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2019 FEATURES



From the President

President Dawson Masters; Malone, TX



We welcome you to the pages of the 2019 Belted Galloway Journal. Included are articles and breeder profiles of interest to long-time Belted Galloway breeders as well as folks newly interested in the breed. Please browse the ads in these pages to locate Belted Galloway farms, schedule a visit, or purchase breeding stock.

Affectionately called Belties, a field full of these cattle with their white belts encircling their middle often attracts the eye and generates a reaction to learn more about the breed.

In fact, the Belted Galloway cattle are unique in many ways. They are a centuries-old breed, originally from Scotland, and imported into the United States in the 20th century. Breed population in the United States is nearly 18,000 strong. Growth is steady due in no small measure to the breed's efficiency on grass, and the production of superior beef on a moderately

sized frame. Happily, it suites today's beef consumer. Beltie beef is exceptional – either grainfed or grassfed. All the health benefits of Beltie beef wouldn't amount to a hill of beans unless it tastes good. And it does!

Other breed virtues include strong maternal traits, a double hair coat which protects against weather extremes, exceptional foraging ability, and long productive lives with proper herd health management.

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The 2018 Belted Galloway Society Premium Sale proved to be a big success with outstanding consignments of open heifers, bred heifers and bulls plus top genetic embryo packages, an embryo pregnancy and semen from some of the most noted bulls in the breed. The crowd was noticeably larger than in recent years and bidding was active and rapid.

Sale Summary

7 Open Heifers	Average \$3,130
7 Bred Heifers	Average \$2,630
2 Bulls	Average \$1,900
1 Embryo Pregnancy	Average \$2,200
13 Embryos	Average \$ 360
65 Units Semen	Average \$ 39
Sale Gross	\$53,450

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Sale Summary

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10 Bred Females	Average \$2,705
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12 Embryos	Average \$ 221
65 Units Semen	Average \$ 57
Sale Gross	\$77,350

*World Galloway Delegates' at
Warialda Farm near Melbourne Australia.*



World Galloway Congress

by Jon Bednarski, Chairman World Galloway Congress

The 12th World Galloway Congress was held in Melbourne, Australia September 29-October 3, 2018. Nine countries were represented in the opening flag ceremony, and nearly 100 delegates attended the event.

Attending along with me from the Belted Galloway Society were, my wife Sylvia, Andy and Mary LeMaistre from Maine and Jim Clementz from Ohio. The busy six-day schedule took us to The Royal Melbourne Show, three Belted Galloway farms and several Galloway farms, or as Aussie's call them, "stations." Also tours of a winery, chocolate factory, wildlife sanctuary, and a distillery.

Two farms that caught my interest were Warialda Belted Beef and Glenthompson Pastoral Estate. Warialda is owned by Lizette and Allen Snaith. They direct market beef and get carcass yields of over 75 percent by working with their own butcher to produce some very unique products that you won't find in the United States. A cutting demonstration and special lunch was prepared for our group.

Glenthompson Pastoral Estate was the second farm of particular interest. That farm was over 8,000 acres and home to 7,000 sheep, and over 150 head of Belted Galloways in three different calving herds, and several hundred Angus cattle. Glenthompson Pastoral Estate is owned by Ted and Lou Mann and has been in the same family for three generations. Australia has been in a multi-year drought but received some rain during our tour. They are in opposite seasons to the U.S., so all the flowering trees and tulips were in bloom. After personally attending four World Galloway Congress events, the friendships made and the networking opportunities are invaluable.

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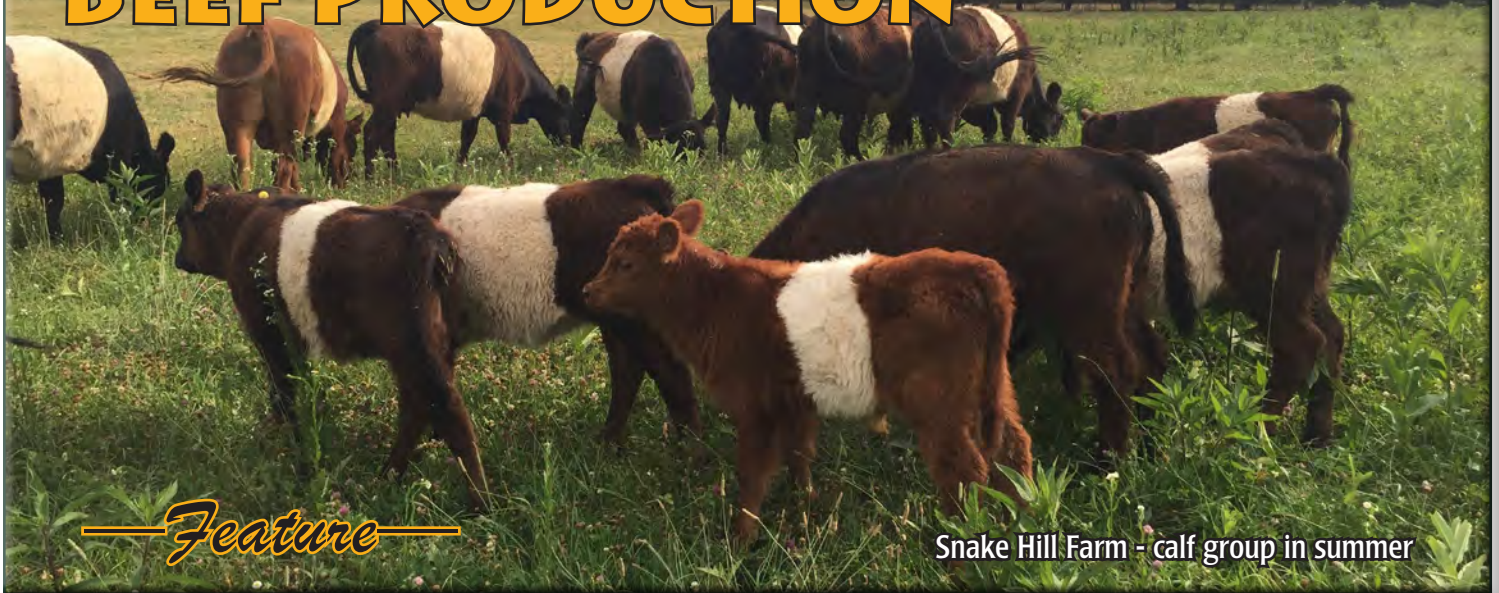
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ORGANIC AND GRASS-FED BEEF PRODUCTION



—Feature—

Snake Hill Farm - calf group in summer

In the world of agriculture, perhaps nothing has helped drive certain types of production as much as the onset of the local food movement, which has steadily gained momentum over the last several years.

On-farm sales and farmers' markets have long been venues for a variety of fruit and vegetable sales, but beef production is riding that same local wave even though it still represents a small portion of the overall beef market.

Producers like Louis Rorimer of Snake Hill Farm and Lance Hoffman of Hoffman Holistic Cattle are an ever-increasing number of beef cattle farmers looking to grow that market even more.

The Rorimer farm has been in the family since the early 20th Century and has grown over the years to include organic vegetable and maple syrup production and doing so by using ecologically sustainable production methods. It is a USDA certified organic farm located in Geauga County, Ohio.

The produce sector of the farm actually came first, but it is the herd of Belted Galloways that plays a key role in sustaining the operation and supplies the organic beef sold off the farm.

Rorimer said it was while on a motorcycle trip in Canada during his time in law school, he discovered the Beltie breed. "I was up in Canada and I drove by and saw these cows with a stripe, and they are really eye catching obviously because I had never seen a Belted Galloway before," he said. "Years later, when

we wanted to start raising beef, I remembered seeing the breed and I started reading about them and ultimately got into the Belted Galloway."

Rorimer said his father had a small herd of Angus on the family farm for many years, but they were not economically sustainable at the time. "But I had always wanted to get back to the beef business because I felt like our land was not Ohio corn ground," he said.

The Beltie breed proved to be perfect for the Snake Hill Farm for a number of reasons and the three females Rorimer started with have grown to a herd size of more than 70. "We had a wonderful crop of calves this fall, probably the best crop we have ever had," he said. "We'd like to attract potential buyers and get under 60 by winter. Our goal isn't really to shrink but to stop the expansion. Most of our plans are just to try to keep improving the business that we have and manage our pastures."

And those pastures are important to an organic producer. Rorimer said he has tried the all grass-fed method but found he needed to feed some grain. So, in staying organically in line, he raises organic corn on the farm as well as their own hay. He also raises organic spelt to feed the cows, in addition to corn. "It is hard raising corn organically and the seven acres we have has to feed the herd for the whole year, as far as corn goes, and while the yields are

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ORGANIC AND GRASS-FED BEEF PRODUCTION

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nothing like the GMO, we do put emphasis on the fact (the cattle) are getting a little bit of grain to have a better quality meat, but it is organic grain," he said.

Rorimer said educating his customers is part of the process when selling his beef, which includes halves and quarters, but he feels the interest in local food has helped his beef business and education comes with helping their customers.

"The local food movement has been huge for us and we sell most everything at the local market which has grown over the years and is now a very strong and successful market," he said "We just totally rely on them for most of our sales; even the halves and the quarters. Some customers will find us online, but it is mostly people who find us at the market."

Much like Rorimer, Hoffman has found the Belted Galloway to be the optimum breed for his cattle operation in Richwood, Ohio. "I'm 36 years old and started Hoffman Holistic Cattle, LLC, eight years ago, purchasing my first two Belted Galloways from Jon Bednarski," he said.

"When I started the business, I was living in the city in Cincinnati and saw a market for a local all-natural beef that I could raise, and would give me the ability to move back home to central Ohio."

Hoffman noted that having grown up showing cattle, he always wanted to get into the cattle business and after learning

more about the grass-fed method, he felt that would prove to be more profitable with the tools he had. Of course, the major factor in that plan was the use of the Beltie breed. "I chose the Belted Galloway breed due to their rugged nature and being able to handle our wet cold winters, as well as the ability to continuously gain weight," he said. They certainly have a marketability in just their look alone."

And while the operation is not certified organic, it is certified USDA grass-fed. Hoffman said he goes far beyond the USDA's organic standards and doesn't feel

the need to pay for that certification, or least his customers don't require it.

As is the case with all beef producers, Hoffman is looking for ways to improve including starting to breed his Belties with Pharo Black Angus grass fed genetics. While he still has a majority of purebred Belted Galloway mothers, Hoffman said blending with the Angus breeds is yielding great results;

higher percentage hanging weights and larger carcasses.

In addition to his innovative breeding practices, Hoffman practices rotational grazing and participates in environmental quality assurance programs and nutrient management plans. He also prides himself on individual animal health.

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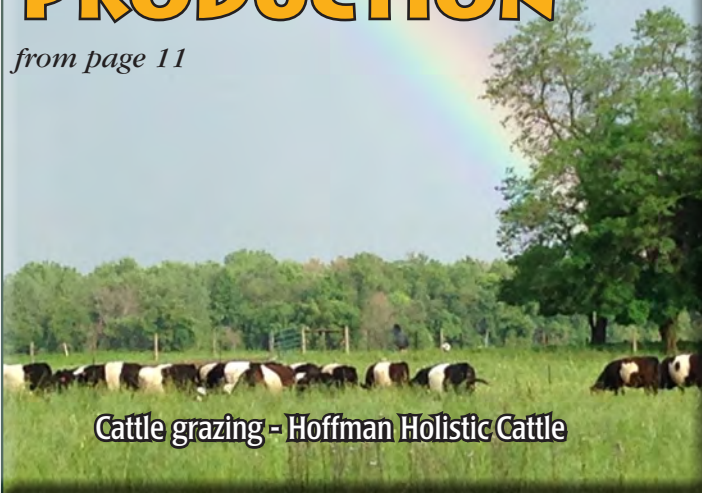
Lance Hoffman of Hoffman Holistic Cattle



The Rorimer's at the market in Chagrin Falls.

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Cattle grazing - Hoffman Holistic Cattle

“I’ve been trying to build up the business slowly over the last eight years, buying more cows and getting more acreage into pastures and fencing,” he said. “I’m about where I want to be, size-wise, with about 100 acres and 25 to 30 brood cows.”

Hoffman said his main product is his steers, which he sales by way of direct marketing in quarters, halves and wholes. He keeps a couple of bulls, one Black Angus and a purebred registered Belted Galloway. He also has some Snake Hill Farm genetics on the farm, having purchased cattle from Rorimer in the past. Hoffman said now, with his herd size where he wants it, he likes to sell 10 to 20 live cattle each year.

And like many direct marketing operations, selling by word-of-mouth, and through his web page, is critical to sales and has helped Hoffman to be sold out until October. “It’s not that I am a huge operation and selling a record number of cattle, but I do have a good demand and waiting list,” he said.



Herd Manager, Roger Rodhe, Snake Hill Farm

Like many young farmers, Hoffman works off the farm, as well. And because of that, he credits his mother, father and



Cow & Calf Hoffman Holistic Cattle

family with being helpful to make the farm successful.

“I have found a good niche market and enjoy working on the farm,” he said. “The local food movement, and people wanting to know where their food comes from, and how it was raised; that’s who I’m catering to and who I’m trying to reach.”

Hoffman said raising 100 percent grass-fed cattle is one of the more challenging ways to finish cattle when done correctly, but it is working for him and his family.

“There is certainly a lot of science behind raising quality grass-fed beef and I still have a lot to learn. But through extensive research available to producers, today, I have the ability to do things correctly; something that benefits my operation as well as my customers,” he said.

2018 TOP PRODUCERS

The Belted Galloway Society, Inc. is recognizing seven producers who registered 20 or more Belted Galloway cattle in the United States during fiscal year 2018.

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Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year, Sunnybrook Farms of Belvidere, Illinois is owned by Terry, Julie, Steve, & Chris Willis. The farm is based around 25 proven Belted Galloway females. Located in the grain belt of Illinois, non-cropped land is at a premium. They have only 14 acres available for housing and pasture, forcing them to utilize every inch of space and requiring every cow to produce at a very efficient and high level of production. 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.



Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year, Sunnybrook Farms of Belvidere, IL. Owned by Terry, Julie, Steve, & Chris Willis.

The Willis family shared that being named the Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year is “one of our most valued accomplishments. Being able to do this over several years is something we will always treasure. As a purebred breeder, our goal has been to produce cattle that perform in the pasture and the show ring. Cattle are only shown for a short time, but they are breeding animals all of their life. We have strived to build pedigrees over generations to consistently produce cattle that are functional and correct with adequate bone and muscle. Our motto, ‘We don’t breed show cattle, we show breeding cattle’ is very important to us.”

Over the past 17 years, Sunnybrook has produced or developed five show females of the year, six show bulls of the year, five dams of the year, nine sires of the year, and seven cow/calf pairs of the year. With Sunnybrook Elaine and her daughter, Sunnybrook Alexis, holding the lead in the overall show points for Dam of the Year. The Willis family has owned and or produced numerous females and bulls that have earned lifetime achievement awards. To raise that type of cattle is one thing, but committing to the grueling task of developing, clipping, hauling, fitting, and exhibiting at all the shows is almost impossible without the help of our awesome customers and Beltie friends. Because of their support and dedication in the 2018 National Show open and junior shows we bred or showed six champions, placed first in all six group classes, and was named Premier Breeder and Exhibitor at the show. — *Honorable Mention: Double M Ranch, Malone, TX.*



Show Female of the Year, Sunnybrook Cybil 42775. Bred & owned by Terry & Julie Willis and Adam McConnell, Belvidere, IL.

Show Female of the Year, Sunnybrook Cybil 42775B was bred and owned by Terry and Julie Willis and Adam McConnell, Belvidere, IL. Cybil is sired by the 2014 Show Bull of the Year and three times Sire of the Year Countyline Connor. Her dam Sunnybrook Elise is a first calf heifer calving at 27 months. Her prolific grand dam is 13-year-old, Sunnybrook Elaine, 2007 Show female of the year, 2017 Dam of the Year, and the highest show point Dam in the breed. Although Cybil was an easy standout in the pasture, her later birth date didn’t allow her to be shown as a calf in 2017. In 2018 she spent the summer standing reserve to her older three-quarter sister, Sunnybrook Sedona. As she matured in the fall, Cybil caught the eye of many all-breed judges and breeders, culminating as Grand Champion Female at NAILE. She has adjusted well to life in



Show Bull of the Year, Oatley's Farm Sambuca 40623-B. Bred and owned by Ethan Oatley Exeter, RI

the cow herd and will be calving at 25 months of age. — *Honorable Mention: Oatley's Farm Forsythia 42775B.*

Show Bull of the Year, Oatley's Farm Sambuca 40623-B (pictured on the cover) is bred and owned by Ethan Oatley Exter, RI. His sire is the 2012 Reserve National Champion Bull and now Platinum Lifetime Award winner, Driftwood Sonic 34628B. He was the first natural calf of the 2015 Show Female of the Year, 2018 Show Dam of Year and now Platinum Lifetime Award Winner Oatley's Farm Ivy 37517-B. He was the 2017 National Show Bull of Year and Reserve National Champion. Sambuca had the privilege of receiving Grand Champion Belted Galloway Bull at several shows during 2018, as well as, Supreme Overall Bull on three different occasions including Fryeburg Fair. Sambuca made history by being the only bull to be named Overall Supreme Bull two years in a row. Both years Fryeburg Fair broke records for the largest Belted Galloway Show ever in the United States. Judges have been recorded stating "this bull is a breed changer and something the Belted Galloway breed could build upon." His calves have started to hit the ground, at an average of 51 pounds and are following close in his footsteps. — *Honorable Mention: Pine View Edleman 41131B.*



*Show Cow Calf of the Year, Sunnybrook Sierra, 30562B.
Bred and owned by Steve Willis Belvidere, IL.*



Show Sire of The Year, Countyline Connor 37033-B. Bred by Jay & Liz Dausman, Pierceton, IN. Owned by Steve & Chris Willis, Belvidere, IL.

Show Cow Calf of the Year, Sunnybrook Sierra, 30562B, is bred and owned by Steve Willis at Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, IL. She is sired by Platinum and two times Sire of the Year, Linetree's Pistol Pete, 9535B. Her Platinum Dam is 13-year-old Sunnybrook Elaine, 2007 Show female of the year, 2017 Dam of the Year, and the highest show point Dam in the breed. Her full sister is Sunnybrook Alexis who was 2009 show female of the year, 2013 runner-up dam of the year, second highest show point dam in the breed, and 3-time Cow-Calf of the year winner. At nine years of age, Sierra was a two-time Champion in the Cow-Calf division in the national show and runner-up 2018 Dam of the year. Sierra had three daughters shown in the 2018 national show at NAILE. Sunnybrook Lexi her 2018 calf pictured at her side, Sunnybrook Sedona, her 2017 calf who was champion female in the 2018 national junior show, and Sunnybrook Mist her 2016 calf who won the two year-old cow-calf class.

Show Sire of The Year, Countyline Connor 37033-B has surpassed 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, IN and is owned by Sunnybrook Farms, Belvidere, IL. Connor is the only bull to receive show bull, sire a show bull of the year and show female of the year, and consecutively win 3-sire of the year awards with his first three calf crops. His bone, thickness, and style are easily recognizable in his progeny. In 2018 he had 21 offspring exhibited, 11 of which were exhibited at NAILE with 6 of them winning a champion or reserve champion in the open and junior shows. His sire, Southdown Unique 9U, also appeared as the grandsire in every purebred champion at the 2018 national show. — *Honorable Mention: Driftwood Sonic 34628B.*

Show Dam of the Year, Oatley's Farm Ivy 37517-B bred by Victoria Oatley and owned by Ethan Oatley. Her sire Driftwood Kingsize(AD) 8095B is a Platinum Lifetime Award Winner. Her dam, Spurwink Magnolia 19908, also a Platinum Lifetime Award winner was awarded to Victoria through the NEGG Heifer Project during 2002. Ivy was the 2015 Show Female of the Year. Her first natural calf Oatley's Farm Sambuca was the 2017 and 2018 Show Bull of the Year and the Reserve National Champion in 2017. At just four years of age, Ivy is already a Platinum Lifetime Award Winner due to the fact both of her natural calves were in the champion bull drive at every show they participated in during 2018, including the Fryeburg Fair, the largest show in the United States. She accumulated an impressive 93.5 points this year just with these two calves. — *Honorable Mention: Sunnybrook Sierra 30562B.*



*Show Dam of the Year, Oatley's Farm Ivy 37517-B.
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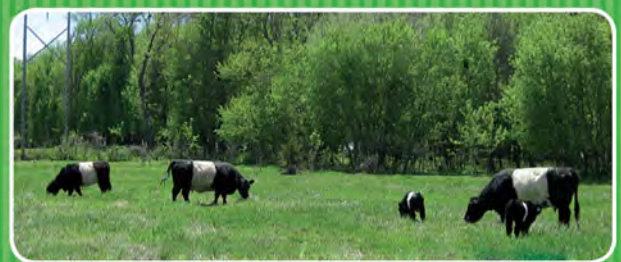
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UNION FAIR/MAINE WILD BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

August 17-24, 2019. Union, ME. Contact the office at (207) 785-2978 or guiniridge@gmail.com.

WINDSOR FAIR

August 25-September 2, 2019. Windsor, ME. Contact the office at info@windsorfair.com.

FARMINGTON FAIR

September 15-21, 2019. Farmington, ME. Contact Neal Yeaton (207) 778-6083.

SOUTHWEST BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION SHOW AT THE GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR

August 22-25, 2019. Fredericksburg, TX. Contact Kim Smith at (210) 842-7466 or kim@kbarmranch.com.

RICHARD ANDERSON BELTED GALLOWAY SHOW

September 15-18, 2019. Springfield, Massachusetts. Contact Dustin James info@newenglandgallowaygroup.com or (207) 491-5980. Entry office at (413) 205-5011 or agifo@thebig.com.

WORLD BEEF EXPO

September 27-29, 2019. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Contact World Beef Expo (920) 479-0658 or info@worldbeefexpo.com.

FRYEBURG FAIR

September 29-October 6, 2019. Fryeburg, Maine. Contact Randy Hall (207) 860-8431.

WESTERN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION

October 4-5, 2019. Annual meeting. Peppermill Resort Casino Reno, Nevada. Contact Ken Bajema, (360) 837-3273 or kdbajema@gmail.com.

THE BELTED GALLOWAY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

November 19, 2019. Louisville, Kentucky. Tentative: 7 pm. Location to be announced. Contact Vic Eggleston (608) 220-1091 or executivedirector@beltie.org.

THE BELTED GALLOWAY PREMIUM SALE

November 20, 2019. Louisville, Kentucky. Time: 5 pm. Live Auction at New Market Hall at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Contact Sale Manager: Mike Jones (706) 773-3612.

THE KATHI JURKOWSKI NATIONAL BELTED GALLOWAY JUNIOR ASSOCIATION SHOW

November 20, 2019. Louisville, Kentucky. 8 am Broadbent Arena at the North American International Livestock Exposition. Cattle arrival Monday, November 18, 2019 from 8 am to 4 pm. Check-in Tuesday, November 19, 2019 beginning at 9 am. Contact Janie Tripp (601) 754-3993 or mtripp11@yahoo.com.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO JOIN:

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ANNUAL HEIFER PROJECT:

The New England Galloway Group's Heifer Project places a Belted Galloway heifer calf with a deserving youth recipient on an annual basis. The intent of this project is to allow hands-on education in cattle rearing and showmanship and to develop a love of the breed. The youth selected to receive a heifer is expected to return the first heifer calf back to the program so it will continue each year.

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Belted Galloway Junior Association



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

The Belted Galloway Junior Association is an outstanding group of 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. It's exciting 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.

We are thankful that our regional groups support our junior members. 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.



Belted Galloway Junior Association members at the 2018 Midwest Classic in Pecatonica, IL



Belted Galloway Junior Association members at the 2018 World Beef Expo, Milwaukee, WI



Grand Champion Heifer at the 2018 Kathi Jurkowski National Belted Galloway Junior Show, Sunnybrook Sedona 41461B. Exhibited by Blake Hadden IL



Dawson Masters awards the Debbie Masters Showmanship Award to Caroline and Evelyn Haverkorn at the 2019 Southwest Belted Galloway Association Spring Show; Waco, TX



2019 Fryburg Youth Show Northeast Regional Junior National Belted Galloway Show: Grand Champion Heifer. PCSC Step N Stare 10F 43421-B. Exhibited by Fallon Oatley, RI.



2019 Fryburg Youth Show Northeast Regional Junior National Belted Galloway Show: Grand Champion Steer. Moonsbadow Brady 43637-B. Exhibited by Alexis Comeau, ME.



Overall Championship 2018 Kathi Jurkowski National Belted Galloway Junior Show. Champion Olivia Oatley, RI at right. Reserve, Sophia Romani, RI at left.



Duke Jones shows off his blue ribbon at the 2019 Southwest Belted Galloway Association Spring Show, Waco, TX



Herdmanship Award 2018 Kathi Jurkowski National Belted Galloway Junior Show. Champion Ashton Caron, ME at right. Reserve, Sophia Romani, RI at left.



Belted Galloway Junior Association members at the 2018 Kathi Jurkowski National Belted Galloway Junior Show, Louisville, KY



Fifteen Belted Galloway youth from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin attended the KK Camp at the Kathi Jurkowski's Klover Korner's Farm in Rockton, IL



—Feature—
Living
the
Dream



Chris and Claire Johnson named their land Buffalo Dream Ranch when imagining what buffalo from ancient herds were dreaming about when they were laying in wallow pits overlooking the vast lands of the Wichita Mountains region of Oklahoma. Today, they are living their own dreams for the ranch, raising Belted Galloway cattle, operating several Airbnb rentals, hosting camping and other recreational activities, and they aren't slowing down anytime soon.

"We are both 63 years old, married 41 years," Chris Johnson said. "We did not have an agricultural background other than an affinity for land and animals. We really didn't start into the cattle business until 19 years ago with the acquisition of the ranch and then later adopting cattle as a land management tool."

Chris, a now-retired mechanical engineer from Oklahoma, met Claire in 1973. A romance ensued with Claire emigrating to the United States from Switzerland in 1977. They were married in 1978. Over 26 years they lived in many states. Eventually, a desire to return to Southwest Oklahoma and be near family resulted in a land search.

"We toured around the mountains and thought it was like Africa," Chris said. "We have lived in remote places in the past, in New Mexico mountains and Michigan, we have experienced what it's like, and it gets in your soul."

They called their land Buffalo Dream Ranch, and it became just the start of their agricultural endeavors.

The challenges of managing land in their region, including the overgrowth and lack of quality in the grass, piqued the Johnson's interest in purchasing livestock for the land.

"We had some land management experience when we acquired the ranch, but we had zero cattle experience. It took about five years to figure out cattle were an important component of managing healthy grasslands, Chris said. "I went from being very skeptical about cattle, because of land abuse I could see locally, to realizing cattle could replace the former role of buffalo, and other animals had in reducing extreme fires and promoting grassland

health. But which breed of cattle?"

"We saw an article in Hobby Farm about the Belted Galloway," Claire said. "We liked their unique appearance and descriptions of gentle temperament, forage efficiency, exceptional meat quality, and a low requirement to pull calves out of the birth canal."

Claire said they began researching the breed and attended the Texas Belted Galloway Association's (now Southwest Belted Galloway Association) inaugural meeting in 2010. "We met Beltie breeders and talked Belties and decided that's what we wanted," Claire said. "That's when we started the herd, and we haven't regretted it a bit."

The Johnsons work together managing the cattle and running the business they have created. "We both share the responsibility of moving cattle, but we have a practical division of labor," Chris said. "I take care of the land, building and maintaining, and other support details such as doctoring animals. Claire takes on buying and selling and documentation. She does the heavy lifting on the business side."

"I pretty much manage the herd and do the marketing," Claire said.

Chris' engineering skills have come in handy as he has developed and created multiple cattle handling facilities to ensure his safety while working around the animals as well as help them be efficient in moving cattle.

"It has been critical to design things smartly and build them well," he said. "I have little tolerance for re-doing poor work, so I build things very well from the get-go. This reduces the level of inevitable chaos, and it lowers animal stress. We are big on not jacking our animals up on stress hormones. Great land with good facilities and sound business practices are critical to our health and that of our animals."

Claire keeps records and uses a visual management system to track where their 50-or-so head are, who impregnated whom, and what the due dates are.

"We have quite a few paddocks on multiple parcels," she said. "It's a bit of a chess game for me to optimally place animals throughout the seasons."

Claire interacts with customers who want to purchase meat or purchase cattle to breed. She also manages the ranch's Facebook page, where she enjoys sharing photos and stories with followers.

Claire has also taken an interest in the genetics and breeding of the cattle and has learned a lot about breeding along the way, including starting with quality animals and building from there. "I remember not coming from a cattle background, how insecure I felt," Claire said. "It is good to ask of more experienced cattle people, but my advice for people is to deeply care about their animals and also trust their own judgment."

Both Chris and Claire have found it to be enjoyable to work with the animals. "I've come to love cattle," Claire said. "I'm a pretty intense person, and cows have a very calming effect on me. We provide them with a low-stress environment, and they return the favor."

Chris has taken pride in being able to read the cattle well and move them patiently and gently. "It's a sort-of body-positioning chess game where I don't do any yelling, whistling, or hand waving. I wait, let them look and smell, then move such that it's their idea of where I want them to go," he said.

In addition to raising Belties, Chris and Claire have also had many other projects going on their land, all with a common theme of keeping them busy while also sharing something with others. "We are both the same in that if we don't have a project we're creating one," Claire said.

Airbnb rentals were one such project for the Johnsons, who now have two rentals, Krehbielhaus and Clarkhaus, each on their own parcels with views, that have earned rave reviews from guests. "Over the years parcels were acquired, some of which had old houses on them that were in appalling shape," Chris said. "It took seven years to bring the first houses back to a high level as I did most of the work myself. Nearing completion, our kids suggested that we post put it on Airbnb. I didn't know what Airbnb was at the time, but we did and the rest, as they say, is history, and we've been very successful with both houses."

While Chris has kept busy renovating the homes, Claire enjoys providing special touches, like wine and chocolate, and interacting with the guests before and once they arrive. The Belties have also played a role.

"The Airbnb guests enjoy them," Claire said about the cattle. "They get to see them and interact with them. We'll take a whole family to see the cattle and the kids will pet them over the fence. We're in such a remote area so when we interact with people from different parts of the world they're interesting, and it's invigorating. We like that interaction."



"The houses and parcels and Belties represent quality arising from a lot of elbow grease," Chris said. "Our guests really appreciate all of it." Chris said they also rent out camping sites on their land via Hipcamp, a sort of Airbnb for camping, and host some off-road motorcycle training courses and observed trials competitions on the land.

While the Johnsons don't plan to expand their herd or buy more land at this time, they are working toward continuously improving their business.

"We acquired our last parcel two years ago," Chris said. "And all along we've been building things up. But now we can see the end of our ability to keep it up energy-wise, we are not getting any younger."

They are now turning inward and working to improve what they have without expanding.

"The business is still growing on its own, and I'm proud of where it is headed," Claire said. "After nine years of raising Belted Galloways I look at our herd and think 'Wow, these are quality animals!' Our long-term effort has borne fruit, which is very satisfying."



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The Belted Galloway Breed Celebrates 50 Years at the Fryeburg Fair

By Dustin James, New England Galloway Group

The 2018 Fryeburg Fair, held in Fryeburg, Maine, hosted the 50th annual Belted Galloway show on October 2, 2018. In record-setting fashion, 28 exhibitors brought together a total of 114 Belted Galloway cattle for a spectacular event. A large crowd of spectators gathered in the livestock arena on a chilly Tuesday morning. From the very first heifer calf class through the two-year-old bulls, this show was loaded with depth and most importantly quality. During the show, fair president Roy Andrews presented beef superintendent and BGS Council member, Randy Hall (ME) with an award for his long-time efforts of organizing and overseeing the show at Fryeburg Fair.

During the Grand Champion Heifer selection, in front of a packed arena, judge Emily Griffith of Nebraska, stated, "This was an awe-struck kind of representation. We've had great numbers; you can measure that. You can't measure the quality." Moments later, the humbled Griffith went on to select Journey's End Dina, owned by the Romani Family (RI) as her Grand Champion Female. Aldermere Elizabeth, owned by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (ME) was named the Reserve Champion Female.



Following the heifer show, the bulls took center stage. Blown away by the quality exhibited, Griffith went on to remark, "Some people don't really understand that these are still good cattle, they are not an ornamental breed, they are an important part of the beef industry just like all the other breeds that are represented here at the Fryeburg Fair, so certainly don't get that confused and don't let anyone tell you that that's the case." What a powerful statement and a true testament to our breed. Griffith went on to select Oatley's Farm Sambuca, owned by Ethan Oatley (RI) as her Grand Champion Bull and Holbrook Hill Dylan Thomas, owned by Dan & Lanci Costain (ME) as her Reserve Champion Bull.

A parade of group classes followed the bull show with Aldermere Farm (ME) receiving the Best Six Head award to close out the afternoon. To cap off a historic week for the Belted Galloway breed, Oatley's Farm Sambuca went on to once again be named the Supreme Champion Bull of All Beef Breeds on Thursday night in front of a maximum

capacity crowd who celebrated with a standing ovation. This is the first time in history that a bull has been named Supreme Champion of Fryeburg Fair two years in a row. This year was undoubtedly a Fryeburg Fair that our breed will not soon forget.

2020 World Galloway Congress



By Jon Bednarski, Chairman World Galloway Congress

The Belted Galloway Society is honored and excited to welcome the 13th World Galloway Congress to Louisville, Kentucky. The Congress will be held from November 14-20, 2020, in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. The last time the World Galloway Congress was held in the United States was 2004 at the World Beef Expo in Wisconsin.

The Society invites Belted Galloway and Galloway breeders worldwide, along with our own members from across the United States, to attend this special event and meet face-to-face with your colleagues from our cattle industry.

Following a Saturday evening "Meet and Greet", we have six days of scheduled events that offer something for everyone. Activities include farm tours, a visit to the state-of-the-art Bluegrass Stockyards, a tour of the world renowned Kentucky Horse Park, a day at the Livestock Exposition (NAILE), and presentations by agricultural education experts. We'll also visit a famous bourbon distillery, a winery, several museums, and enjoy an afternoon on Millionaires Row at Churchill Downs - home of the Kentucky Derby.

Our host hotel, the Crowne Plaza, is conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport (SDF) and the Kentucky Exposition Center, site of NAILE. Hotel reservations will be available on-line starting January 1, 2020, 11 months prior to the Congress. Hotel and travel reservation costs are the responsibility of delegates.

Registration for the 2020 World Galloway Congress will also be available January 1, 2020 on the website at www.worldgallowaycongressusa2020.com. The registration fee is \$550 per delegate. Early bird registration is available at \$500 when registering by April 1, 2020. All registrations must be received by August 1, 2020. You'll be able to pay on-line when you register using a credit card. The registration fee includes the welcome reception, annual banquet, most dinners and lunches, along with luxury coach transportation to all scheduled events. All venues are less than a 90 minute bus ride from the hotel, and many are much shorter.

For more details on scheduled tours, events, and unique dining venues, please visit the website at www.worldgallowaycongressusa2020.com.

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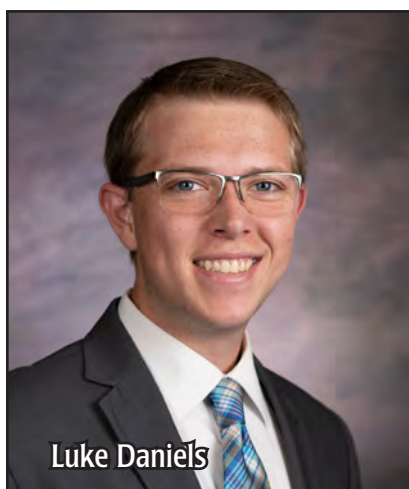
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A. H. Chatfield, Jr. Memorial Scholarships

By Leanne Fogle, US Beltie News

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



Luke Daniels

Luke Daniels, Strasburg, Illinois is a graduate of Stewardson-Strasburg High School and earned an associate degree from Lake Land College, Mattoon, Illinois. He is a graduate from Western Illinois University in Macomb and majored in animal science. Luke has been accepted into the University of Illinois's College of Veterinary

Medicine. Luke's passion for cattle began 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 and showing for this family, plus helping his grandparents with their herd of Belted Galloway cattle, that Luke gained his knowledge of livestock. Luke makes the breeding decisions for the family's herd and handles the cattle records. Luke is planning to continue his education to represent the Belted Galloway breed in the beef industry.

Olivia Oatley, Exeter, Rhode Island is a graduate of Exeter West Greenwich High School and is planning to attend Community College of Rhode Island to seek a general study associates degree. Olivia has been raising and showing Belted Galloway cattle for 11 years on the



Olivia Oatley

local, state, and national levels. She is responsible for the daily care of her farm's breeding stock and show string. Olivia works as a veterinarian assistant at the Richmond Veterinary

Clinic in Rhode Island. It is important to Olivia that she has the highest quality of Belted Galloways and that she showcases them to show the wonderful traits that the breed can bring to the cattle industry. She plans to be around Belted Galloway cattle her whole life.

Emily Wilkerson, Adel, Iowa is a graduate of Adel Desoto Midburn High School and attends Iowa State University. Her major is in chemical engineering with a minor in biomedical engineering and animal science. Emily has been showing and raising Belted Galloway cattle since she was a nine-year-old. Her experience with the

Belted Galloway breed not only helped her develop a love for cattle, but also a passion for agriculture that has influenced her educational goals. Emily's commitment to the breed

includes her plans to better, expand, and protect the breed by advocating for it at every opportunity. She cherishes her involvement and experiences in the Belted Galloway breed.



Emily Wilkerson

JOURNAL REPORT



2018 was another successful year for the Belted Galloway breed and the Belted Galloway Society. Once again, our membership exceeded 1100 members with well over 200 new members becoming involved with registered Belted Galloway cattle in 2018. Belties are continuing to find their way into the growing beef niche market in all parts of the US.

The Belted Galloway Council has been active, moving forward to maintain the integrity of the breed through the DNA testing of all bulls born in 2018 or later and by subsidizing hypotrichosis testing costs. The DNA testing process is new to many breeders. An outline regarding the information needed by the lab for me to generate the lab submission kit is available on beltie.org under the “DNA and hypotrichosis testing” tab on the homepage. The Society has received many positive comments from breeders welcoming the new DNA requirement, which puts the Belted Galloway Society in line with most other breed organizations that require the test. Additionally, the Society promotes the breed through the financial support of regional shows and exhibitions, the National Show and the Premium Sale, offering complimentary memberships to new members that either register or transfer animals when applying for membership, providing members with useful promotional materials, and a high quality, timely, informative, well-written newsletter.

The 2018 Annual General meeting was held in Louisville, Kentucky during the National show. An open forum was added to the meeting proceedings providing members an opportunity to express to the Council and other members their ideas, suggestions, and concerns. President Masters established several committees to address specific items of interest to the members. The change to the committees was to evaluate the ideas, their need, benefits, feasibility, and to report their conclusions to the Council. The Harry T. Burn Award was presented to Michelle Ogle, New Jersey at the Annual General Meeting. Michelle has devoted many years promoting the Belted Galloway breed not only with her work at Southdown Farms but organizing and managing for several years the Richard Anderson show at the Big-E, leading the National show in Louisville for many years, and the Premium sale. For most of those years, she served two separate terms as a Council member and as our president for two years.

Jon Bednarski, Kentucky, who serves as president of the World Galloway Conference, presented plans for the 2020 event to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. The complete itinerary along with other information regarding the Congress has been fully organized and is available online at <https://worldgallowaycongressusa2020.com>.

Belted Galloway breeders participated in several shows in 2018. A total of 16 point shows were reported throughout the country, concentrated primarily in Texas, the Midwest and the New England states. The Fryeburg Fair had 113 entries, a new US record and the National Open Show had over 100 entries. Long established regional shows such as the Big-E and World Beef Expo experienced increased participation compared to 2017. Showing Belties requires a significant amount of time, work, and expense. Members that are willing to show are doing the breed an excellent service and should be thanked and complimented for their efforts on behalf of the breed. For the first time, the Belted Galloway open show was considered a premium show by NAILE. As a result, NAILE and the BGS each contributed \$2500 towards \$5000 in premiums for Beltie exhibitors. Also, NAILE handled all the entries, provided the judge and announcer, plus video streamed the show for interested parties unable to attend the show. For the first year, grand and reserve grand winners in the heifer, bull and cow/calf classes were DNA tested at the Society’s expense. The National Kathi Jurkowski Junior Show had 20 members exhibiting 40 animals and participating in several other activities organized by the junior show committee. A jackpot of \$1000 for Grand Champion Steer and \$500 for Reserve Champion Steer were provided again this year. Custom made belt buckles were presented to the juniors that exhibited the Grand and Reserve Champion in the steer and heifer classes, plus those juniors who received Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in showmanship.

The Belted Galloway Premium Sale was held during 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky after a year’s absence. Run by nationally known auctioneer Mike Jones, Georgia it was held live in the New Market sales arena, and broadcast live over the internet. The sales staff was satisfied with the number of lots considering there was no sale in 2017. The sale committee is anticipating an even better sale for 2019.

The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation indicated there were 17,670 registered Belted Galloway cattle in the US in 2018. Texas has the largest number of registered Belties, followed by New York, Wisconsin, and Maine. Those same states have to the most active members in the same order. Registered Belted Galloways reside in every one of the 48 continental states and Washington DC.

EDJE Technologies continues to host belties.org. The company has been willing and able to change and update our website as needed.

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.

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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.

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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.

Canadian Livestock Records Corporation



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 six representatives of the breed associations who have been elected by their colleagues to serve in that capacity, as well as the Animal Pedigree Officer appointed by the Minister of Agriculture, Agri-Food Canada. CLRC provides its services to approximately 50 Canadian breed associations, and eight contract associations in the United States and one in Australia. 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 eleven persons under direction of General Manager Jim Washer. The staff has many years of experience and knowledge to offer. Lisa Hutt, is 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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- ~ Printing and distribution of application forms.
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- ~ 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.

Harry T. Burn Award

Founded in 1984 by Ellen Cottrell Burn in memory of her late husband, Harry T. Burn, the award is reserved for dedicated breeders of Belted Galloway cattle and presented to persons singled out as having provided outstanding support and promotion to the Belted Galloway breed. The honor is not given annually but awarded as merited.

Michelle Ogle of Bedminster, New Jersey was presented the Harry T. Burn Award at the Annual General Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in November 2018. Janie Tripp of Brookhaven, Mississippi nominated Michelle.


Michelle has fulfilled a role that has been integral in the promotion of the Belted Galloway breed since the 1990s. Michelle served on Council for two separate terms, and as a member of the Executive Committee, and President of the Belted Galloway Society. Michelle also served as the Chairman for the Long Range Planning Committee, Chairman of the Show and Sale Committee, and various committees.

Over those years, Michelle has a history of serving as the breed superintendent at the Big E. She has been the Belted Galloway Junior leader for the Kathi Jurkowski Junior Belted Galloway Show and the National Belted Galloway Show in Louisville, Kentucky.

Michelle established the Select Sale and acted as the sale manager, held in Louisville, Kentucky during the early 2000s. She later became the BGS Sale Committee Chairman and managed the annual Belted Galloway Society's Premium Sale in Louisville. As Society President, Michelle oversaw the new design of beltie.org and the new breed promotional materials that are currently in use by the Society.

Janie Tripp, Brookhaven, Mississippi

'Michelle Ogle is a friend to many, a dedicated breeder of Belted Galloway cattle, and a tireless leader and promoter of the Belted Galloway breed. Michelle has fulfilled a role that has been integral in the promotion of the Belted Galloway breed since the 1990s. She is a woman with an incredible work ethic, serving the Belted Galloway breed while working fulltime as the estate manager and herd manager at Southdown Farm in New Jersey. Because of Michelle's efforts, her influence has been felt everywhere in the Belted Galloway breed.'



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