2013. Springfield, MA

Contact entry office at (413) 205-5011 or
aginfo@thebige.com

Junior Show: Friday, September 13 at 6 p.m.

Open Show: Saturday, September 14 at 9 a.m.

Farmington Fair

September 15-21, 2013. Farmington, ME

Neal Yeaton (207) 778-6083

World Beef Expo

September 27-29, 2013. Milwaukee, WI

Entries - www.worldbeefexpo.com. Entry office (414) 266-7052

Contact: Matt Ellerbrock (262) 537-2563 or

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Keystone International Livestock Exposition

September 28–October 6, 2013. Harrisburg, PA

Contact KILE (717) 783-2815 or

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Fryeburg Fair

September 29 - October 6, 2013. Fryeburg, ME

Contact fair office (207) 935-3268 or info@fryeburgfair.org

Western Belted Galloway Association Annual Meeting

October 4-5, 2013. Reno, Nevada

Contact Ken Bajema (360) 837-3273 or

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North Carolina State Fair

October 17-27, 2013. Raleigh, NC

Contact entry office (919) 821-7400

National Belted Galloway Show (NAILE)

November 18-21 2013. Louisville, KY

Arrival Monday, November 18.

Junior Show ; November 19 at noon

Open Show: November 20 at noon

Contact Michelle Ogle (908) 781-5576 or

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Annual General Meeting

November 19, 2013. Louisville, KY

The Annual General Meeting and Banquet will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Louisville Airport Hotel, 2735 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, KY on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 from 7-10 pm. To make your reservations, Contact Vic Eggleston (608) 220-1091 or executivedirector@beltie.org

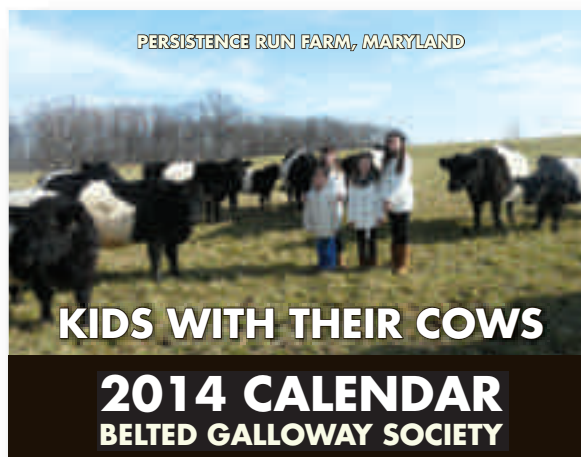
The Belted Galloway Premium Sale

November 20, 2013 Louisville, KY

The sale will follow the Open Show

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A Farm with a View

The slow-food movement, a whole lot of smart management and “location, location, location” are a winning combination that helps the Neale family live a dream at Windmist Farm.



By Jamie Cole | Photos By Jamie Cole

If you're standing by a fencepost on the western end of Windmist Farm, you can look one way and watch the cars go by on North Road, the one that connects Highway 138 on Rhode Island's Conanicut Island with downtown Jamestown. You can look the other way and observe a breathtaking view—the same one the folks in those passing cars are snapping their heads around to catch.

It's an idyllic 40-acre farmstead, striking enough on its own, with its lush pastures and stone-and-shingle barns. To the immediate right is a wildlife preserve, a saltwater marsh owned by the Audubon Society, populated by sandpipers and ospreys.

The backdrop is the Newport Bridge, a blue-green behemoth so forward in the landscape that it seems to deliver motorists right down into the pastures themselves. The island is a short drive from I-95, and the bridge connects Jamestown to Newport, a traditional summer playground for New Englanders.

Long before George and Martha Neale established Windmist, this land was a farm. George has been working cattle here for more than 50 years, since he was just a little kid. George and Martha inherited the land in 2002 when George's father passed, and in 2007 sold development rights with the help of the Town of Jamestown, USDA, the Champlin Foundation and The Nature Conservancy, preserving its agrarian heritage forever.

George's full-time work is contracting; he holds two architecture degrees, along with a plant and soil science degree from the University of Rhode Island. Martha's degree in botany is from URI as well, and she worked as a teacher before coming home for good in 2008 to help run one of the area's most successful and well-known local-sourced meat businesses.

Windmist's location—smack in the middle of the island—makes it ideal for discerning foodies on their way home to Boston and the suburbs of southern Connecticut. The cars on North Road will often slow down just a bit to take in the view. But it's the food the farm produces that is worth stopping for.

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Martha and George Neale

Oreo Cows

Aside from the landscape, those passing by Windmist might also notice an unusual breed of cattle grazing the pastures. The more than five dozen head of Belted Galloway cows have a look as distinctive as the farm they belong to—a shaggy, dark-red to black coat with a white “belt” around the midsection. George bought three “Belties” more than 20 years ago now—he remembers calling them Oreo cows back then—and has since built a herd that is as good to look at as it is for business. “I still have the picture, the one he

showed me of these belted cows I didn’t know existed,” says Martha.

If the breed is eye-catching to the tourists, it’s a genuine draw for Windmist customers. A coarse, shaggy outer coat makes it well-suited for the chilly New England climate, without the layer of back fat that usually keeps cattle naturally warm. The result is not only lean meat for the customer, but efficiency for the producer; carcass weights are often 60% or more of live weights. At Windmist, Belties are exclusively grass-fed, offering yet another healthy advantage for the foodie customer.

The breed is efficient on grass as well. George put up 400 bales of hay last year, and Martha says they supplemented a bit with some purchased hay, but that it doesn’t take much to keep the herd going. Still, the Belties are a genetically small breed. George calved his first Beltie-Black Angus crosses this year. “We’re trying to see if we can get a little more size on them and grow them faster,” he says. He has high hopes; “those were some chunky calves,” he laughs.

Windmist’s location also allows the Neales to take advantage of an innovative, local process scheduling system. Martha says their beef-processing cycle is the envy of neighboring states, and could serve as a model for others who retail their own beef. Over time, much of the infrastructure for beef processing has shifted — by necessity — to the



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Midwestern U.S., leaving fewer and fewer USDA-inspected processing facilities behind for the smaller producer. Rhode Island's answer to such a shortage is the Rhode Island Raised Livestock Association (RIRLA). Founded in 2005 and supported by grants from USDA and other fundraising efforts, RIRLA partners with meat-processing facilities for a soup-to-nuts option for farm retailers: Deliver an animal, receive meat products from said animal already Cryovac®-sealed and frozen. "In other words, ready to sell!" says Martha. The membership fee in RIRLA is based on how many animals you process, and it saves the operator time and money by being a one-stop shop.



The Neales have processed more than 30 lambs this year, and even a few goats. The RIRLA handles them all. And the system is great for the consumer too. The RIRLA system ensures that the meat delivered to the farm retailer is from the correct animal. "We know it's our animal, so the consumer knows it too," Martha says.

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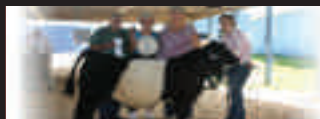


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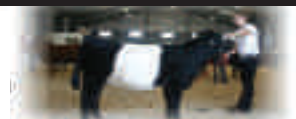
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Belted Galloway Associations

Regional Belted Galloway Groups

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.

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

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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 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 Blow & Go Show in northern Illinois in July and a new show in Iowa in August. A newsletter called Great Lakes Belted Galloway News is published quarterly.

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

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Westerners formed their regional group in early 1995. The group meets annually, usually in October, promotes the breed at various Western shows and exhibits, publishes a quarterly newsletter called The Belt-Line, and has home pages on Internet. Beltie facts, a member directory, current events and membership forms are available on the regional website.

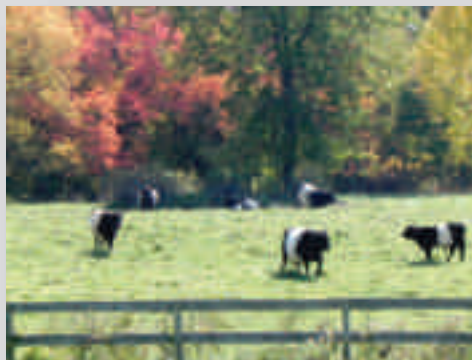


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Riven Rock

Grass Fed in the Mountains

Written By Kara Keeton



Chuck and Lou Ann Neely did not grow up farming, but the couple's love of the outdoors and their rural roots in the Blue Ridge Mountains inspired them to establish Riven Rock Farm.

"We were in our early 30's when we bought our farm and moved to Highland County, Virginia in the Allegheny Mountains," explained Chuck. "My job took us back to the city for a period, but the 2007 financial crisis made us rethink our decision, and we decided to sell our suburban home and move to the farm permanently."

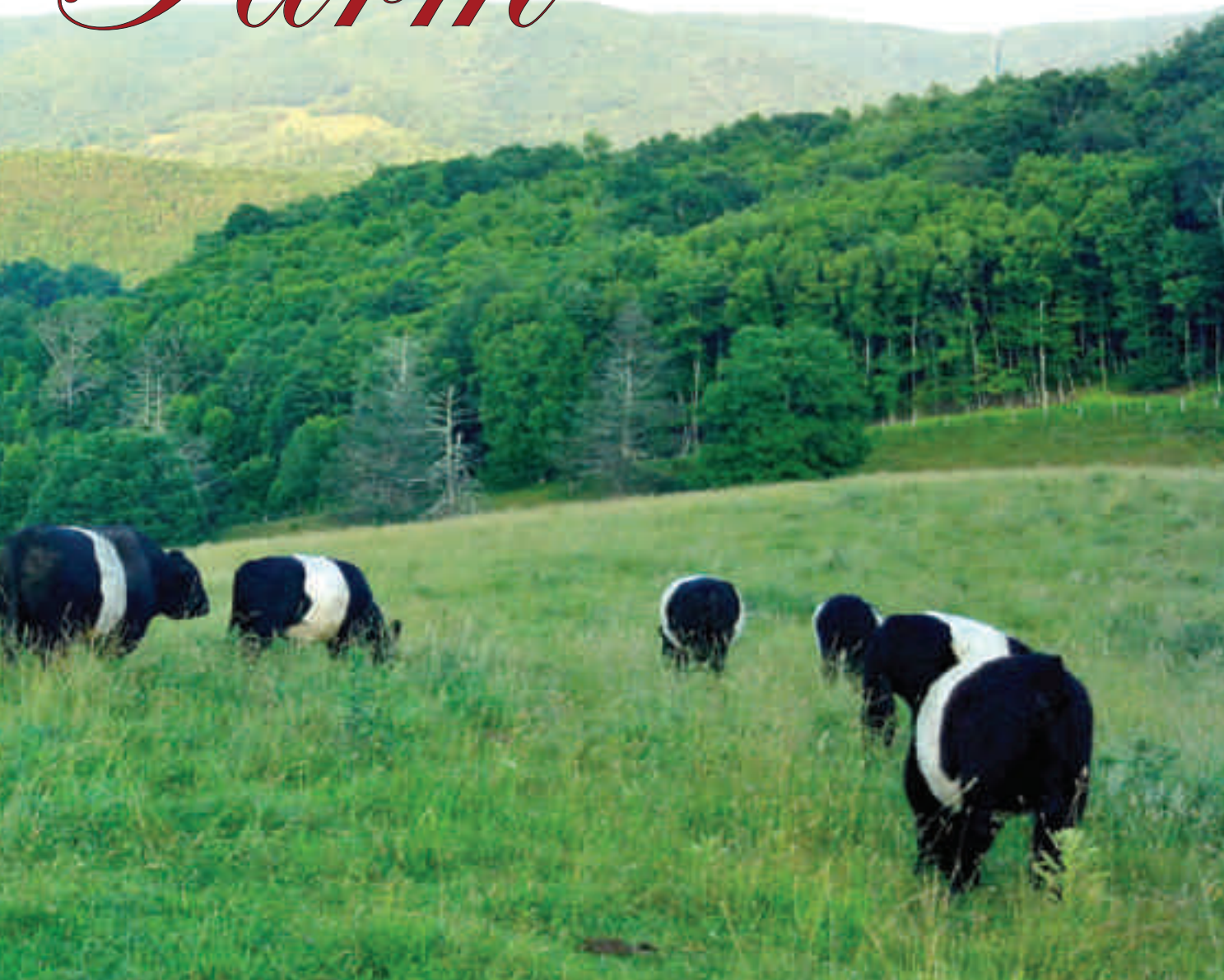
Over the last several years the Neelys have worked hard to

create the family farm of their dreams. While living in the small cottage on the farm, the husband and wife team built their current family home almost completely by themselves. Along with building their home, Chuck and Lou Ann have built the barns and other buildings on the farm, while also attending to the day-to-day operations of the farm.

"It has been an amazing experience to build our home, a lot of hard work, but it has been worth it," said Chuck. "As we have worked on the building of the farm, we have also been working hard on the agriculture operation as a whole."

Riven Rock Farm was started with 120 acres, a mix of

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mountain meadows and laurel-laced hardwood forest. Chuck explained that it was important to Lou Ann and himself that they create a sustainable operation to promote biodiversity on the farm. They wanted to find a balance between the wild forest and sustainable, organic farm practices. It was this focus on sustainability, along with an interest in producing healthy foods, which led them to choose the Belted Galloway breed.

"We started researching the best breeds of animals that were great grazers. Animals that would utilize our pastures and would be best suited for our farm environment which is

rugged mountains, cold in the winter, and cool summers. So the Belted Galloway really stood out," explained Chuck. "Also I descend from a Scottish line and I liked the idea that my great-great-grandfather might have had a Galloway herd on his farm."

Chuck and Lou Ann started with five Belted Galloways, but have grown their cattle operation to an average of more than 30 Belted Galloways and 20 solid color Galloways. Chuck explained that he chose to go with a registered Belted Galloway bull to breed both the Belties and the solid Galloway cows. While he admits that visitors and consumers love the

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look of the Belted Galloway breed, he likes having a nice mix of Belties, solid Galloway crosses, and purebred Belted Galloway in the herd.

Grass Farmers First

Most people would say Riven Rock Farm is a livestock operation based on the number of cattle and sheep that dot the pastures of the mountain operation. The Neelys believe they are primarily running a forage operation which means they are grass farmers first and livestock operators second.

"I think at first we looked at the operation as a livestock operation, but thanks to our amazing grazing education and the help of individuals like Greg Judy, who is a nationally known grazing consultant, we have learned that first you have to be grass farmers," said Chuck. "You have to have healthy pastures for your livestock. If you are taking care of your grass, the microbe activity, and creating healthy topsoil, then all the rest falls into place."

Chuck explained that they have chosen a managed intensive grazing program for their forage and cattle at Riven Rock Farm. This approach allows them to graze their cattle year-round with no feed other than hay raised on the farm. They also focus on stockpile grazing in the fall and winter to reduce the hay load and work.

Mixed in the grazing rotation with their Beltie and Galloway cattle on the farm, the Neelys graze Katahdin sheep. Known for superior meat, Katahdin sheep compliment the cattle in the grazing rotation, and allows the Neelys to make the most of their forage base as the sheep will eat grasses the cattle do not. Another value of the sheep following the cattle is the healthy benefits this rotation provides the animals and the soil.



"They are terminal to each other's parasite load which is important for the health of the pasture and the animals," said Chuck. "This is yet another way we are working to create a sustainable environment on the farm without the use of chemicals."

As the demand for Riven Rock Farm's grass fed beef and lamb has grown, so have the cattle and sheep herds. To help meet the grazing needs of the growing herds, the Neelys signed a ten-year lease with their neighbor. Today, Chuck and Lou Ann manage between the two farms over 300 acres of grassland and close to 300 acres of woodland.

"We break the 300 acres into small grazing cells so we can manage them in a way that will build our topsoil, fertility and stocking density," explained Chuck. "We are trying to grow more fertile soil, which will grow better grassland, in turn, grow better beef for our customers."

100% Consumer Approved

When the Neelys first began selling their Riven Rock Farm grass fed beef and lamb at the farmers market, the consumers couldn't believe the tasty meat was 100% grass fed.

"Heritage breeds like the Belties are designed for grass and finish with nice marbled beef," said Chuck. "Not only does it (the beef) taste wonderful, but it is also healthy with five times the Omega 3 fatty acids and four times the conjugated linoleic acid of grain fed beef."



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Riven Rock Farm

Chuck and Lou Ann initially sold their 100% grass fed beef in quarters, halves, or whole animal directly to the consumer. The couple quickly developed a regular customer base at the farmers' markets, and started to expand their sales of USDA certified cuts of beef. They also ventured into the local retail market working with health food stores to carry their products. Today, 80% of their meat sales come from individual cuts inspected by the USDA, rather than their original marketing of the carcass.

"We are lucky to have a local community owned agriculture center with a USDA processing facility located just minutes from our farm gate," said Chuck. "That means our cattle are born, raised, and finished on our farm and are transported



on a trailer, for just minutes before they arrive to be processed at an Animal Welfare Approved (AWA) processing facility."

The health and care of their animals had always been a priority for Chuck and Lou Ann, and it is that dedication that was recognized when they received their AWA certification for their beef herd. Chuck explained that

they were already using AWA best practices on Riven Rock Farm before their official certification, so it was a natural progression with an AWA certified processing facility available, that they apply for AWA certification for their farm.

"Our Galloways are raised in a natural, humane, low-stress environment and are completely hormone, antibiotic and grain-free," said Chuck. "This is not only important to us as farmers, but to our customers who support what we do by purchasing our beef."

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Choosing a Sustainable Life

Living Off the Grid at Sunny Slope Farm

Written by Kara Keeton

Merlin Friesen's philosophy in life has always been if you want to see change then you have to be the change. So it is no surprise that this established doctor and his wife Rita, who were living in Indiana, decided to pack up their family and move back home to rural Nebraska to start a sustainable farming operation.

"As you can imagine there are several threads that led to this decision, probably a good healthy dose of midlife crisis, or midlife madness, depending on how you look at it," laughed Merlin. "The dominant reason for this decision was that I had gotten more and more concerned about the impact of diet on health and the fact this issue wasn't being addressed by the health industry. So, I decided to be the change I wanted to see."

Growing up, Merlin spent his summers on his grandparents' farms in rural Nebraska. Before he went into the medical field, he contemplated pursuing a career in agriculture. When he and Rita made the decision to return to Merlin's agricultural roots, he began researching sustainable farming practices and discovered the permaculture model of farming. In 2007, after purchasing 80 acres about ten miles east of Beatrice, Nebraska, the two began the process of building their sustainable farming operation using that permaculture model.

Starting from Scratch

"When we purchased the farm it was just a corn field with no water," explained Merlin. "There were no buildings and no fences, so we started from scratch building our operation and our home."



The first barn the Friesens moved onto a foundation at the farm only lasted seven weeks before a tornado took it out, but the family wasn't deterred. Instead of building a traditional house,

Merlin and Rita chose to move a 100-year-old barn onto the farm and restore it for their family home. As they were estab-

lishing the fences and building the physical infrastructure for the farm, they also began transitioning the land away from the previous row crop operation to a diversified sustainable farm.

"We had a section of the farm that had been in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for 20 years. It came out soon after we purchased the land and we have converted that ground to a healthy pasture over time," said Merlin. "One of the main things that attracted us to this land was that it bordered a flood control pond, so we had to put in a system to pump the water from the pond to be used on the farm."

While it would be a challenge for anyone starting from scratch to build a livestock and produce operation, the Friesens took the challenge to new heights by making the move from a cornfield to a sustainable operation working off the grid. Merlin admits that the challenge was daunting at times, but he had learned much more than just basic farming skills working alongside the Amish in Indiana. He knew that it was possible to farm successfully off the grid - it just took determination and perseverance, both of which he and Rita appear to have in abundance.

"We are completely off grid. The operation is powered by wind and solar energy generated here on the farm," explained Merlin. "We wanted to create a sustainable farm and that includes energy, so we produce what we need on our farm."

Merlin explained that they built a central power building with solar panels on the roof and storage batteries inside, as the (cont'd. on p. 26)



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central power supply for the farm. Nearby they installed a modern wind generator which produces the wind power generated on the farm. They also chose to house the water pumping system in the central power building, and use a 100-year-old windmill integrated into that building to pump the water.

Merlin admits that some days it can be a challenge running a farming operation on just the power they produce on the farm. While it doesn't happen often, there are days when they use more electricity than they can produce in a day, and that is when they turn to a generator to supply the power needed on the farm.




The Choice for Belties

Merlin started his cattle operation on the farm with cattle from a grass finishing operation. They were a cross of Red Angus and Hereford. He knew he wanted cattle he could finish on grass, but he also was interested in raising a recovering heritage breed of cattle on the farm. Naturally in his research on breeds he discovered the Belted Galloway breed fit his criteria.

"I wanted a somewhat threatened breed, but with enough U.S. herd numbers to be able to have peers to talk to and learn from and I found this with the Beltie association," said Merlin. "So a few years after we moved to the farm, we


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purchased three Beltie open heifers from Mary Sapp in Missouri, and have been growing the herd ever since."

Today, the Friesens have about 25 head in their cow/calf herd, which includes yearlings and a registered bull. They graze primarily on cool-season and native warm-season pastures that were once the CRP land. Merlin explained that they finish their cattle out on warm-season annuals, mainly Sundangrass, which is a good high energy grass.

At this time, they market three to five steers a year, and sell only quarters and halves as the closest processing facility is just state inspected. Much of their customer base has been from customers that are members, or on the recommendations of members, of their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

"The CSA has given us a steady, dependable market for the variety of produce we grow," said Merlin. "These are families that are supportive of what we are doing, who support sustainable agriculture, and value locally grown food."

The Friesens currently have 30 families that are members of their CSA. During the growing season the families share in the broad variety of vegetables, strawberries, honey, and free-range eggs produced on the farm. They also raise a limited number of pastured broilers and turkeys that their members can choose to purchase. While they focus their production for their CSA customers, the two also participate in the local farmers market.

Merlin has seen an increasing demand for grass fed beef in his local market and sees the trend in the larger consumer market. He believes that this is a market right for Belted Galloway producers. He recognizes that there is potential to

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grow their operation to meet this demand, but with the last child leaving for college this year he is hesitant to talk about growing production on the farm.

"If in the future we had an interested family that would like to join the operation, I believe there is room for expansion," said Merlin. "We are transiting to the empty nest mode, so I think for just the two of us we have reached a nice plateau."

Awards

Point Show Awards

Michelle Ogle, Chairman Show Committee

Belted Galloway shows and displays occur all across the United States from coast to coast. Showing cattle offers breeders a chance to see their cattle side-by-side with cattle from other breeders for comparison and competition. Many of these shows are held in conjunction with large fairs and allow Belted Galloway cattle to be introduced to a large number of people who have not had the opportunity to see the breed, or talk to our breeders.

For those who show cattle, it is a labor of love. Preparing cattle for show takes a large amount of time, effort and

financial contribution from the owners/breeders. To award them for their effort, and acknowledge their contributions to the Belted Galloway breed, the Belted Galloway Society awards points that are tabulated throughout the year. Points awarded depend on the size of the show, the number of cattle shown and the number of breeders showing. Below are the results of the highest cumulative points awarded to cattle, breeders and exhibitors for the 2012 show season.

Congratulations to all of the breeders and owners for a job well done!

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Honorable Mention: *Countyline Anna 32312B*



Show Bull of the Year

Meadowood Xman 33650B is the result of a planned mating to replicate one of the most functional, reproductively efficient cows in the Meadowood Farms LLC (NY) herd, Stonesthrow Ladybird 23714B. Xman weaned off of Antietam Ladybug 18688B at an impressive 612 pounds. At 11 months of age, he measured a scrotal circumference of 34 cm and his semen was successfully collected and frozen. As a fall calf, Xman was Grand Champion at the Big E, Reserve Grand Champion at NAILE and high selling bull in the breed in 2011. 2012 brought an unsurpassed, undefeated year for Xman as he was crowned Grand Champion at the Midwest Classic, The Big E, The World Beef Expo and NAILE. Both conventional and sexed

semen are available through his owners at HC Sims Farm (PA).

Honorable Mention: *Oak Valley Zeus 34647D*

Awards

Show Cow/Calf of the Year

Oak Valley Wendy 30728B is the progeny of Platinum Lifetime Female Ridgeview Rosanna (AI) (ET) 24794B and Platinum Lifetime bull Antietam Porsche 9417B. Her bull calf at side, Oak Valley Zeus 34647D, was sired by the Gold Lifetime bull, Wayside Valley Houston 32389D, a son of the Platinum Lifetime Bull Thistle Creek Jack Straw 7323B. The cow/calf pair has a unique combination of muscle, with Zeus displaying a rare phenotype of size, muscle and heavy hindquarters. Wendy was part of the Grand Champion Cow/Calf pair at World Beef as a calf. During 2012, Wendy and Zeus were Grand Champion Cow/Calf Pair at the Rock County Preview Show, The Midwest Classic, Winnebago County 4-H Fair, World Beef Expo, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Zeus was also the 2012 Reserve Grand Champion Bull at World Beef Expo.



Show Sire of the Year

Stonesthrow Umbro (AI) (ET) 11941B was bred by Dick and Lisa Williams of Stonesthrow (SC) and is owned by the Matt Ellerbrock family of Hunt Club Farm (WI). His sire Driftwood Kingsize 8095B and dam Holbrook Hill Lilly 20216B are both Platinum Lifetime recipients with Lilly being named Dam of the Year in 2011. Umbro was named Show Bull of the Year in 2009 and with his proven pedigree behind him, produced his first offspring Sunnybrook Valor 33432B, the 2011 Show Bull of the Year. Umbro not only continued to sire winning breeding stock in 2012, but also produced a son, Sunnybrook

Cuervo 34010B, who was champion carcass steer over 45 all breeds entries.

Show Dam of the Year

Antietam Ladybug 18688B, dam of many times champion Meadowood Xman 33650B and Big E and World Beef Champion, Meadowood Yona 34616B. "Bug" as Meadowood Farms LLC affectionately refers to her as, has been successful in their breeding program, both as a natural dam, and as their lead-off embryo donor. Year in and year out, Ladybug consistently weans one of the farms heaviest calves and her progeny always make it to the replacement pen. Ladybug embryos are available privately; please inquire with Meadowood Farms, LLC.



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 9535B and two more females, the resulting mating's 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 farm is based around 20 proven Belted Galloway females and has produced or developed three show females of the year, four show bulls of the year, three dams of the year, four sires of the year, two cow/calf pairs 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 ultra-sounding and slaughter data to further the predictability of the offspring from the herd.

Breeder of the Year

Over the past decade, The Willis Family, Sunnybrook Farms, (IL) have produced numerous show animals of the year. But the true testament of any breeding program is to produce offspring that are successful and perform for them as well as other cattle breeders. Being named Breeder of the Year is the ultimate praise for a breeding program. The Willis would like to thank all of their customers from coast to coast who had confidence in their program and were willing to devote the time and expense to successfully show Sunnybrook cattle. Without those breeders, the Willis family feels this award would not have been possible.

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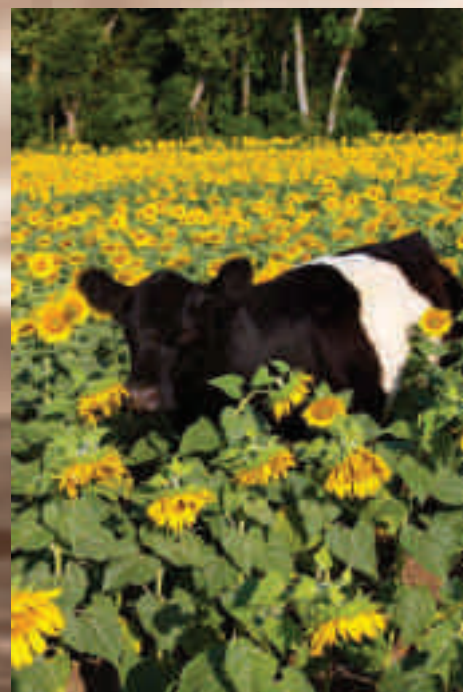


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Belted Galloway Junior Association

Beltie Youth Group



Brice Jackson (IN), Chairman of the Belted Galloway Junior Association

A major component of the Belted Galloway Association is the youth who live on our farms, help do the chores, and raise and exhibit our cattle.

To acknowledge these youth, the Belted Galloway Junior Association is the organization that has been created to unify and organize the young people across the United States---the ones who care for and show Belties in our local, state and national venues.

Years ago, thanks to the efforts of Kathi Jurkowski, the organization began as the Beltie Youth Group (BYG). It has

developed and grown and expanded and, with a nod to the input from our young people, it has matured into the Belted Galloway Junior Association. With a new name and a new logo, it effectively represents the hard-working young people who, every day, are taking on the adult responsibilities of breeding and raising and showing Belted Galloways. The following young people are some of the outstanding members of the Belted Galloway Junior Association. They represent the goals that the Association holds for each of its members, including character, leadership, knowledge of Belted Galloway cattle, and a willingness to work for the betterment of the breed.

Francis Quimby

Francis Quimby, who is now 20 years old, started showing and working cattle at the age of 13 when he joined the Moonshadow Farm 4-H group as well as the Beltie Youth Group. He was a very shy and quiet kid of not many words. But he was a hard worker who really enjoyed working with the cows. His first project was a spring yearling named Diane and they became the best of friends. When Frank had to do his first 4-H demonstration with the group, he chose to do the demonstration part and not even look at the crowd. As the years passed and he gained confidence in himself, he was doing the descriptive part of the demonstration. He has become very knowledgeable about beef cattle and he has become outgoing and willing to



talk to anyone.

When Francis was a freshman in high school, his father passed away unexpectedly. It was a very tough time for the family and they all turned to the Belties to be a constant in their lives. Francis was able to show and sell four steers in his 4-H career as well as the heifers he leased. He learned to become an outstanding showman, winning senior showmanship during his last 4-H year. He was also named Junior Herdsman, State of Maine Junior Beef Award, as well as representing the State of Maine for two years on the beef team at the Big E.

Francis graduated from the University of Presque Isle this spring and was able to land a job in his field of study. He just purchased 110 acres of land in his home town with the intentions of raising Belted Galloway cattle in the future.

Adam McConnell

Adam McConnell's dream was to have a beef project when he was old enough to join 4-H. But keeping a 1300 pound steer in the back yard in Rockford, IL was not a feasible choice. One day, he was asked to ride 4-wheelers with Chris Willis on their farm. After tearing up the dirt with the "Willis Boys" he noticed some black and white cattle in the pasture. While standing at the fence watching them, he met Julie Willis, who "talked cattle" with Adam. He was invited to come out any time to help with the Belties. Pretty soon, Adam was coming out to the farm to work on cattle--- not to ride 4-wheelers. He was



asked one day if he would like a steer for a project. This began his relationship with Sunnybrook Mac. Adam washed, combed, and led the steer every chance he got. Soon, the showmanship lessons began, and time for the first show was at hand. As Adam got ready for the first class to go in the ring, Steve Willis turned to him and said, "Watch the master and learn." Adam did really well that

day with his steer and he participated in showmanship but didn't win. But on the way home he was told, "You still have a lot to learn." Mac and Adam had a very good year showing. It climaxed when he stood second in a very good class

Belted Galloway Junior Association

of crossbred steers, beating some pretty expensive ones. As he left the ring the judge stopped him and said, "Here is a nicely fitted and well-presented belted steer. He is not as big framed as the crossbreds but you don't have to be big to be good. He would be good no matter what his color was." Adam's second year he had two steers, an Angus and a Beltie. He went to a McCullough fitting camp in Iowa with some other Beltie kids. He learned more about fitting and how to clip and he made lots of friends. That summer, he and Jake Keller fought it out for champion steer and also in the showmanship class. One show Jake would win and another show Adam would win. Adam now was doing most of his own fitting and clipping. He was asked to help some "steer jocks" fit at several of the fairs. At World Beef Expo, Adam won his class and came back to show for Supreme Showman. He placed second to Steve Willis and was told going out of the ring, "Still the master. Keep trying, Adam." Adam had other people saying, "He is a natural with the clippers. He is doing things the first time it has taken other people a lifetime to perfect." Adam was showing most of the breeding stock for Sunnybrook and Stone's Throw at all the

major shows. But school and sports kept him from going to Louisville.

His third year, Adam had a crossbred steer and another Beltie. He was now being asked to fit and show for other breeders and breeds of cattle. Adam attended another fitting camp put on by Kegley's Show Supplies. He continued to win showmanship classes and was named Supreme Showman this year at the World Beef Expo. This year he was determined to go Louisville to help fit and show cattle. His problem was his favorite heifer stayed home, and his Beltie steer had met his destiny with the butcher---but not until after being named Ultrasound Champion Carcass Steer against 47 other breed steers. Adam had been showing a heifer for Jay and Liz Dausman all summer. She would become his partner for the National Belted Galloway Show in Louisville. Adam did a great job and was named Supreme Showman at the Kathi Jurkowski National Junior Show. As soon as he finished there, he rushed to help friends from Indiana at the Maine show in the "Big Arena." A "fitting" end to a great year.

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Alexandra Abney

Burgersville, Indiana

Alexandra "Allie" Abney lives with her family in Burgersville, Indiana, where they raise Red Barn Farms Belted Galloways. She has been a member of both the Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association and the Beltie Youth Group for 10 years.

For the last three years, Allie has helped her family run Red Barn Meats LLC, meeting the public, educating them about Beltie beef, and making sales. She also designed and constructed a Facebook page to promote and market their Beltie beef, and she regularly updates the company website.

An honor student in high school, she served on Student Council and on the Principal Leadership Council, and she was a cheerleader for four years. Allie also was very active in FFA, serving as her chapter's president, student advisor, and secretary, serving as the District VIII president and secretary, serving on the Indiana FFA Executive Committee, and representing Indiana as a delegate to the National FFA Convention. In the spring of 2013, Allie was elected to be the Indiana FFA president. This is an outstanding honor, and taking on the job will be a fulltime endeavor. Allie and her six teammates will facilitate over eight camps and conferences, travel the state of Indiana, and serve as ambassadors for the Indiana FFA and agricultural industry. Fulfilling these responsibilities means that she will have to defer her plans to attend Purdue University for one year. Nevertheless, she plans to earn several college credit hours anyway, by taking classes online.

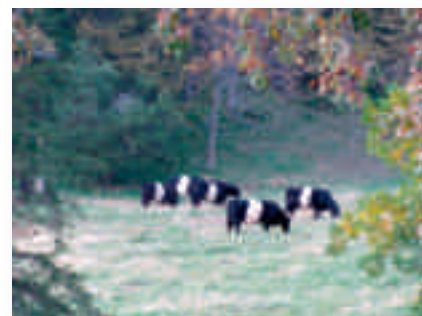
Allie has raised and exhibited Belties for ten years. In 2012, her Belted Galloway steer won Grand Champion at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Allie won the World Beef Expo Belted Galloway Master Showman in 2011, and in 2012, she



was Reserve Supreme Showman at the NAILE. Finally, as an informal ambassador for Belted Galloway cattle, Allie has worked to promote interest in the breed among the other major cattle breeders. When she was asked how she feels about having grown up in a family involved with the Belted Galloway breed, Allie answered, "I have had an awesome experience with my family, showing Belted Galloway cattle at local, state, and national shows. I would not have wanted to grow up showing any other breed!"

Allie plans to study Agriculture Economics and Agriculture Communications at Purdue, eventually becoming an agriculture lawyer. She admits that her love for Belted Galloway cattle means that she

intends to continue promoting the breed and educating the public and encouraging young people to become involved with Belties.



Aldermere Achievers 4-H Club.

Aldermere Farm

Ellie and Frances Pendleton live in Rockport, Maine. Not living on a farm, they have the unique opportunity to show cattle with Aldermere Farm and belong to the Aldermere Achievers 4-H Club. **Aldermere Farm**, a landmark of midcoast Maine, is one of the world's premier breeders of Belted Galloway cattle. The 136-acre farm is owned and managed by Maine Coast Heritage Trust, a statewide land conservation organization dedicated to protecting the scenic beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities, ecological diversity, and working landscapes of the Maine coast.



How long have you been in 4-H? What drew you to it?

Ellie: I've been in 4-H for four years. What drew me to Aldermere was an after-school program called Farm Hands, and I discovered I loved working at the farm and with cattle.

Frances: This is my third year in 4-H. I joined because I loved working with the cows and because I was intrigued with my family history in it.

What are some of the other activities you participate in?

Ellie: 4-H offers a lot of fun opportunities at youth events and shows. I have participated in sales/marketing competitions, fitting and showmanship clinics, cook-off contests, a market lamb project, and three market steer projects. I've visited other farms in Maine, traveled to Louisville with my club, and this year I am attending Eastern States Exposition, and National 4-H Congress in Atlanta.

Frances: In my three years of 4-H, I have had the opportunity to participate in all of the events Ellie mentioned. My favorites are always the animal events, like judging contests and borrowed showmanship. I've shown chickens, alpacas, working steers, sheep, and dairy cows. In my first year, I had the amazing opportunity to go to Louisville, Kentucky with my 4-H club.

What have you learned in 4-H? About yourself? About your community?

Ellie: I have learned a lot about myself in 4-H. I have discovered resiliency and flexibility in situations, especially in training my show calves. About the community, I have learned about the dynamic relationship between Aldermere Farm and the community. The farm's contributions to the community through outreach and enrichment activities are greatly appreciated by the community. The community, in their appreciation, participates in programs enthusiastically and supports the farm.

Frances: 4-H has definitely taught me a lot about myself and my community. The biggest thing I've learned though, is that I can always be involved with my community. Before I joined 4-H, I rarely did community service as I didn't realize I had anything to give back.

You work with your sister a lot? What are the challenges with that, and what is the best part of that?

Ellie: I do have to work with my sister a lot, and the most challenging part of that is always being with her. On the other hand, it's nice to have someone you can count on, and I can count on her. She works hard, knows what she's doing, gets things done, and sometimes we end up in the ring together, and that is fun too.

Frances: Of course there are challenges with working with family, everyone has them, but Ellie and I are pretty good most of the time. We really depend on each other, and even if we aren't getting along, we still seem to put that aside to get the work done. I miss her when she isn't at a show or event.

Aldermere Achievers 4-H Club

(cont'd.)

Who has been your favorite heifer?

Ellie: I could never pick a favorite heifer. My first heifer Aldermere Wilma was a challenge, but I love her to pieces. My second heifer Aldermere Xalvadora was much easier, and an absolute sweetheart. Aldermere Yemmi is still on the farm, so we can still snuggle.

Frances: Although I love all the heifers I have had, my first heifer Xanthris is my favorite. Xanthris and I have such a strong bond. I started working with Xanthris when she was just a few months old and now she's almost three. I don't know where the time has gone, but Xanthris has made my first few years in 4-H unforgettable.

Who has inspired you in 4-H?

Ellie: Ron Howard. Ron is always calm, even with the most difficult animals on the farm. We sometimes call him the Ninja because he can appear behind you to help and you do not even know it until he is lending a hand. Ron always is in our corner. He comes to all of our events and is never too busy to listen, help, or encourage.

Frances: I have met a lot of great people while in 4-H, but my 4-H leader Heidi Baker inspires me the most. Every day, Heidi is always there for me, and everyone else. She has helped me and taught me so much, and it's not all about showing cattle either. Heidi teaches me about everything that 4-H represents, giving. Heidi is my drive and inspires me to be the best 4-H member, and person that I can.

What is your favorite part of 4-H, besides working with cattle?

Ellie: Besides the cattle and the farm, my favorite part of 4-H is all of the interesting new experiences and the people I meet. The cattle community, and particularly the Belted Galloway community, is a great community.

Frances: Besides working with my cows, seeing the other 4-Hers at the fairs is my favorite. I get to see all my friends that I only see during show season. It's fun to come together and spend time with those special friends.

What else are you hoping to include in your 4-H experience?

Ellie: Next summer will be my last show season, and it may be cut short as I will be leaving for college. It might be a busy year. I would like to attend NAILE once more, maybe this fall.

Frances: While I am in 4-H, I really hope to learn a lot about other breeds and animals. I hope to expand my knowledge beyond Belted Galloways, and learn about other breeds and types of cattle. I'd like to have a farm someday. I have ducks, now.

What are you looking forward to this year?

Ellie: I am looking forward to Eastern States Expo with the Maine Beef Team, and then attending National 4-H Congress. The show season should be fun. I have a very nice steer from Brice Jackson in Indiana, and I am excited to see how he does. Being from Indiana, he took to Maine like a fish to water, and looks great!

Frances: This year I am looking forward to the shows and seeing the work I put into my animals paying off. I love looking back on the year's struggle and seeing how trained my animals are, and how much hard work pays off. It's a satisfaction like no other.



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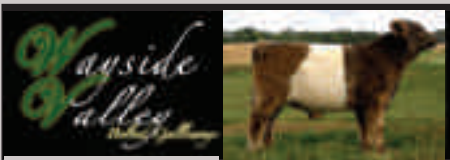
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