

Upcoming Events

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| March 8 | Equipment Auction
10:00 am Thomaston
Farmers Livestock Market |
| March 8-9 | Forsythia Festival
Ribeye Steak Sandwiches |
| March 13 | MGCA Membership Meeting
Concord Café @7:00 pm |
| March 15 | Scholarship Deadline |
| Mar 18, 25,
April 1 | Beef Cattle Short Course
Upson Extension Office |
| March 9 | Daylight Savings Time |
| March 20 | Vegetable Meeting
7 pm
Upson Extension Office |
| March 28 | MGCA Farm Tour
Depart 8:30 am
Ingles in Barnesville |
| March 28 | Pike County Health Fair
7:00 - 11:00 am |
| March 29 | MGCA FARM TOUR |
| April 2-5 | GCA Convention & Beef Expo
Perry |
| April 10 | MGCA Directors' Meeting
7:00 pm Maxi's
Barnesville |

Livestock Forage Disaster Program

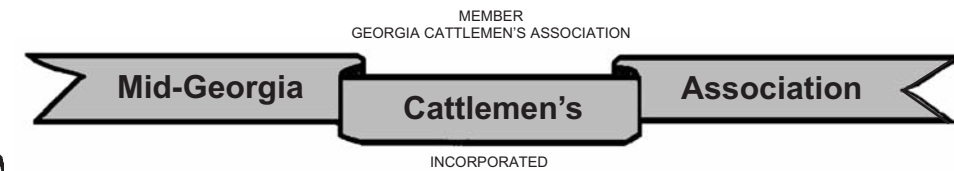
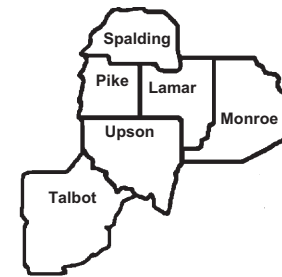
FARM SERVICE AGENCY NEWS
Millie Alexander, County Executive Director

The 2014 Farm Bill makes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to October 1, 2011. LFP provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP payments for drought are equal to 60 percent of the monthly feed cost for up to 5 months. LFP payments for fire on federally managed rangeland are equal to 50 percent of the monthly feed cost for the number of days the producer is prohibited from grazing the managed rangeland, not to exceed 180 calendar days. The grazing losses must have occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011.

Sign-up will begin on or before April 15, 2014, at any local FSA service center. Additional details on the types of information required for an application will be provided as part of the sign-up announcement. Some eligibility restrictions may apply. At this time, FSA does not know details. Please contact the office at 770-358-0787 Extension 2 for questions concerning this program. Sign-up will be announced in local newspaper when details are provided by Washington.

Equipment Auction

There will be a Spring Equipment Auction on Saturday, March 8th at 10:00 am at Farmers Livestock Market located at 2626 Yatesville HWY east of Thomaston. It will be held rain or shine. No charge for no sales! There will be a 7% buyer's fee and a 7% seller's commission with \$500 max and \$5 min per item. For more info contact: Barry Robinson 256-453-6123, Brian Johnston 770-550-1990 or call 770-834-6608 for more information.



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Akins will provide information about Wood Ash and Fertilizer Application, Chemicals for the Spring and other products they have available.

Our steer and heifer show participants will be our guest and they will be recognized at the meeting.

The CattleWomen will be presenting the Elsie Sell Buckle to the showman that showed the high point calf.

Buffet will cost \$5.00 per person.

MGCA FARM TOUR

Our MGCA Farm Tour will be held on Saturday, March 29th and tour Bledsoe Farm and Sell Farm. We encourage you to join us and learn more about UGA's research and practices that the Sell Family have implemented. More details in this issue.

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of soil test results in front of you. But for what it is, what it costs and what it can do, it has its value.

Last year some forage growers applied glyphosate to dormant bermuda too late which resulted in delayed spring green-up of bermuda. The bermuda was not completely dormant at the time of application. Should you want to use glyphosate this year for winter weeds then check stolons in many spots across the field. If there is any green in a stolon, it's not dormant. Bermuda is dormant now but if we hit a warm spell with days 55-60F and nights remaining in the upper 40's it won't take many days to trigger bermuda to break. Soil temps of 50-55F will trigger Bermuda to wake up. I suspect everyone will be anxious to have green bermudagrass for livestock as soon as possible. Don't delay that with a poorly timed use of a herbicide. It is hard to kill bermuda with glyphosate but it's easy to delay it. Find local weather and environmental monitoring including soil temperature at: www.georgiaweather.net

Stay safe out there.
Wade Hutcheson
Spalding County Agent

MGCA FARM TOUR

Come join us on March 29th for the MGCA tour. We will tour Bledsoe Farm and Sell Farm.

We will depart promptly at 8:30 am from Ingles in Barnesville. (Park near the gas station.)

From 9:15 -10:15, we will visit the UGA Bledsoe Farm and hear about the statewide variety testing program. Then we will travel to Sell Farm 10:45 – 12:30. Snacks will be served at Sell Farm. We will return to Ingles around 12:45. Mini bus will be available. For more information contact Danny Bentley or Wade Hutcheson.

Bledsoe Farm

The UGA CAES Statewide Variety Testing program provides annual performance testing results on several commodities including canola, small grains and forage, corn and silage, and field crops. The UGA Bledsoe Research Farm in Pike County serves as one of seven research farms conducting these tests.

Proper variety selection is the most important decision a farmer makes. Farmers want and need to grow the best adapted crop cultivars to be successful. But producers do not have the time or the resources to plant several cultivars to determine which are adapted to Georgia growing conditions and the best available. That's where UGA Agronomists step in to help.

The college's Variety Testing Team does the work and research for the farmers. We perform variety research on public and private developed cultivars of corn, corn silage, soybean, peanut, cotton, grain sorghum, wheat, barley, rye, oat, triticale, canola, summer annual forages, and winter annual forages each crop year. The research is conducted within each of the seven

major geographic regions of Georgia to collect agronomic data such as yield, bloom date, maturity date, test weight, height, lodging, seed size and seed shattering; also, tests for resistance/tolerance to pests and disease.

The information is published annually in five research reports which are made available to farmers, private industry, and other researchers in a timely manner. Our web site, electronic bulletin boards and computer CD's are also used to distribute the information.

Sell Farm

The Sell Farm welcomes members of MGCA. Elsa Sell and Bill Farr live on the family farm in Milner, Ga near Griffin. It was first established in 1955 when Elsa's father, Dr. O.E. Sell, purchased the initial acreage. Over the years he obtained adjacent land and Linda, John, and Elsa together purchased other acreage to increase the farm size to 600 acres. Dad Sell started with stocker calves and later added a cow herd.

They have steadily worked to improve farm infrastructure, pastures, and herd genetics. The sale of beef shares was a new venture, as was a retail beef program for the last three years. Management practices on the tour include: riparian buffers, K-line pod irrigation, rotational grazing, cone feeders on concrete pads, Durana clover, hay storage, marketing locally raised beef, Grassworks weed wiper, Cattle Max data management in the cloud for use in the field, and training herding dogs.

NOTES FROM WES

Forage School

A Forage School will be held on March 18, 25 & April 1, 2014. The programs will start at 7 pm except for the last night and it will start at 6:30 since a meal will be served. Dennis Hancock and Glen Harris will speak the first night about soil fertility and forage establishment and management. On February 25th, Wes Smith will discuss rotational grazing and Jacob Seagers will talk about problems with forages. The final day, you will have the opportunity for a pasture walk in the afternoon. Following the meal that evening, Gary Hawkins will present information about solar power for livestock operations, and the USDA Service Center will provide an update on their programs and a pesticide safety program will be held to give participants 1 hour pesticide credit.

The program will be in the Upson County office and costs \$50.00 to attend. You will receive a notebook, cap, meal, snacks and other reference materials. Register by March 14 by calling the Lamar office at 770- 358-5163 or Upson at 706-647-8989 and pay the first night. Sumner Agency Crop Insurance is the sponsor.

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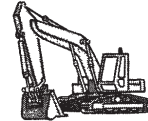
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Are we having a winter to remember...or forget...in GA? I enjoy some cold weather but will gladly join those saying let winter be gone. I hope any difficulties you experienced were minimum.

We recently had years of drought in which fertilizing forages was limited, wasn't feasible or both due to high prices. Last year abundant rain grew more grass which utilized soil nutrients and the rain contributed to considerable nutrient leaching. I believe soil testing will definitely reward you this year. Bermudagrass is a heavy user of fertilizer nutrients. A 6-ton per acre hay yield will remove significant quantities of fertilizer nutrients (see Table 1), which must be replaced to maintain soil fertility levels.¹

Table 1. Fertilizer Nutrients Removed in 6 Tons of Bermudagrass Hay

Nutrients Pounds/Acre
Nitrogen (N) 300
Phosphorus (P2O5) 84
Potassium (K2O) 252
Calcium (Ca) 36
Magnesium (Mg) 27
Sulfur (S) 27

¹ Bermudagrasses in Georgia, UGA Extension Bulletin 911.

I recommend you visit the latest UGA Forage.com update. If you haven't already subscribed to it there's a link inside the newsletter to do so. It all starts at www.georgiaforages.com.

Many are asking about late plantings of winter annuals. Even with relatively inexpensive seed cost there are a lot of

other considerations you need to work through before investing in seed, time, fuel, fertilizer in this effort. All conditions...as in planting, growing, fertility, moisture, etc... will have to be ideal and remain ideal in order for it to pay off...and by not planting it last fall the majority of the growing season is lost. See Dr. Hancock's comments in his forage update for more on this topic...yet another reason to visit www.georgiaforages.com.

Many are asking about the wood ash product currently available locally and its use as a fertilizer and or soil amendment. I've seen an analysis of the product and in short, it's an affordable amendment. Its best use is as a liming material. The results of material tested which I saw showed a calcium carbonate equivalent of 40.75% meaning one ton of wood ash has 815 pounds of lime; it has some N, P, K but not a lot and it also contains several secondary nutrients. In a ton: N was 3.6 lbs/ton, P at 14.2 lbs/ton, K at 51.4 lbs/ton. Calcium at 75.2 lbs/ton and magnesium at 73.8. So, the product is a cost affordable way to apply K and also achieve a pH neutralizing effect on soil. I would not hesitate to use it or recommend its use at the liming rate. If your soil test pH is low and lime is recommended, one ton of wood ash will provide 815 pounds of lime. Plus you get over 50 pounds of potassium and our forages have strong potassium needs. Don't go nuts with the product as it would be easy to drive pH high quickly. Stay within lime recommendations based on soil test results. Here's some more info on using wood ash as a soil amendment:

http://www.caes.uga.edu/publications/pubDetail.cfm?pk_ID=6251

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DANNY BENTLEY
MGCA PRESIDENT

Greetings,

A few weeks ago on one of those fourteen degree nights, I was reminded again why we do what we do. A two day old calf was down a 15 foot creek bank, trying to get across to his mom, in the dark, as I slid down the bank to catch him, he fell backwards into two feet of cold water. I jumped in, water soaked my wranglers and my socks, and I picked the wet rascal up and toted him twenty feet down the creek where I could hoist him up to one upset mama.

This event took me back to one in the early 60's as a very young teenager, when I found one of my uncle's calves alone with no mother to be found, I toted this calf nearly a mile to my uncle's barn in hopes of saving him. This was the beginning of years of pulling calves, doctoring cows and everything else we all do because we love what we do.

As I walked in the house with a tear in my eye and soaked jeans and boots, I simply told Rachel that this is what the media does not see!

Now, we will get down to business! I decided to finish this letter after our return from the NCBA convention. In Nashville, some 8,000 men and women attended this gathering and I can assure you that your National Association is alive and well, also the Georgia Cattlemen were well represented by our GCA staff and your MGCA

had many there as well. Thank you all for your presence and hope to see many more in Texas next year.

As soon as we returned home and opened our mail, we were elated to find that your MGCA will be awarded three awards at the State Convention in Perry, April 2-5. They are as follows: GCA Chapter of the Year, Largest Multi-County Chapter Membership Award, and \$100.00 for Membership Increase of 5 or more new members from last year. I want to thank Ray Brumbeloe for his work toward applying for Chapter of the Year, and all our members that worked hard to make it happen, hope to see you in Perry to help receive these awards!

A lot of exciting things are taking place statewide that I hope you will be involved in. The new target date for referendum ballots to be mailed is March 15, 2014. This will be our opportunity, if you signed up, to vote on the State Beef Check Off. I believe this is one of the most important votes for the future of research, education, and promotion of our industry.

Legislation which will reduce liability for cattle owners and cattle show/sale facilities is pending as well. Please encourage your legislators to support this.

As I write this, two other Associations are pushing Mid-GA for the number one spot with donations for the remodeling campaign. If you can, consider a donation as you sale calves this month. It would be great to have the Beef Culinary Center named after MGCA.

In closing, please look inside this issue of the Bull Sheet for details on the local farm tour. We had a large group last year and expect to be more this year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Concord for the March membership meeting.

Danny



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MID-GEORGIA CATLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 9, 2014 GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

President Danny Bentley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He also thanked Freddie Butts for catering the meal.

Tom Freeman led the Invocation.

Minutes: The minutes as published in the Bull Sheet were approved.

Financial Report

Tom Freeman presented the financial report.

Cattlemen's Report

Cynthia reported that Dr. Jack Tuttle had passed away. Dr. Tuttle was one of the organizers and President of the Mid-Georgia association as well as an early President of GCA. He was also co-editor of the Bull Sheet with Dr. Sell. She also gave a report on Mr. Nash and how he is doing.

She mentioned that help is needed for the Steer and Heifer Show later this month.

Cynthia asked for any ideas for future articles for the Bull Sheet.

GCA Report

Rodney Hilley reported on the GCA legislative priorities for this year;

1. Passage of legislation that will reduce liability for cattle owners at various cattle events, such as a sale, field day, show.

2. Petition for funding of a Beef Cattle Research scientist in Tifton.

3. Advocate for a bond issuance that will fund replacement of outdated and failing equipment at the

Veterinary Diagnostic Labs.

He also discussed the upcoming Legislative Steak Biscuit Breakfast to be held in late February or early March and encouraged anyone interested to attend.

The GCA Building fund has now raised more than \$50,000 and Mid-Georgia is still in the lead for most donations.

Old Business

The Harvey Greene scholarship will be sponsored by the Greene family once again this year.

Danny discussed the Mid-GA Farm Tour and asked that anyone who had ideas, please let him know.

Danny encouraged everyone to purchase a GCA raffle ticket before leaving. The Grand Prize is \$1000.

Danny discussed the upcoming GCA Convention/Beef Expo to be held in Perry on April 3-5th.

The 2013 NCBA Convention will be February 4-6th in Nashville, TN.

Danny reported that Charlsy Anesetti had completed all requirements for the scholarship that she was awarded last year. Applications deadline for this year's scholarship is March 15th.

Steer and Heifer Show-Wes Smith said that set up for the shows will be on Tuesday, January 27th. The dates for the shows are February 7-8th at the Upson Ag barn.

Extension Agent Reports

Wes Smith announced that there will be a semen testing clinic available at Farmers Livestock Market on January 28th at 3:00 p.m.

The annual Forage School will be held on March 25th, April 1st and 8th at the Upson Extension office. Cost will be \$50.00.

Wade Hutcheson stated that there will be a Commercial Pesticide Training in Spalding County on February 18th.



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Dedication



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Pete and Betty Copelan were active members from Monroe County. When it came to promoting BEEF, they were always there helping with shows, exhibits, fair booths, Beef Cook-Off and Beef Ambassador Contests, conventions, meetings and many more activities. They were known to be at the CattleWomen's booth at SunBelt Expo to set up, distribute beef materials and take down the exhibit. It was like a vacation to them.

They both served in leadership roles within our associations. Pete served as Mid-Georgia President in 1985-86 and also served as a Board of Directors for years. Betty served as Mid-Georgia CattleWomen's President from 1986-1990 and Georgia CattleWomen's President in 2003. She served as GCWA Vice-President, Secretary and Director for many years.

Both Pete and Betty loved the cattle business, but most of all they loved their friendships with everyone they met. They were true supporters of our association, youth, and certainly our friends.

2014 GCA Convention and Beef Expo

Make plans today to attend the 53rd Annual Convention and Beef Expo in Perry. UGA Extension Forage Specialist Dennis Hancock and the Georgia Grazing Lands Conservation Coalition are putting together an outstanding Forage Conference for Wed., April 2nd. The GCA Convention officially kicks off April 3rd with a marketing seminar, kick-off luncheon with keynote address by Dr. Temple Grandin, BQA certification and Trade Show opening. Angus, Commercial, and Club Calf sales will be

held Friday and Saturday along with more educational break-out sessions and the GCA annual meeting. Friday morning will be the Hot Topics Roundtable featuring Dr. Temple Grandin, Dr. Robert Cobb and others.

Special Opportunity For Youth

Help spread the word that the GCA Young Cattlemen's Council and Junior Cattlemen's Association are hosting a special youth oriented presentation by Dr. Temple Grandin Friday afternoon April 4th about moving beyond obstacles in life. If you are interested in the cattle business, Georgia National Fairgrounds is the place to be April 2 - 5, 2014!



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3rd Will Godowns



Copelan family accepts dedication plaque.

A Winter Forage update will be held in Spalding County on Feb 25, 6:30; at the UGA Griffin Campus, Research and Education Garden, West Ellis Road.

New Business:

Danny asked each county Director to stand and introduce themselves and asked that everyone become a mentor for someone who needs it.

Program

Wade Hutcheson introduced the sponsors for the meeting; Jeff Holloway, Middle Georgia Livestock and Beau Lucky, Spalding County Farm Bureau and each gave a presentation of their companies.

John Callaway, representing GCA, gave a presentation on the upcoming vote for the state Beef Checkoff and encouraged everyone who had requested a ballot to vote in favor of it.

The next Directors' meeting will be held on February 13th in Barnesville and the next membership meeting will be in Pike County on March 13th. Information will be in the next Bull Sheet.

Minutes taken and submitted by:
Rodney Hilley

MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2014 BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA

President Danny Bentley called the meeting to order. Tom Freeman led the Invocation. There was a motion to accept the January minutes as presented, motion was seconded and carried. Financial report presented by Tom Freeman, motion

made to approve, seconded and approved.

GCA Report-Rodney Hilley
The Beef Expo and Convention will be held April 2-5th in Perry, Georgia.

Cattlemen's Report-Cynthia Douglas
The Pike County Health Fair will be held on March 28th.

Cynthia gave a report on the recent Steer and Heifer show. The shows were once again a big success and \$328.00 in donations was collected and \$100.00 was given to the local FFA for use of the barn, etc. Discussion was held about possible format changes for the future.

The Cattlemen will be donating \$75.00 to organizations in 5 counties for help in purchasing Beef.

Upson High will be hosting a Beef Cook-off in the near future.

Old Business

Danny asked Bo Huddleston and Shane Eason for their thoughts on the recent Emerging Leaders conference that they attended with GCA. Both said it was a very worthwhile venture and that much knowledge was gained about GCA.

Danny discussed the upcoming MGCA Tour, scheduled for March 29th. The tour will depart from Farmers Livestock in Upson County at 8:30 a.m. and travel to the UGA Bledsoe Farm in Pike County as the 1st stop and other stops will be listed in the Bull Sheet.

Danny passed out the remaining raffle tickets to each county to sell.

Danny reminded everyone of the GCA Beef Expo and Convention to be held in Perry on April 2-5, 2014.

New Business

Danny announced that the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association will be receiving four awards at the upcoming

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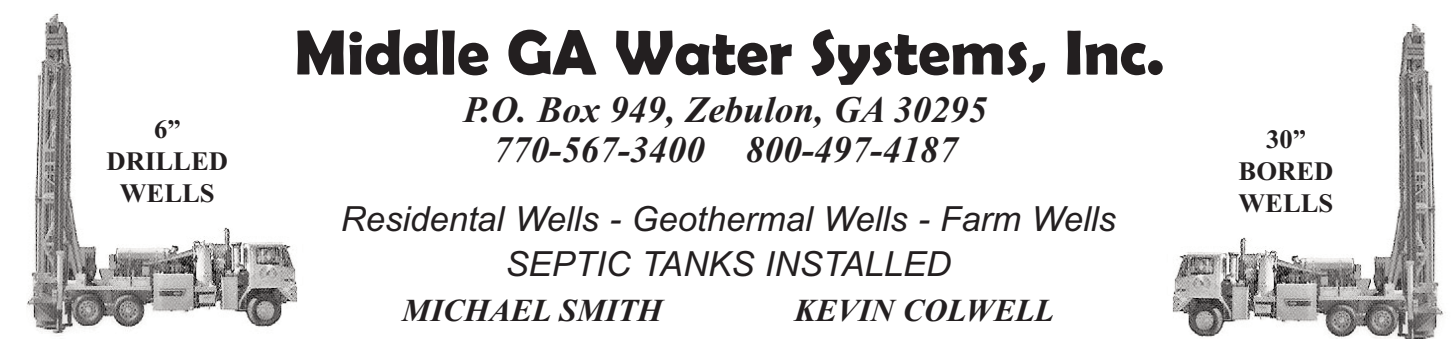
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convention in Perry:
 GCA Chapter of the Year
 Largest Multi-county Chapter
 Award for a net increase of 5 or more members-MGCA will receive \$100 for this.
 Best Beef Month Activity
 Danny handed out the delinquent membership list to each county and asked that they contact those past members to try to get them to rejoin.
 Danny stated that 5 local Farm Bureaus in our area have donated \$500 to help sponsor the July picnic at the Pippin's Farm. He asked for any ideas on entertainment, games, etc.
 Danny announced that there will be a public hearing on the proposed statewide beef check-off At the Macon Farmers Market on February 28th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 3 of the main building.
 Discussion was held about developing a committee to explore applying for a grant from the local EMC's for a yet to be determined project.
 Rachel Patrick, Ag teacher at the Pike Middle School discussed the grant she received from Southern Rivers for \$10,000 to build a show barn at the middle school. Chuck Sword discussed the remaining funds Pike County has from the old Pike County Cattlemen's Association. The Pike Directors agreed to donate the full amount to the middle school barn project. Also, the MGCA Directors voted to approve a \$250.00 donation from Mid-Georgia to the project.
 Danny discussed the GCA Building Campaign and that Mid-Ga is still in the lead for chapter donations. This includes all donations from MGCA members.
 Danny discussed the GCA Legislative Breakfast to be held on February 25th at the State Capitol. Danny, Ray

Brumbeloe, Danny McLeod and Rodney Hilley plan to attend. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.
 The Forsythia Festival will be held on March 8th & 9th in Forsyth.
 Hamburger Day will be held at Akins Feed and Seed in Barnesville on June 14th.
 A motion was made and passed to give the annual \$500 to the Mid-Georgia Cattlewomen for their activities.
 Cynthia and Ray Brumbeloe discussed the idea of offering to give the advertisers in the Bull Sheet the option to also have their ad placed on the Mid-GA website. Motion was made, seconded and approved to offer this for an extra fee of \$5.00 annually, or for \$10.00, the website and a link from the website to your business website will be included.
 Motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the annual membership fee to the Lamar Chamber of Commerce. This is required in order to have the booth at Buggy Days.
 County Agent Reports
 Wade Hutcheson stated that the deadline for scholarships is March 15th.
 There will be a Forage Update in Spalding County on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m.
 A Sustainability Ag Program is scheduled for March 6th in Griffin.
 Upson County will be hosting a Forage School on March 18th, 25th and April 1st in Thomaston.
 The next Membership meeting will be held at the Concord Cafe in Pike County on March 13, 2014. Motion was made, seconded and passed to have the same buffet meal that we had last year.
 Minutes taken and submitted by:
 Rodney Hilley



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A special "THANK YOU" is extended to all the sponsors, cattlemen, cattlemen, show committee, Extension Agents, and FFA Advisors that helped make this show a success. The Mid-Georgia Association is very proud to sponsor this show where our young cattle producers can show off their cattle



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Jessica White, Mary Persons FFA

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CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

The weather cooperated with the shows this year and we had a terrific turn out to support our youth. We had several cattlemen, cattlemen and parents to assist with the concession stand and they did an excellent job feeding those attending. Thanks to everyone that came or contributed to the show! Once again we contributed two trophies to the show and we will be presenting the Elsie Sell Buckle to the Mid-Georgia Showman that showed the high point calf. It was an honor to help dedicate the show in memory of Betty and Pete Copelan. They supported our shows and association for many years.

At our January meeting we voted to contribute \$75 to each county to be used to purchase beef for an organization that prepares meals for the community. Ruth Hice has already presented Lamar County's donation to New Choices. Dianne South, Marion Freeman, Marcia Duggar and Norma Sword will be selecting other sites to distribute the donations to in their counties.

I have been in contact with the Upson Lee Consumer Education teacher about having a Beef Contest for her students. If you would like to assist, please let me know. Summer will be here sooner than we realize and we can help with cooking classes with 4-H, Girl Scouts, or other youth groups. We also have the opportunity to distribute Beef ZIP activity books to 2nd or 3rd graders. Contact Tricia at Georgia Beef Board to order these books.

We will be exhibiting at the Pike County Health Fair on March 28th from 7-11:00 am. It will be held at Life Springs Church on Highway 19 and 109. If you can help, please let me know. We encourage you to participate and help spread the word about this event.

We want to encourage you to attend the GCA Convention and participate in the workshops, GCWA meeting and social. The GCWA officers have planned several activities, so come join us and learn more about Beef Promotion and Education.

If you are not already a MGCW or GCW member, your officers encourage you to join us. We hope to see you at the Pike County Meeting. We may be having a separate cattlemen's meeting.

Cynthia

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of Dr. Jack Tuttle and Mrs. Mildred Brantley. Dr. Jack was a founding member and president of our Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's association and served as a GCA President. Dr. Sell and Dr. Jack started the first Bull Sheet. Mrs. Brantley was an original CowBelle and CattleWoman. They will truly be missed, but their dedication to our organization and their friendship will remain in our hearts and in our Mid-Georgia history.

Scholarship Available

The March 15th deadline is approaching for the Harvey Greene Memorial Scholarship. Application are available for High School seniors from Wade Hutcheson at hutch@uga.edu or contact your local Extension Agent or at mgcaonline.com



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2014 Middle Georgia Steer and Heifer Show

The 15th Annual Middle Georgia Steer and Heifer Show was held at the Upson-Lee AG Center in Thomaston on Friday, February 7, 2014. There were twelve participants in the 2014 Middle Georgia Steer and Heifer Show. Three steers and eleven heifers were shown. The participants represented four local counties. The judge for the show was Josh Cabe, manager of White Hawk Ranch. Our Mid-GA Queen, Caroline Waldrep, served as the ribbon girl.

This show was sponsored by the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association. We thank the Upson-Lee FFA and Thomaston-Upson School System for hosting the event at the Upson-Lee Agricultural Center. The food was prepared and donated by Mid-Georgia Cattlewomen, Cattlemen, and FFA Alumni.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER
Jessica White, Mary Persons FFA

SPOJ SORS: Trophy – SouthCrest Bank
Belt Buckle – Forsyth Feed and Seed
Cash Awards: Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association;
Akins Feed and Seed Co. II C; Marc Ellington



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER
Karsyn Nauss, Monroe County 4-H

SPOJ SORS: Trophy – AgSouth Farm Credit, ACA
Belt Buckle - Forsyth Feed and Seed
Cash Awards: Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association;
Mid-Georgia Grain



GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
Gayla Sizemore, Spalding County 4-H

SPOJ SORS: Trophy – United Bank
Belt Buckle – Forsyth Feed and Seed
Cash Awards: Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association;
Akins Feed and Seed Co. II C; Kiwanis of Griffin



RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER
Madison Baugh, Upson County 4-H

SPOJ SORS: Trophy – Mid-Georgia Grain
Belt Buckle – Forsyth Feed and Seed
Cash Award: Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association
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BEST HOMEGROWN HEIFER
Madison Baugh, Upson County 4-H

SPOJ SORS: Plaque – Powder Creek Simmentals
Cash Awards – Brantley Farms



Chef Tracy with the cooks.

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