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## 2018 FEATURES



# From the President

*President Dawson Masters; Malone, TX*

It has been a short seven months since becoming the Society president. I have enjoyed witnessing the excitement on behalf of the Belted Galloway breed from across the country. We have had several records broken in the sale of cattle, animal numbers at shows, and in regional meeting participation. During February, the Council had the annual spring meeting in New Glarus, Wisconsin. (For me, spring means 85 degrees and sunshine, not 20 degrees and snow on the ground.) The Council made some bold new rules for our National Show at Louisville, Kentucky. We also are beginning to plan the 2020 World Galloway Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

In March, we began working with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) about premiums for our breed. After several meetings, I am pleased to announce that the NAILE approved \$5,000.00 in open show premiums! The Council and I hope this will generate a lot of new excitement. We look forward a record-setting 2018 show. We have secured the auctioneering services of Mike Jones of West Point, Georgia to handle the much-anticipated Belted Galloway Premium Sale to be held LIVE at the event.

During April, we had two of our regional groups set records! The New England Galloway Group hosted the 28<sup>th</sup> National Belted Galloway Sale. The sale offered 25 live lots and 14 genetic lots that totaled \$84,275. Buyers from 14 different states purchased

cattle in this year's sale. Congratulations to Dustin James and the entire New England group! The Southwest Belted Galloway group also had record attendance and participation in their annual meeting and spring show in Fredericksburg, Texas. They had over 125 people that came to watch the show and to attend the annual meeting. 50 head of cattle participate in this year's show with 10 breeders represented. Congratulations to the leadership and all the breeders of the Southwest Belted Galloway Association,



In May, not to be outdone by anyone, the Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association held their annual meeting and farm tour. They had over 90 people tour four farms and see some of the best cattle in the breed. This two-day event included a judging contest, a clipping clinic, and lots of discussion about our great breed.

In my role as president, and I have witnessed a wave of enthusiasm growing each day. It is so encouraging to me to see the excitement, the wonderful people, and the great cattle in this organization. Breeders are selling more cattle, getting a better price, and more people are selling Belted Galloway beef. Most importantly, I'm seeing younger people interested in this great breed!

I hope to see y'all in November during the NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky. Come and participate in the show, sale and the annual meeting. I promise we will try hard to make it very enjoyable for everyone!!!



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# Sales

### MIDWEST NATIONAL BELTED GALLOWAY SALE

SEPT. 23, 2017

Held in conjunction with the World Beef Expo Showcase Sale at West Allis, WI. Larry Martin Cattle Sales (IL). The Midwest Classic Sale and annual meeting of the Belted Galloway Society, Inc. were held during the 2017 World Beef Expo honoring the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association and the World Beef Expo.

TOP SELLING BRED HEIFER      DICKINSON ACRES CHEYENNE      \$3900.00  
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TOP SELLING OPEN HEIFER      MAGNOLIA TRACE EMMI      \$3500.00  
Consigned by Magnolia Trace Farms Marty & Janie Tripp, Brookhaven, MS; Buyer Jennifer, Brian & Lane Harbage, South Charleston, OH

Sale Total    \$16,850.00      Average      \$2407.00

### 28TH NATIONAL BELTED GALLOWAY SALE

APRIL 21, 2018

The New England Galloway Group hosts the National Belted Galloway Sale annually in April of every year with the Maine/New England Beef Expo in Fryeburg, ME. Sale Manager: Dustin James (ME); Thomas Carper Auctions (IN).

The sale results are as follows:

15	Open Heifers Averaged	\$2,700
7	Bred Females Averaged	\$2,900
1	Cow/Calf Averaged	\$4,000
2	Bulls Averaged	\$2,600
2	Right to Flush Averaged	\$2,350/lot
14	Embryos Averaged	\$400/Egg
90	Straws of Semen Averaged	\$57/Straw

The sale offered 25 live lots and 14 genetic lots and totaled \$84,275. Buyers from 14 states purchased cattle.

#### HIGHEST SELLING OPEN HEIFER/TYLER CUP – TIE.

Consigned by Magnolia Trace Farms, Marty & Janie Tripp, Brookhaven, MS. Magnolia Trace Erie \$3800; Buyer Penrod Family, Penrod Cattle North Manchester, IN.

Consigned by Southdown Farm, Michelle Ogle Bedminster, NJ.

Southdown Emily \$3,800; Buyer Larry Hafer, Horizon Cattle Company, Hickman, NE.

#### HIGHEST SELLING LOT

Consigned by Andy LeMaistre, Mitchell Ledge Farm, Freeport, Maine. SVF Lady Smith with calf, Mitchell Ledge Manorhill \$4,000; Buyer Julie Sparks, Williams, AZ.

#### HIGHEST SELLING BULL

Consigned by Magnolia Trace Farms, Marty & Janie Tripp, Brookhaven, MS. Magnolia Trace Dark Shadow; \$3800; Buyer Peggy Bachman, Priestford LLC, Darlington, MD.



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# Foxbrier Farm

*Carol Ann Burns describes herself as a third-generation cattle producer, but there are many other sides to this South Carolina resident and much more to her Foxbrier Farm than just a typical cattle farm. Blending nature, education, and equestrian activities along with the cattle, her family farm has transitioned from a traditional Angus operation to a very diverse venture that includes a Belted Galloway herd.*

“My dad and grandfather raised Angus on the farm until my father passed away. We ended up selling all of that breed because they were a lot sassier than the Belties,” she said with a laugh. “I did keep two old lady cows because my dad said if they served us all these years, we needed to provide them a place to live out their lives.”

Burns is very much in tune to all the animals on the farm, be it the cows, chickens, the horses that are kept there or the natural wildlife. The farm she has spent her entire life on has been farmland since colonial days.

In fact, the land that makes up Foxbrier lies in the heart of a 1772 land grant of 1500 acres that came from King George III of England to a wealthy planter and merchant named Peter Porcher of Charleston.

Through the years, many different people have owned the farm. The Burns family took over in 1965 with 325 acres and the intent of enlarging the original farm and diversifying its uses. “We now have 940 acres, located in the rolling Piedmont hills of South Carolina and we raise cattle, grow our hay, most of which is used as cattle feed, and we maintain a small herd of horses for use on our trail system and use for equestrian events, we host here on the farm,” said Burns.

One unique aspect about the farm is it being a part of a conservation easement which means it will never be developed without the threat of heavy monetary penalties. Burns said it was something they wanted to do to protect the land since nearby urban areas continue to expand.

Another interesting aspect that is part of the farm is an educational component that exists there. “My dad was a botanist, and biologist, and astronomer so he always had teachers here during the summer,” said Burns. “He would get them excited about wildlife again and excited about biology.”

That educational component continues in many ways including hosting school groups, providing teacher education and having an assortment of nature organizations meetings. Burns said people are especially curious about the Belted Galloway herd when they visit the farm. “I tell people who don’t know much about the Belties to come out and take a look,” she said.

Burns explained that she enjoys educating people about the cows, especially the younger folks. All it takes is a bucket of sweet feed to bring the cows close, something that thrills the visitors, young and old alike. “They get to see how docile the Belted Galloways are,” said Burns. “The cows don’t mind if the kids pet the babies and even my bulls don’t mind.”

Carol Ann laughs when she tells the story of how the Galloways first made their way to a traditional Angus operation thanks to the efforts of her and her sister.






“My father was a true believer in a solid black Angus cow, maybe with a little white spot here or there. So, back in 2005, my sister and I were riding through the country, and we saw this black calf with a white belt,” she said. “That’s where it all started. I began doing some research and looking into the Belted Galloway breed and thought, I’ve got to have one.” Burns said her father wanted her to become more involved in the farm after state budget cuts cost her a job as a counselor. She has a master’s degree in counseling in addition to being a farm entrepreneur. But it was that situation that brought her into the farming life fulltime. Knowing her newfound love of the Belted Galloways, Carol’s father bought two heifers for her as a birthday present thus beginning a new tradition on the farm.

The herd today numbers close to 30 with a couple of bulls and she now sells calves. Burns admits she becomes very close to her cows and always wants them to have a good home. She is currently beginning to market steers to the community. “This year I’ve got about six bull calves, and I’m selling a couple of heifer calves,” she said.

The Belties have fit in well with all the many activities that take place at Foxbrier Farm and have proven to be, in Burns’ words, thriftier than the Angus. But it’s probably their good-natured personalities that Belties are known for that endear them the most to her. “I love their hair, and I brush them a lot, and they love it,” she said.

# FOXBRIER FARM



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It’s easy to see that Carol Ann Burns loves her farm and the tradition that goes with it. She does admit that some days are tougher than others, but her love for nature, the animals, and the scenic land wins out on those tough days as she continues to promote the Belted Galloway breed. “I try to keep one of my herds in the pasture with road frontage because they are so nice to look at,” she said. “People are always stopping to take pictures because they say they are so beautiful. That was one thing my dad enjoyed about them. They are nice to look at on the landscape.”



# 2017 TOP TEN PRODUCERS

*The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. is recognizing the 10 producers who registered the most Belted Galloway cattle in the United States. The farms combined registered/recorded a total of 392 cattle during fiscal year 2017.*

The 10 top ten farms registering/recording 20 or more animals:

- |   |                           |                       |     |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Anderson Hill Farm                         | Mike Allen, Manager       | West Rutland, Vermont | #49 |
| 2. Y Knot Ranch                               | Catelin Isley             | Bird City, Kansas     | #33 |
| 3. Legacy Ranch                               | Todd/Janet Moyer          | Neosho, Missouri      | #29 |
| 4. Parsons Farm                               | Michael/Gail Parsons      | Cincinnati, New York  | #29 |
| 5. Sundown Ranch, Inc.                        |                           | Canton, Texas         | #29 |
| 6. BJ Cattle Company                          | Brice, Jane, Jeff Jackson | Greencastle, Indiana  | #29 |
| 7. Caleamont Farm                             | Joseph McCabe, III        | Danville, Vermont     | #23 |
| 8. MRB'S Red Belted Galloway                  | Marvin R Bohnet           | Hazel, South Dakota   | #20 |
| 9. Meadow View Farm, Richard Downing & Family |                           | Lyndonville, Vermont  | #20 |
| 10. BAMA Belties                              | Pat Floyd                 | Luverne, Alabama      | #20 |

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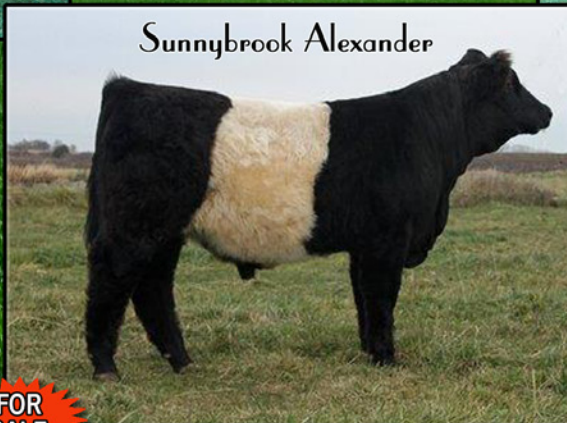


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# Point Show Awards

During 2017 the following animals and exhibitors are honored for earning the highest show points. Throughout the calendar year, the Society recorded the placements for each animal entered in a Belted Galloway show. Animals that are shown, along with their dams and sires, accumulate lifetime points toward a Silver, Gold, or Platinum distinction.

*Congratulations to the breeders and exhibitors of our 2017 Point Show Awards! The Belted Galloway breed represented at shows and exhibitions throughout the country is one of the best ways to market the Belted Galloway breed. We wish to recognize our exhibitors and thank everyone who exhibited cattle during 2017.*

**BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR, SUNNYBROOK FARMS** located in Belvidere, Illinois is owned by the Terry and Julie Willis family. The farm is based around 25 proven Belted Galloway females. This year marked a significant milestone for them when they realized that over 15 years of generational success has been repeated throughout their cow families and the Belted Galloway breed. Their 12 oldest females ranging in age from 8- to 15-years-old, have all produced and or received show point recognition. The Willis family has also owned and or produced 28 females and 13 bulls that have earned lifetime achievement awards. The family breeds their Belted Galloway cattle for a combination of quality, carcass, and conformation that will perform in the show ring and in the pasture. They shared, "This is not just a fancy marketing slogan, but the foundation we have used for developing our herd over the years."



The Willis family values the support they have received over the years from their sons, Steve and Chris, along with Adam McConnell. They stated, "This award could not have been achieved without the help of our awesome customers and Beltie friends. We would like to sincerely thank all of our Beltie friends who have helped us throughout the show season. And thank you to all our customers, especially the juniors, from coast-to-coast that have had confidence in our program." Over the past 16 years, Sunnybrook Farms has implemented the use of production records, DNA trait identification, and carcass results from ultrasound and slaughter data, and recently added IVF to further the predictability of the offspring produced in their herd. The result is a uniform and consistent calf crop. Our motto, "We don't breed show cattle, we show breeding cattle," is very important to us. The Willis family stated, "Being named Breeder of the Year is the ultimate praise for our breeding program!"



**SHOW FEMALE OF THE YEAR, OATLEY'S FARM HERA A39864-B M3** was bred by Victoria Oatley, Exeter, Rhode Island, and is owned by Ethan Oatley. Hera is sired by the two-time Sire of the Year and Platinum Lifetime Award Winner Southdown Unique 9U 11781-B. Her dam was the 2014 Reserve National Champion Female and now Platinum Lifetime Award Winner TSVM Ophelia 36823-B. Hera is recognized by her extra-large belt and white above her front pastern on her show side. Because of her markings, she was not able to be shown as a purebred until the Society rule change in 2016. Hera is described as having an extra-long spine, deep-ribbed, and extremely powerful. These qualities helped her win several championships at many shows, including Grand Champion Belted Female at the Big E, the second largest Belted Galloway show in the United States during 2017. *Honorable Mention: Pine View Clementine 76C 39651B.*



**SHOW BULL OF THE YEAR, OATLEY'S FARM SAMBUCA 40623-B** is bred and owned by Ethan Oatley of Exeter, Rhode Island. Sambuca is sired by the 2012 Reserve National Champion Bull and now Platinum Lifetime Award Winner Driftwood Sonic 34628-B. He was born weighing a whopping 50 pounds as the first calf out of the 2015 Show

Female of the Year and now Gold Lifetime Award Winner, Oatley's Farm Ivy 37517-B. Sambuca is heavily muscled, sound-structured, chiseled-fronted, super eye appealing from the side profile, and is just an overall complete powerhouse. Dr. Clint Rusk was quoted, "This bull is going to change the breed," when he picked him as the Supreme Overall Bull at the 2017 Fryeburg Fair in Maine, the largest Belted Galloway show in United States history. Sambuca was named either Grand Champion or Reserve Champion Belted Galloway Bull at every show where he was exhibited. He was awarded Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull at The Big E and Reserve National Champion Bull at the National Belted Galloway Show at NAILE. *Honorable Mention: Oatley's Farm Bugatti 39865B.*



**SHOW COW CALF OF THE YEAR, SUNNYBROOK ALEXIS 29180B** is bred and owned by Steve Willis at Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, Illinois. She is sired by Platinum and two-time Sire of the Year, Linetree's Pistol Pete, 9535B. Her Platinum Dam, Sunnybrook Elaine, 24684B was past show Female of the Year and current Dam of the Year. Alexis is remarkable in that at 10 years of age she is unbeaten in the cow-calf division. The judge commented, "She looks like a four-year-old cow." Alexis won at World Beef Expo where her calf, Sunnybrook Axel, who was also the champion bull. Alexis is the only female in the breed to be a Show Female of the Year out of a Show Female of the Year. She is also a three-time Show Cow Calf of the Year. She easily maintains her soundness and eye appeal and easily goes from the pasture to the show ring without any extra feed. All her calves have competed at the national level. A son, Sunnybrook Cruise, was a runner-up show Bull of the Year. Alexis has also earned Platinum Lifetime status. She is pictured with her calf Sunnybrook Axel who was the Reserve Bull Calf Champion at NAILE. She was also the granddam to the Champion Bull calf, the Champion Appendix female, and Reserve Champion steer, as well as another class winner at NAILE during 2017.

**SHOW SIRE OF THE YEAR, COUNTYLINE CONNOR 37033-B** is surpassing the success of his parents, Southdown Unique, Rolling Acres Deloris, and his two full sisters who were all past national point show winners. He was bred by Jay and Liz Dausman, Pierceton, Indiana and is owned by Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, Illinois. Connor is the only bull to receive Show Bull of the Year, sire a Show Bull of the Year, and consecutively win two Sire of the Year awards with his first two calf crops. His bone, thickness, and style are easily recognizable in his progeny.



All 14 of his first calves were successfully shown at all levels with Sunnybrook Griffen named show bull of the year in 2016. His 2017 calves have continued their winning tradition with 18 calves being shown winning numerous champions at various state and national shows. *Honorable Mention: Driftwood Sonic 34628B.*



**SHOW DAM OF THE YEAR, SUNNYBROOK ELAINE 24684B** is bred and owned by Steve Willis at Sunnybrook Farms. She is sired by Platinum award winner Klover Korner's Maximum. Her dam is Uphill Eleanor, Platinum Lifetime and 2007 Dam of the Year. In 2005, Elaine was the first Beltie female born at Sunnybrook Farms. As a calf, Elaine was unbeaten in class and went on to be the 2007 Show Female of the Year. She produced her first calf less than a month after concluding her show career in 2007. Her first daughter, Sunnybrook Alexis, has earned Platinum status and been named Show Female of the Year, runner-up Dam of the Year, and three times the Cow Calf of the Year. Her second daughter Sunnybrook Sierra, a full sister to Alexis, was the 2017 Cow Calf Champion at NAILE at eight years of age. This year, Elaine accomplished a feat rarely attained in any breed. Four of her natural progeny were exhibited at national shows (WBE and NAILE). Two daughters won Cow Calf champions, a daughter won junior show champion female, and her just weaned May calf showed in class. At the 2017 National show at NAILE, Elaine had 12 animals shown with her in their pedigree. Two were grand champion, a reserve grand champion, a division grand and reserve champion, and a class winner. Sunnybrook Farms is very proud of the genetic success we can trace back to this female. Elaine is pictured in the pasture as a 12-year-old cow. *Honorable Mention: Pine View Jasmine 33629B.*

# PAT FLOYD & BAMA BELTIES

MAKING AN IMPACT IN ALABAMA

## —Feature—

It's not every day that people in Alabama come across a Belted Galloway farm. There are only a handful of farms in the state, and Pat Floyd's farm, BAMA Belties, is the only farm in the city of Luverne, which is also known as The Friendliest City in the South.

"I was out in the field one day and saw a car going up and down the road," Floyd said. "I went to the road to see what was going on and they said they were all looking at my cows. They took pictures and away to Florida they went."

This is not a surprise occurrence at Floyd's farm. Pat shared that she has had all kinds of visitors out to the farm from passersby wanting to take a photo, to senior groups, to parents with their children. "People stop and say 'What is that type of cow? How do you get the belt on them?'" she said. "I love to show them. We walk out in the field and pet them. They're all friendly. I have Moon Pies and Sun Drop soda for anyone who stops by."

In fact, Floyd learned about the breed the exact same way. "I remember my family was on vacation in North Carolina," she said. "And we got out of the car and stood there, and we didn't know what they were."

It wasn't until years later that she saw them again when her late husband, Earl, showed her a photo of a Belted Galloway online when they were trying to decide what kind of cattle they wanted to purchase. "When I saw the picture on

the computer, I remembered that was the same cow I saw many years ago," she said.

Although Pat and Earl didn't get Belties until 2012, cattle farming was in Pat's blood. "My father was a county commissioner and was interested in raising Angus beef, and I grew up on a cattle farm. I graduated college, got my PhD and became a university professor in Florida and later got a job at Alabama State University and I came back and got into (farming) again with him."

Floyd's father passed away in 2007 not long after she and Earl decided to purchase Belted Galloway cattle. "My daddy never did see me in the Beltie business, but my husband did, and we traveled everywhere to pick them up."

Floyd said after they got their first seven Belties to start their herd, she just fell in love with the breed. "They are docile; they're friendly, they're just beautiful to me with their long hair, and just beautiful to be around."

Today, Floyd has 42 Belties on her farm. She breeds the cattle, sells some of them and processes beef on occasion. "I call the Belties my pasture flowers," Floyd said.

Floyd has also enjoyed watching one of the cows she sold in the show ring. "I just sold one to a young lady, Kellen Lincoln, 12 years old, and she's showing this beautiful Beltie. I was thrilled over that because she's been a grand champion in three shows. People are just in awe of the breed and the beef. It's just powerhouse lean beef."



When it comes to be processed, Floyd doesn't do it often, but she does enjoy the beef. "I am just an animal lover, and I love my pasture flowers, so it's hard for me to pick out someone who is going to processed for meat."

Floyd has a passion for breeding Belties, and she has made it fun for her community as well. She continuously engages people at the farm and through her Facebook page. "It's been great," she said about using Facebook for her business.

Floyd takes photos as soon as calves are born. She often shares photos with prospective buyers and uses the images to keep up with her herd and how the calves are growing. Floyd also uses Facebook to let people help name the babies. "I'll put a pink ribbon or a blue ribbon on my front gate when we have a calf. I love the community to be involved, and folks get a kick out of it."

And being around a lot of Alabama fans, and a graduate and fan herself, she's had some themed names throughout the years. "We've had a bull named Nick and one named Saben," she said. "We also have a chicken named Bam Bam."

After Floyd's husband passed away in 2016, Floyd wanted to continue the business. In part, she said, because it's something they enjoyed together. Although it's more work on her own, Floyd doesn't mind.

"I do it myself, I like to work alone," Floyd said about continuing the business. "I spray, worm and tag them. I tag the babies as soon as they hit the ground. With 98 percent of my babies, I am right there." Floyd doesn't plan on changing any of that anytime soon.

A retired professor and author of numerous textbooks, Floyd




said that her Beltie business is a hobby, but a comfortable hobby. "I enjoy being around the animals," she said. "I will be in the


Belted Galloway business as long as I am in the cattle business. And as long as I can continue health-wise, I'll be in the Beltie business."

And as far as Belties in Alabama, Floyd said they're already catching on. "It's going to catch on in Alabama because of the lean beef. I can see it is growing now."

With friendly Beltie owners like Floyd, who are willing to share the breed with anyone passing by, it's no surprise. "We're just thrilled to death to get the breed to be well known in Alabama, and I think we're well on our way," she said. "So, the next time you are down South in Alabama, stop by and enjoy the view of beautiful Belties."



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November 14, 2018, Louisville, Ky, Morning Show  
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# Belted Galloway Junior Association



*Fifty junior members participated at the April 2018 Northeast Regional Junior National Belted Galloway Show and Fryeburg Youth Show in Fryeburg, Maine.*

The Belted Galloway Junior Association is an outstanding group of nearly 150 junior members who work year-round dedicating their efforts in the promotion of Belted Galloway cattle. BGJA members exhibit and show animals, belong to various cattle organizations and 4-H clubs, participate in educational contests, and market their cattle across the country.

It's not just about showing animals; BGJA members learn to keep records, they work to ensure the safety and success of their livestock, they earn money for college, and most importantly, they gain experience. Our youth are hard-working and impressive because of their ability to promote the breed, communicate what they have learned, and lead others to become interested in Belted Galloway cattle.

We would be remiss if we didn't share that it is a challenge to plan programs for such a small group on a national level. We are thankful that our regional groups support our junior members in their respective areas. The annual Kathi Jurkowski Junior National Show in Louisville, Kentucky, held during the North American International Livestock Exposition, showcases our junior members and their animals. Showmanship, hands-on-clinics, a photo contest, cash prizes, buckles, and fun are all part of the program at NAILE.

We are excited to have such outstanding future leaders in our organization, and their hard work speaks for itself. We are very proud of our youth. As an association, we strive to ensure a future for our way of life for generations to come.

Contact Janie Tripp, Magnolia Trace Farms, Brookhaven, Mississippi to learn more about the Belted Galloway Junior Association. (601) 754-3993 or mtripp11@yahoo.com.



*Grand Champion Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show Heifer. Antietam Lilly 5D. Bred by Lisa Lovett (IL). Owned by Marty & Janie Tripp (MS). Leased by Justin Posey (MS). - NAILE 2017*



*McKenzie Huffman from Warren, Indiana was the 2017 Overall Champion Showman. - NAILE 2017*



*Grand Champion Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show Steer. Anderson Hill Lancaster. Bred by Richard C. Anderson (VT). Owned by Caroline Oatley (RI). - NAILE 2017*



*The Belted Galloway Junior Association members at the 2017 National Kathi Jurkowski Belted Galloway Junior Show. - NAILE 2017*



*April 2018 Northeast Regional Junior National Belted Galloway Show and Fryeburg Youth Show in Fryeburg, Maine. (photo above and right)*



*Belted Galloway Junior members who showed at the 2017 World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

# PASSION FOR THE BELTIES HAS CREATED MICHAEL AND GAIL PARSONS' BUSINESS



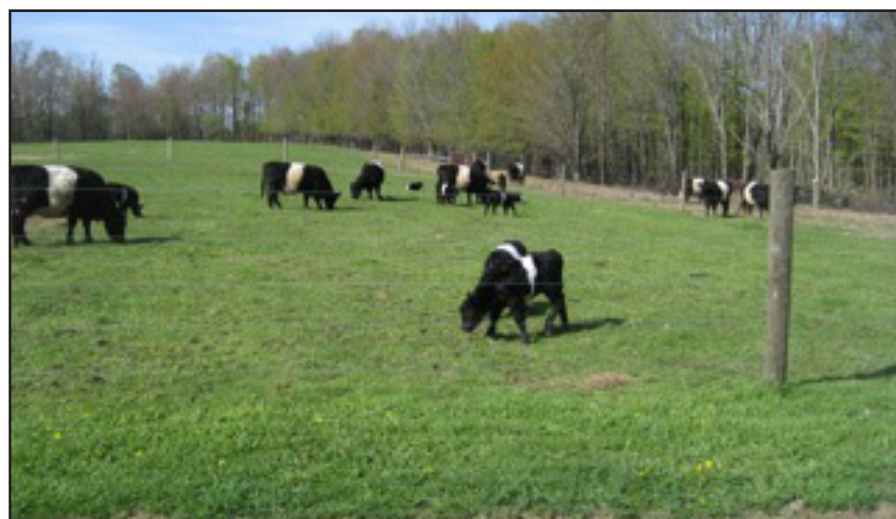
*By Kristin Rover*

Gail Parsons has been intrigued by Belted Galloway cattle ever since she first saw a photo of one when she was a little girl, but it wasn't until 2006 that she and her husband Michael decided to purchase the cattle and start their business, Parsons Farm, in Cincinnatus, New York.

"I have always been taken by the color of the Belties," Gail Parsons said. "As a little kid, I saw a picture of them. I didn't stop at that. They looked like little stuffed animals, and it was love at first sight."

It took a little convincing to get Michael, who had always loved Herefords, interested in the breed. "She showed me pictures of them," Michael said. "Then I knew when we started researching the animals how hardy they were, and it just made sense."

It was just after a flood in New York that Gail and Michael finally purchased Belties of their own. They both had been working at New York State Electric and Gas in Johnson City for more than 20 years, and the flood affected the plant. They almost had to put off their farm dreams again because of the flood but decided that it was finally time.



"We were working many hours at that plant, and we thought why put it off any longer let's just do it," Gail Parsons said about getting cattle.

They learned a lot about the breed from Doris and the late Werner Moennich, with Seefeld Farms, whom they found through the Belted Galloway breeders' directory. "They mentored us right straight through," Gail Parsons said.

The Parsons purchased their first seven cattle from Marben Farms in Connecticut, and they were so happy with the breed that they never looked back. "You start with seven and the next thing you know you're at 170, and you're like 'huh?'" Michael Parsons said.

The characteristics of the breed, including the breed's personality and intelligence, stood out to the Parsons. "They're a very intelligent cow," Gail Parsons said. "Belties are just like Blue Healers; they're always thinking. They are good mamas too, they all take care of each other's babies."

"You can't beat them, they're a hardy animal, they're smart. We keep them trained too so I can move them with a bucket of grain," Michael Parsons said.

Working with the cattle is something the Parsons always have done and always will do. Michael Parsons, who also works maintenance at a hospital, usually checks on the animals every night after he gets home from work, shining a flashlight in on the herd to make sure they're all OK. The Parsons also work with them on a regular basis around feeding time. "We pail train them with grain," Gail Parsons said. "It doesn't take a lot to tame them down, and it doesn't take long. Many people don't want to work with them."

They also just enjoy being around the animals. "We don't have any children, and they are our children," Gail Parsons said.

She said that the close relationship they have with the cattle makes it harder to process them for their meat, but she takes comfort in knowing they

have lived a good life on the farm. “You just have to tell yourself you’ve given them three years of the best life possible,” she said.

In addition to selling beef, the Parsons breed their cattle and have sold cattle as breeding stock. “I personally strive for the 0.00 percent coefficient of inbreeding,” Gail Parsons said. “We don’t do any in-breeding at all.”

After years of breeding the cattle, the Parsons have also discovered a few interesting things about Belted Galloways. “If you’ve got a cow with a bad attitude, they say she’ll pass that to her offspring, and we don’t find that,” Gail Parsons said. “We have one that is difficult, and she can raise a calf better than any cow we’ve got. And none of her offspring are difficult. There is no scientific data there; maybe it’s because we give her offspring more attention. We’ve also never had a Beltie bull with any kind of attitude.”

Gail Parsons said they leased out their bulls for the first time last year and everyone was amazed by how calm they were. “I think it’s because we do something with them. You also get out of them what you put in them,” she said.

The Parsons also produce all of the cattle’s hay, and they have increased their hay production as they have grown their herd. “We are working on creating the exact pasture setup we need so that we don’t have to supplement. We’re trying to be self-sustained,” Gail Parsons said. “We try to have 300-400 bales in reserve at all times.”

Looking ahead to growing their beef and breeding business, the Parsons think their biggest challenge is battling



their geographical location, the market in their area and recently the competition from other farmers. “We’ve got many dairy farmers that have gone out, and now people want to be crop or beef farmers,” Michael Parsons said.

The competition is fierce not only for customers but also for land, which the Parsons continue to purchase more of as they are able. However, despite the challenges, the Parsons’ passion for the Beltie’s and their business keeps them moving forward. “We’re going to hang in there, we love our Belties,” The Parsons said.

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## RICHARD ANDERSON BELTED GALLOWAY SHOW

September 12-16, 2018. Springfield, MA. Junior Show: September 14 at 6 pm. Open Show: September 15 at 9 am. Contact Dustin James info@newenglandgallowaygroup.com or (207) 491-5980. Entry office at (413) 205-5011 or agifo@thebig.com

## FARMINGTON FAIR

September 16-22, 2018. Farmington, ME. Contact Neal Yeaton (207) 778-6083

## WORLD BEEF EXPO

September 28-30, 2018. Milwaukee, WI. Contact World Beef Expo (920) 479-0658 or info@worldbeefexpo.com

## WESTERN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

September 28 -29, 2018. Annual meeting. Reno, NV. Contact Ken Bajema, (360) 837-3273 or kdbajema@gmail.com

## WORLD GALLOWAY CONGRESS

September 28, 2018-October 3, 2018. Melbourne, Australia. Registrations are open: wgcmelb2018@bigpond.com

## GALLOWAYS AUSTRALIA

October 5-October 16, 2018. Extended touring of farms and Australia following the World Galloway Congress. Colin McNeil, gallowayaustalia@gmail.com

## FRYEBURG FAIR

September 30-October 7, 2018. Fryeburg, ME. Show: Tuesday, October 3 at 9 am. Contact Randy Hall (207) 860-8431

## SOUTHWEST BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION SHOW AT THE HEART O' TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO

October 12, 2018. Waco, TX. Contact Kim Smith at (210) 842-7466 or kim@kbarmanch.com

## THE BELTED GALLOWAY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

November 13, 2018. Louisville, KY. Time and Location to be announced. Contact Dawson Masters (972) 465-0339 or dawson.masters@energytransfer.com

## THE BELTED GALLOWAY PREMIUM SALE

November 14, 2018. Louisville, KY. 5 pm. Live Auction at New Market Hall at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Contact Dawson Masters (972) 465-0339 or dawson.masters@energytransfer.com

## THE KATHI JURKOWSKI NATIONAL BELTED GALLOWAY JUNIOR ASSOCIATION SHOW

November 14, 2018. Louisville, KY. Morning Show to be announced at Broadbent Arena at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Cattle arrival Monday, November 12, 2018 from 8 am to 4 pm. Check-in Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 10 am-3 pm. FMI Janie Tripp (601) 754-3993 or mtripp11@yahoo.com

## THE NATIONAL BELTED GALLOWAY OPEN SHOW

November 15, 2018. Louisville, KY. 8 am in Freedom Hall at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Cattle arrival Monday, November 12, 2018 from 8 am to 4 pm. Check-in Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 10 am-3 pm. FMI Dawson Masters (972) 465-0339 or dawson.masters@energytransfer.com

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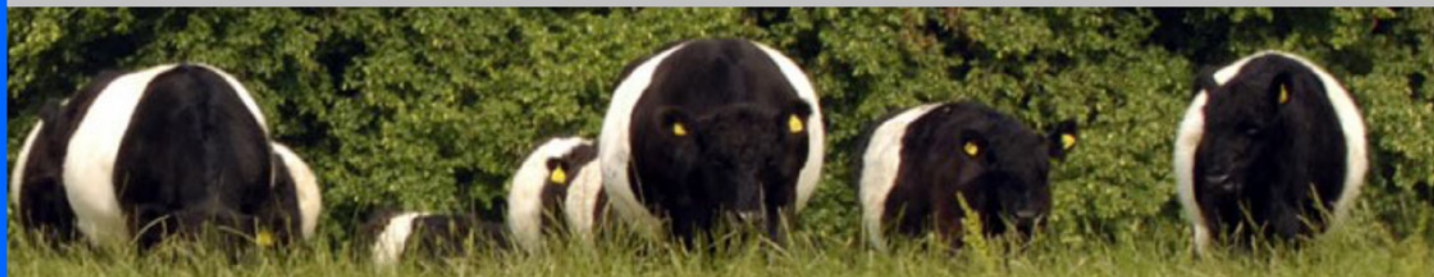
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# REGIONAL GROUPS

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

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

## GREAT LAKES BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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*The GLBGA, formed in 1992, holds an annual field day, exhibits animals at many fairs and expositions in the Great Lakes region, and during late September of each year, sponsors the Belted Galloway Show at World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The GLBGA also sponsors the annual Midwest Classic Show in northern Illinois. 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 in that region.*

## WESTERN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

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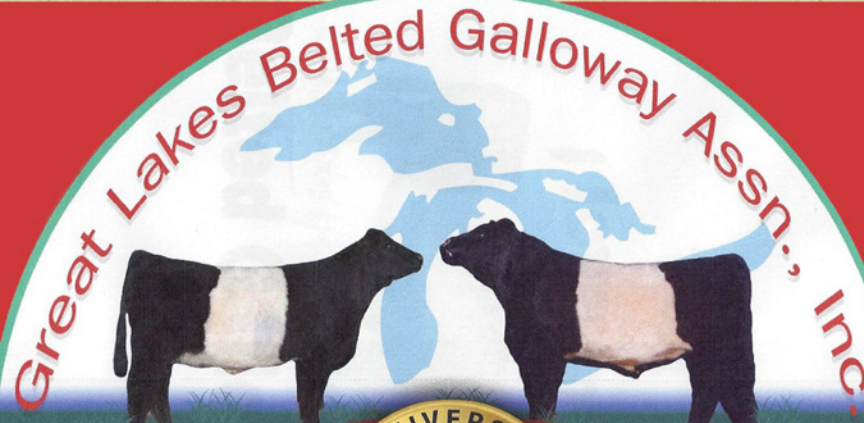
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*Westerners formed their regional group in early 1995. The group meets annually, promotes the breed at various western shows and exhibits, and publishes a quarterly newsletter called The Belt-Line. Beltie facts, a member directory, current events and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

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# A. H. Chatfield, Jr. Memorial Scholarships

By *Leanne Fogle, US Beltie News*

*The Belted Galloway Foundation is a non-profit organization that is funded by generous donations, bequests, and auctions. The Foundation also funds the A.H. Chatfield Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Three students are annually awarded a \$1000 scholarship. The selection process includes judging each applicant's written essay, with essential criteria including leadership, participation, community service, scholastic standing, and extracurricular activities.*



**Abigail Booe** of Bargersville, Indiana is a 2018 graduate of Franklin Community High School. She will attend college at Ball State University majoring in Biology. Following in her father's footsteps, Abigail began showing cows in 2008 during the third grade. Showing became her passion and favorite summertime activity. In 2015, her steer won Grand Champion Belted Galloway at her county fair and again

at the Indiana State Fair. During the Indiana State Fair, she was able to show in the prestigious Indiana State Fair Grand Drive. Abigail learned that showing is not only about winning, but about the memories and the valuable lessons learned along the way.

**Luke Daniels**, Strasburg, Illinois is a graduate of Stewardson-Strasburg High School and earned an associates degree from Lake Land College, Mattoon, Illinois. He now attends Western Illinois University in Macomb and is majoring in animal science. Luke's passion for cattle started while growing up on a small farm in central Illinois. While attending high school, Luke had the opportunity to work for a family-owned cattle operation not far from his home. It was through working for this family for six years, plus helping his grandparents with their herd of Belted Galloway cattle, that Luke gained his passion and knowledge of the livestock industry. Luke makes all the breeding decisions for the family's herd and handles the cattle records. He has a history of showing on the local, state, and national levels. Luke is planning to continue his education



with an advanced degree and intends to use his knowledge to represent the Belted Galloway breed in the beef industry.

**Ashley Lohmann** of Sperry, Iowa graduated from Burlington Notre Dame High School in 2018. She will begin her freshman year at Southeastern Community College in West Burlington to major in Biology and Veterinary Medicine. Ashley's family bought their first Belted Galloway cattle in 2012. Two educational projects about Belted Galloway cattle at the county 4-H level advanced her to the Iowa State Fair. Showing locally, regionally, and at the World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she is also the Belted Galloway representative on the Iowa

Junior Beef Association junior board. Ashley is currently mentoring a young Belted Galloway breeder who is starting a herd. Ashley feels that she gained organizational and networking skills from her experience raising and managing her Belted Galloway herd. Her success with her cattle means more to her because of her personal time invested in working hard.



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# Journal Report



2017 was another record year for the Belted Galloway Society. Membership reached 1185 including 246 new members. Interest in Belted Galloway cattle, both for show and beef production, is continuing to rise as more people become aware of the breed and its many attributes. Their appearance, foraging efficiency, adaptability, mothering instinct, and meat quality have all contributed to their growth and popularity. Breeders that sell beef comment that their percentage of repeat customers is extremely high due to the quality of the meat.

The Society is continuing its promotion of offering complementary memberships to new members that either register or transfer animals at the time they apply for membership. The promotion has not only been well accepted by new members, but it has increased the Society's membership base. In turn, it has provided the Society with sufficient monetary resources to cover costs such as: the increased number and quality of the newsletters, printing promotional materials, supporting junior and regional shows, subsidizing hypotrichosis testing, just to name a few. Many favorable comments have been received regarding the improved print quality of the newsletter since the Society contracted with a new printing service in 2017.

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in conjunction with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the World Beef Expo. Members of the Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association hosted the event, devoting a considerable amount of time and effort towards the very successful meeting. The Council, during the meeting in Milwaukee, confirmed the final wording of the new rule that requires that all bull calves born on or after January 1, 2018 need to be DNA and hypotrichosis tested before they can be registered. The Council also noted that the registration fee for those bulls would be reduced to \$30 to help defray the mandated testing costs. The new testing requirements will help to insure the integrity of the registration process, both from accidental pedigree errors and possible misrepresentation. Having a bull's DNA information on file can help in identifying the sire in a situation where there might be more than one possible sire. Knowing the hypotrichosis status of an animal can be helpful in mating selections. A small Belted Galloway sale was held in conjunction with several other breed sales during the World Beef Expo. Several buyers new to the breed purchased Belties at that sale. Magnolia Trace Farms, Brookhaven, Mississippi donated the proceeds of the sale of a heifer to the Belted Galloway Junior Association which was much appreciated by the juniors and their leaders. Joyce Eggleston of New Glarus, Wisconsin was presented the Harry T. Burn award for her outstanding support and promotion of the Belted Galloway breed at the meeting. Council was presented a tentative schedule for the 2020 World Galloway Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. A new show rule was instituted stating that all Grand and Reserve Champions at the 2018 NAILE will be subject to DNA testing.

The National Belted Galloway Show is held annually at the North American International Livestock Exhibition in Louisville, Kentucky. Belties were shown for the second year in Freedom Hall, a privilege bestowed on Belted Galloway exhibitors because of their long tradition of exhibiting a significant number of animals at the event. In addition to providing ring personnel and an announcer, NAILE handled all the show entries and video streamed the entire show live. The National Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show had a large number of participants considering that the show was held in the middle of the week during the school year. For the second year, the junior steer champion was awarded \$1000 and the reserve steer, \$500. In addition, custom made belt buckles were awarded to the winners of the showmanship classes, which also included the grand and reserve steer and heifer champions. Several additional activities were provided for the juniors. A question and answer session held after the junior show included a representative from the Kentucky extension service, a representative from an animal pharmaceutical company, the Society's show chairman, and the Society's executive director. The attendees asked many questions on a variety of subjects which members of the panel answered to the best of their ability.

There were a number of shows throughout the country in which Belted Galloways participated in 2017. Beltie shows always create a lot of interest by the public due to their appearance. That attraction provides exhibitors the opportunity to promote the breed's attributes. Shows that we are aware of include several county fairs in the New England area including the Fryeburg Fair. With over 100 Belties entered, it was one of the largest shows ever held in the United States. Several local and county fairs in the Midwest featured Belted Galloway shows. Texas had two shows, one in the spring and another in the fall. In addition to a traditional show, they also had pen classes. Pen classes allowed breeders that are unable to prepare or halter break their animals the opportunity to exhibit their animals. Traditional regional shows such as the Big-E, World Beef Expo, and the North American International Livestock Exposition were well attended.

The number of registered Belted Galloway cattle in 2017 reported by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation is 16,600. The states with the largest number of registered Belties are Texas, New York, Wisconsin, and Maine in that order. The largest number of members of the Society in each state follows the same order. Registered Belted Galloways now reside in all lower 48 states and Washington, DC.

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# Harry T. Burn Award

The Harry T. Burn Award was founded in 1984 by Ellen Cottrell Burn in memory of her late husband, Harry T. Burn, a dedicated breeder of Belted Galloway cattle. The award is bestowed to persons singled out as having provided outstanding support and promotion to the Belted Galloway breed. The Harry T. Burn award is not given annually, but presented as merited.

*In September 2017, Joyce Eggleston of New Glarus, Wisconsin was presented the Harry T. Burn Award at the Annual General Meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Joyce was nominated by Pat Hipple of Solon, Iowa.*

*With more than a quarter century in service to the Belted Galloway breed, Joyce was a founding member of the Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association serving as an officer, director, and editor of the newsletter. Joyce also served the Belted Galloway Society as a member of Council, as a volunteer on several Society committees, and as a hostess of several field days. She has welcomed international visitors to her farm, served on the World Beef Expo board of directors, as the World Beef Expo Belted Galloway superintendent, and as an active member of the Wisconsin Cattlewomen's Association.*

Dr. Vic Eggleston and Mrs. Joyce Eggleston are the first husband and wife team who have been awarded the prestigious Harry T. Burn Award. Dr. Eggleston was also presented the award in 2012.

‘Joyce Eggleston is a dedicated advisor to many, a wealth of information, and an unofficial historian of the breed and its breeders. She has so unselfishly dedicated so much of her time, talents, and energy toward keeping track of so many significant tidbits, which without her, would be undocumented and lost to all. Joyce and her husband, Dr. Victor Eggleston, are really the “first family” of the Belted Galloway breed. They are a dynamic duo of integrity and honesty. They are a forward-thinking, dedicated people. With Joyce serving as the “herdsman” of Hav-A-Belt Galloways, they have built and maintain one of the finest herds of Belted Galloway cattle in existence today. Joyce jokingly declares that she has a critical eye. But for any of us that know her, we always trust and value her judgment, and seek out her advice. Joyce is a friend to all Belted Galloway breeders. Above all, she has promoted Belted Galloway cattle with her generous gifts of time, money and volunteerism.’

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L-R: President Greg Hipple (IA), Victor & Joyce Eggleston (WI), and Pat Hipple (IA)

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