

Upcoming Events

- May 7 Monroe H.E.R.D Sale
12:30 pm
Sleepy Creek Farm, Forsyth
- May 8 Happy Mother's Day
- May 12 MGCA Membership Meeting
7:00 pm
Garden Patch, Barnesville
- May 16 Judicial Candidates Forum
Pike County Assembly Church
6:30 pm
- May 17 Upson Farm Day
Upson Lee South
- May 20 Deadline to register
NRCS Field Day
- May 27 NRCS Beef Field Day
Greene Farm – Upson County
9-3:00 pm
- June 9 MGCA Board Meeting
7:00 pm
Maxi's, Barnesville
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 18 Beef Day - 11-1:00 pm
Akins Farm and Home
Barnesville
- June 19 Happy Father's Day
- July 4 Happy 4th of July
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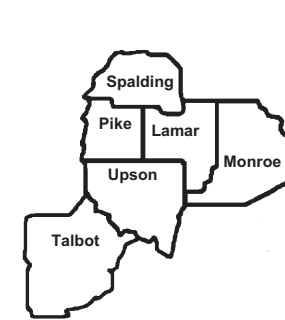
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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Join us in Barnesville at the Garden Patch
for our May meeting.
May 12th at 7:00 pm*

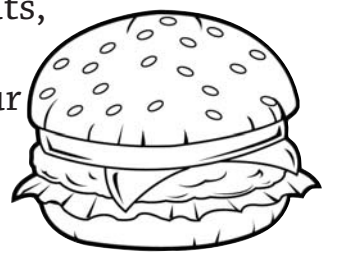
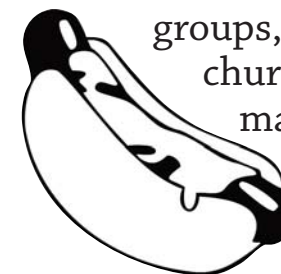
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Bring or invite a friend and please remember to **RSVP** at **mgcaonline.com**. It is not mandatory, but it really helps your directors and the restaurant to be prepared for the crowd. Thanks for your assistance!

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Come join us on Saturday, June 18th from 11:00 to 1:00 at Akins Farm and Home in Barnesville to promote Beef Day as we promote Beef for Father's Day.

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RECIPE CORNER



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BEEF BREAKFAST BURRITO

INGREDIENTS

12 ounces Ground Beef (96% lean)
1 medium red bell pepper, chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 teaspoons ground ancho chile powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
4 eggs, beaten
2 tablespoons water
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
1/3 cup reduced-fat shredded Mexican cheese blend
or shredded Cheddar cheese
4 medium spinach or plain flour tortillas
(10-inch diameter), warmed
Salsa

Lime-Cilantro Cream (optional):

1/2 cup reduced-fat dairy sour cream
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh cilantro

Directions:

1. Combine Lime-Cilantro Cream ingredients in small bowl, if desired. Set aside.
2. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add Ground Beef with bell pepper, onion, chili powder and cumin; cook 8 to 10 minutes, breaking into small crumbles and stirring occasionally. Remove from beef mixture from skillet; keep warm.
3. Combine eggs, water and 1 tablespoon cilantro in medium bowl. Spray same skillet with cooking spray. Pour into skillet; cook over medium heat 2 to 3 minutes or until scrambled, stirring occasionally. Season with salt, if desired. Stir in beef mixture and cheese; cook 1 minute or until heated through, stirring occasionally.
4. Spoon beef mixture evenly in a row across center of each tortilla, leaving 1-inch border on right and left sides. Fold right and left sides of tortilla over filling. Fold bottom edge up over filling and roll up; cut diagonally in half. Serve with Lime-Cilantro Cream and salsa, as desired.

Test Kitchen Tips: Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed Ground Beef. Ground Beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of Ground Beef doneness.

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YCC Family Outing

The Mid-GA Young Cattlemen's Council (YCC) will be having a family cook-out during June. At this time, we don't have the details. More details will be announced at the May meeting.



MID-GA Scholarship Fundraiser

Help your association raise scholarship funds! We will be asking for donations for a Remington 1187, 12 Gauge, with a black synthetic stock. Tickets will be ready at the May meeting, so help use promote and collect donations. The drawing will be at our July Picnic on July 16 at Pippin's Lake House. We need your assistance and support.

Preacher and The Cowboy

A cowboy entered a church one Sunday morning and noticed that he and the preacher were the only ones present.

The preacher asked the cowboy if he wanted him to go ahead with his sermon. The cowboy said, "I may not be too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I'd feed him."

So, the preacher began his sermon. One hour passed, then two hours, then three. Finally, the preacher finished and came down to ask the cowboy how he enjoyed the sermon.

The cowboy answered slowly, "Well, I may not be too smart, but if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him all the hay!"

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TRACY BOYT

MGCA PRESIDENT

Hello, I hope all of you are doing well. Spring time is finally here. What a great time of year to look at fields that are green and full of calves! Most of us have been getting plenty of rain and waiting for a few dry days to try to bale hay.

The Georgia Cattlemen's Convention and Beef Expo was one of the best in years. Congratulations to our own chapter for winning largest Multi-County Chapter, the 2nd Place Award for largest net increase, and third consecutive year for member increase. Also, congratulations go to Rodney Hilley for being elected as Executive Committee Director and Danny Bentley for being named our new Region 8 Vice President. Middle Georgia is well represented at the state level.

These men are great ambassadors for our industry. Unfortunately, we just lost one of our best ambassadors, Mr. Harris Brantley. He was a charter member of the Georgia Cattlemen and Mid Georgia Cattlemen. He loved the cattle industry and loved to talk about it. Mr. Brantley taught me a lot about the cattle and hay industry and was a forerunner in recycling. He used old campaign signs and hay string to fix holes in fences, corrals, and cattle trailers. Who knew these could be used for so many different things? He once spray painted an old white pair of dress shoes brown so he could wear them to the farm rather than throw them away. He was always a good story teller. Mr.

Brantley will be missed by all.

On another note, we are partnering up with I RCS to have a field day on May 27th at the Greene Farm in Thomaston, Georgia. Many interesting topics will be covered. We need some volunteers to help put this event on. Hope to see all of you at the Lamar County meeting.

Sincerely,
Tracy Boyt

MID-GEORGIA CATLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 10, 2016
CONCORD, GEORGIA

President Tracy Boyt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Danny Bentley led the Invocation.

Minutes

The minutes as published in the Bull Sheet were approved.

Financial Report

Tom Freeman presented the financial report. It was approved as presented.

Tracy introduced Mr. Jim Pace who is running for the U.S. Senate and a representative of Johnny Isakson's office.

GCA Report

Will Bentley reported that GCA membership is increasing steadily. Will also said the GCA Convention and Beef Expo will be held from March 31 thru April 2, 2016 in Perry and invited everyone to attend.

The GCA Tour will be going to Montana in June and they are now working on filling the 2nd bus load.

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Will reported on the GCA legislative priorities for this year;

The update of the GATE card program (HB911) has passed the house and is now in the senate. There will most likely be changes to this program when it is finalized.

YCC

Megan Alexander stated that they will had a program at the state steer and heifer show in Perry.

Cattlemen’s Report

Cynthia Douglas stated that Betty Joe Greene sent a thank you card for their remembrance at the recent Steer and Heifer show.

Justin Turner also sent a card of thanks for being able to participate in the show.

The Cattlemen will have a brunch at the upcoming Beef Expo and Convention.

Ruth Hice showed the quilt that the cattlemen are going to raffle, which will be used to support the GCA Intern program.

Cynthia stated that the Pike County Health Fair will be the same time as the GCA Convention and help is needed if we will have a booth at the fair.

Cynthia reminded that May is Beef month in Georgia and we will once again hold Hamburger Day at Akins Farm and Home in June.

Old Business

Chad Harless reported on the upcoming shotgun raffle that Mid Georgia will be having. A Remington 1187 shotgun has been purchased and tickets will go on sale in May with the drawing to be held at the July picnic meeting. Tickets will be available for \$5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

Extension Agent and FFA Advisor Reports

Wade Hutcheson announced that scholarship applications are available on the Mid Georgia Cattlemen’s

website: mgcaonline.com

Wade stated that there will be a Beef Management Program on April 4, 2016 at the sale barn in Jackson, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 per person.

A Master Gardener course will be held in Spalding County, beginning on March 19th and continuing the 3rd Thursday each month.

Wes Smith reported the Forage School will be held on March 15th, 22nd and 29th at the Upson Extension office. Cost will be \$55.00 for one person or \$75.00 for a couple.

Josh Rabalais stated that the Upson FFA will have a spring plant sale beginning in April.

The Monroe HERD sale will be held on May 7th at Sleepy Creek Farms in Monroe County.

Honeywood Farms will have a heifer sale at Farmer Livestock Market on April 30th.

A farm equipment sale will be held at Farmers Livestock Market on April 23rd.

Tracy Boyt mentioned that there will be a Field Day in cooperation with NRCS in May. Location to be announced.

New Business:

None

Program

The sponsor for the meeting, Mr. Bill Hembree of Nationwide Agribusiness was introduced and he presented a program about their line of farm insurance.

The next Directors’ meeting will be held on April 14th at a location to be determined.

The next Membership meeting will be in Lamar County on May 12th. Information will be in the next Bull Sheet.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Rodney Hilley

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Short Rows

I have fielded a lot of questions on soil testing so far this year. The common thread with this question and forages is ‘How often should I soil test pastures and hayfields?’ Both can be sampled each year and if it’s a new field to you, that would be a solid strategy until you are confident a desirable fertility (pH, P & K levels) has been achieved and you’re growing more grass than weeds or bare spots. Hayfields typically receive higher levels of inputs such as lime and fertilizer then do pastures and maintaining good fertility influences yield so sample hay fields each year. Soil test pasture acreage on a 3 year basis. Divide and record your pastures into permanent sample areas and pull samples from 1/3 of them yearly and keep up with this rotation so each pasture is tested every 3 years.

Collecting soil samples isn’t a task to take short cuts with. The results you receive will be no better than the sample you submit. One sample can reflect 15-20 acres. Each sample area should have 15-20 cores pulled from it from random locations but not from feeding, watering or loafing areas where nutrient load can be affected by the presence animal waste. Combine all these into one large composite. Mix thoroughly then remove a large pint to submit for testing. Each core should reflect the same volume of soil from the surface down 4-6 inches deep. Think of that as driving a pipe into the ground to a 6 inch depth. Inside the pipe will be the same volume of soil down to the sample depth. Many Extension offices have a

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The next often asked question is when do I sample? I provide 2 answers to this question. The first is fall. Fall of the year is the best time of year to sample as soil fertility levels are generally at their lowest then and if a pH adjustment needs to be made there’s time to do that prior to the next growing season. The second is when you need the results.

A few insect pests can cause problems in hayfields and pastures. The main one we experience problems with is fall armyworm. For the last few years we’ve had acreage in the MGCA counties affected by bermudagrass stem maggot. Chinch bugs, spittlebugs and grubs are occasional problems. Avoiding losses to insect pests requires regular scouting to assess health and condition of crops, to determine if there is a pest at work, identify the pest and to estimate the level of damage done or the potential for damage based on the pest population and conditions. There are control strategies for most forage pests but control is greatly affected by timing, method of control, product selection, application and others. Stay ahead of pest problems by regularly scouting forages which requires boots on the ground and not on the gas or brake pedal. Get out of the truck to scout, check at least 10 spots in the field, look for damage, things out of the ordinary and pests. If pests are found and you don’t know what it is, collect samples for identification or take some real good pictures of the pest to share with your Extension Agent.

The material covered at the 2016 Georgia Forages Conference at the Georgia Cattlemen's Convention will be valuable to cattlemen who seek to learn more forage management. It includes the latest agronomic research update on Bermudagrass stem maggot. All that can be found here: <http://georgiaforages.com/events/FC16/FC2016.html>.



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Vet Talk

Dr. Chanda Moxon Thompson, DVM

Spring time is here and flies are out, with that being said “pink eye” will be on the rise. As a reminder, “pink eye” or bovine keratoconjunctivitis, is a common disease of cattle. It is highly contagious, and spread by face flies, morexella bovis to be specific is the fly that is the carrier for the bacteria. Pink eye, causes inflammation of the cornea and conjunctiva. It can develop into ocular ulcerations, which looks like a hole or depression in the cornea.

If left untreated the disease will cause blindness.

Research done by the Virginian cooperative agency found that Pinkeye is of major economic significance to producers, as an estimated 150 million dollars is lost yearly to pinkeye through decreased weight gain, decreased milk production, and treatment costs. Affected animals may also bring significantly discounted prices at sale. In a 20-year review study, calves diagnosed with pinkeye weighed 19.6 pounds less at weaning than healthy calves, while another study showed the loss to pinkeye to be 36 to 40 pounds at weaning. Also, it is estimated that a calf that is blind will gain 60 pounds less by weaning time compared to healthy calves. Animal’s blind in both eyes are also at risk of death through accident or starvation if they are unable to locate the feed and water sources. Pinkeye is the most common condition affecting breeding age beef heifers, and the second most common disease of nursing calves greater than three weeks of age. The Virginia cooperative agency also discussed how transmission and prevention can be achieved.

Transmission occurs when a non-infected animal comes into contact with secretions infected with M. bovis. This may be direct contact, through face flies, or contact with an inanimate object that harbors the organism. Face flies are the primary vector for spreading the bacteria and disease.

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Prevention is key to decreasing the likely hood of pink eye on your farm. Fly control is essential, but can be difficult as face flies are only on the animal for a small percentage of the time. Therefore, addressing the egg and larval stages of the fly as well as the adults is most effective. A moderate to heavy fly infestation is when there are 10 to 20 flies per animal during the middle of the day. A single fly-control program will not work on every farm, so it often takes multiple methods of control to achieve good results. Fly tags, insecticide pour-ons, back rubbers, dust bags, and knock-down sprays are helpful in reducing the number of adult face flies on the animal. Fly traps can also be helpful in reducing the number of flies. Feed additives are available that target the maggots that are laid in the manure. Encouraging dung beetles, which break down the manure pat, will also decrease egg survival. . Waiting until the start of fly season to apply fly tags and removing the old fly tags in the fall also decreases the development of resistance.

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MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 14, 2016 BARNESVILLE GEORGIA

President Tracy Boyt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Roger Greuel led the Invocation.

Minutes

The minutes as presented were approved.

Financial Report

Tom Freeman presented the financial report. It was approved as presented.

Tracy reported that Mid-Georgia received several awards at the recent GCA Convention and Beef Expo. We received \$100 for having a membership increase of 5 or more, \$250 for the 2nd largest chapter increase and \$250 for 3 consecutive years of increased membership. We also received a plaque for being the largest multi-county chapter in the state.

Danny Bentley is now the Region 8 VP and Rodney Hilley was appointed to the GCA Executive committee.

GCA Report

Danny Bentley stated that he is very appreciative for the opportunity to serve as the Region 8 VP and reported that GCA membership has steadily increased and is now more than 200 above last year’s total at this same time. However the Mid-Georgia membership is down 11 and he encouraged everyone to get out and get the delinquent members to rejoin and recruit new members.

Danny reported on several legislative items;

The GATE Card program will remain the same as last year. Proposed changes were not passed this year.

The Livestock Liability bill was not passed this year.

HB 800 was passed, clarifying language regarding the

Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship to align Georgia with the upcoming rules to be implemented by the Veterinary Feed Directive in 2017.

The 3rd and final installment of \$650,000 was included in the budget for the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, as well as \$200,000 to go to salaries and other operating costs.

\$100,000 was included for the Food Animal Vet Loan Reimbursement Program which will allow veterinarians that agree to work in a food animal practice in a high need area to have up to \$20,000 per year repaid on their student loans.

Funding was secured for a Ruminant Nutritionist position in Athens.

Cooperative Extension received \$720,000 to add an additional 12 extension agents around the state.

The GCA Summer Conference will be held at Callaway Gardens from July 29-31, 2016. Everyone is invited to attend.

Beef Month will be held in Georgia in May.

YCC

Bo Huddleston reported that Russ Walters will be the new YCC representative for our area, replacing Megan Alexander.

Discussion was held regarding the local YCC meeting that Mid-Georgia has hosted for the last 2 years. Danny Bentley made a motion to have it and Shane Eason 2nd, motion passed. Location and time will be determined and announced later. Bo and Chad Harless discussed that this meeting is open to all GCA members, not just YCC.

Cattlemen’s Report

Cynthia Douglas stated that the brunch the cattlemen hosted at the convention was a great success. Julie McPeake was the speaker.

Janet Greuel was elected to the Georgia Cattlemen’s Board of Directors.



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The quilt, made by Ruth Hice made over \$700, which is donated to help pay for the GCA Interns.

Cynthia stated that the checks for the Beef Feed the Hungry were available to be given to the designated organizations in each county.

Cynthia gave out Beef Month packets to each county for use in promoting beef in May.

Farm Day has been or shortly will be held in several counties.

Cynthia suggested that everyone visit the Mid-Georgia website as it has a lot of useful information on it and asked that any suggestions be given to Ray Brumbeloe.

Beef Day (Hamburger Day) will once again be held at Akins Farm and Home in Barnesville on June 18th.

Several legislative forums will be held around our 6 counties in the coming weeks. 2 are scheduled in Pike County which will serve Pike, Upson, Lamar and Meriwether.

Kendall Singleton served as a NCBA and GCA Intern at both conventions.

Old Business

Discussion was held about the upcoming raffle of the shotgun. Chad Harless stated the proper paperwork had been obtained from the Upson Sheriff's office and would be filled out and filed.

Tickets for the raffle will be given out at the May meeting, with the drawing to be held at the July picnic.

Extension Agent and FFA Advisor Reports

Wes Smith stated that there was one scholarship applicant. Motion was made, seconded and approved for the scholarship to be awarded to this applicant.

Motion was made, seconded and approved for all 3 checks that we received at the GCA Convention be put into the Mid-Georgia scholarship fund.

Wes stated that there will be a meeting on Wills, Estates and Long Term Care at the Upson Extension office on July 11th from 7-10 p.m.

Josh Rabalais reported that the Upson FFA Banquet will be held on May 13th. Josh stated that he is currently teaching beef cattle classes and is pleased with how it is going.

The Tifton HERD sale will be held on April 19th in Irwinville.

A farm equipment sale will be held at Farmers Livestock Market on April 23rd.

Honeywood Farms will have a heifer sale at Farmers Livestock Market on April 30th.

The Monroe HERD sale will be held on May 7th at Sleepy Creek Farms in Monroe County.

The Calhoun HERD sale will be held on June 1st in Calhoun.

New Business:

Harold Fallin stated that the NRCS and Towaliga Soil and Water Camp will be held in Tifton and applications are available from the local extension office or FFA advisor.

Tracy Boyt reported that there will be a field day, sponsored by NRCS, Two Rivers R C & D and the Mid Georgia Cattlemen's Association on May 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greene's Farm in Upson County. There will be a \$5.00 charge for lunch. The rain date will be June 3rd.

Cynthia stated that there will be a 4-H cooking class on June 7th at the Upson Extension office.

Tracy reported that the money for the Buggy Days booth (\$250) has been paid. The event will take place from September 17-18th.

The next Membership meeting will be in Lamar County on May 12th. Information will be in the next Bull Sheet.

The next Directors' meeting will be held on June 9th at Maxi's Restaurant in Barnesville.

Minutes taken and submitted by:

Rodney Hilley

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We are commonly asked how the value of poultry litter compares to that for commercial fertilizer. The short answer is that this depends on many factors. These factors include the field soil test values and subsequent fertility recommendations, nutrient content of the manure, environmental conditions when applied, and the price of manure and commercial fertilizer.

The first thing to consider in determining whether to utilize poultry litter or commercial fertilizer is what the plant requires. If a legume is being grown (e.g. straight alfalfa) then there should be no need for supplemental nitrogen as legumes provide needed nitrogen through their symbiotic relationship with N fixing rhizobia bacteria. So, if nitrogen is not needed but still applied there is a cost with no benefit. The same is true with soil test phosphorus and potassium levels. If soil test levels of one or both of these nutrients are high, then research indicates no yield response will occur - another cost without economic benefit.

Determining the nutrient content of poultry litter is a key to pricing and proper utilization as these contents can vary considerably. How you sample litter is as critical and challenging as soil sampling, but is the foundation for proper litter utilization. Samples can be analyzed at most soil test labs, including the University of Kentucky through county cooperative extension service offices.

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where placed. Incorporation of litter will conserve the nitrogen component, but is not always feasible such as in No-till cropping systems. Fortunately, pastures and hayfields usually show the greatest nutrient utilization since runoff potential is lower and vegetation is present throughout the year.

Finally, as the price of commercial fertilizer changes, the value of the manure also changes. For example, if poultry litter contains 50 lb K2O/ton and 0-0-60 fertilizer can be purchased for \$0.40/lb K20, the value of the K2O in the manure is \$20/ton. Poultry litter is a good alternative source of nutrients for crop production, when utilized properly and economically priced. For more information regarding the value of poultry litter, please contact your county extension agent or the authors. ~Dr. Edwin Ritchey, Dr. Josh McGrath and Jordan Shockley, UK Soil Specialists.

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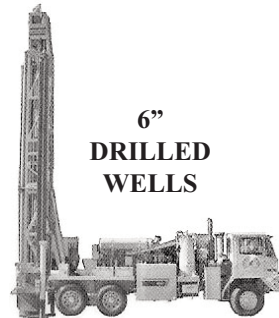
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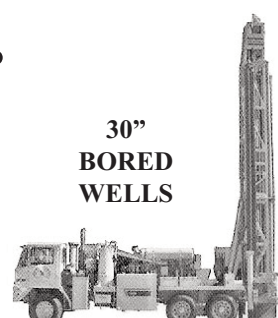
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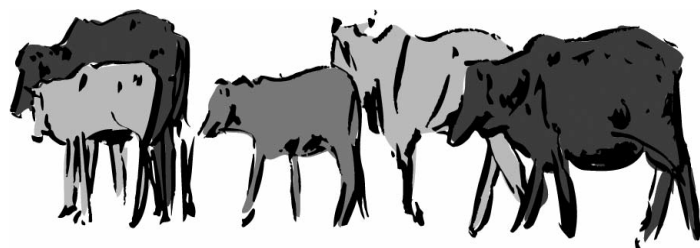
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Elsie Sell Buckle



Cynthia Douglas presented Anna Sizemore the Elsie Sell Buckle from the Mid-Georgia CattleWomen for showing the Mid-Georgia High Point Calf at the West Central Georgia Show. She is a 4-H member from Lamar County.



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Long Term Care and Estate Planning

Upson County Extension will host a Long Term Care and Estate Planning meeting on July 11th starting at 7 pm. Joan Koonce, a UGA Professor & Financial Management Specialist, will be coming to present the program. She will hopefully give you questions to think about and take back to your attorney. This should be a good meeting for folks preparing for future. Refreshments will be served. If you plan on attending, please call the Upson Extension office at 706-647-8989 to sign up by July 8th.

CONSERVATION CORNER

By Carmen Westerfield, NRCS District Conservationist

The Towaliga Soil & Water Conservation District, Mid Georgia Cattlemen's and the Two Rivers RC&D are sponsoring a beef cattle field day May 27th 9:30 to 3:00 at Green Farm in Upson County (on hwy. 19S at the end of Martin Church Road). There will be a variety of land and cattle management topics such as establishing a silvopasture system, rotational grazing, pasture fertility, cattle watering systems, heifer development, cattle frame score and conditioning, thinning and burning timber, and more!! Partnering agencies are the Natural Resources Conservation Service, UGA Cooperative Extension Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission, and Farm Service Agency. Registration is required for lunch and you can register by calling Kyle Penny at 770-358-0787 x3 or email at kyle.penny@ga.usda.gov. There will be a \$5.00 registration fee and registration deadline is May 20th.

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CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

If you didn't make it to the convention, you missed some quality time with other ladies that love our industry. We can learn so much from our industry events. The brunch was very tasty with Breakfast Beef Burritos which is our recipe this month. It would be great for a brunch during Beef Month or even for Mother's Day breakfast. Easy for kids to help with. Julie McPeake with the Georgia Department of Agriculture gave us many tips on breaking the barrier with consumers. Our 2016 GCWA officers and directors were installed by Emily Dent our National CattleWomen's Region Director. Janet Greuel will serve as director, Ruth Hice as Past-President and I will serve as Mid-Georgia Representative on the GCWA Board. Thanks everyone that assisted with the quilt and Beef Feeds the Hungry booth.

It was such an honor to help recognize two of our very own. I was really hard to make sure that they were both there for their recognition; but we all pulled it off. Janet Greuel was announced as the 2016 Georgia CattleWoman of the Year. Janet, thanks for all you have done for our associations in promoting beef and agriculture. Norma Sword, our wonderful cheerleader, supporter and producer, was inducted into the Georgia CattleWomen's Hall of Fame. Thank you Norma for all the years you have put into our industry and associations. Congratulations ladies!

May is BEEF Month and it is our time to showcase our product. So how can you help? Start with organizations you work with or treat your colleagues or friends to a treat. Cook beef if preparing a meal and/or give them more beef recipes. Where can I get recipes? Just let me know how many you need. I keep them at the sale barn and my house or you can order from Georgia Beef Board in Macon. Do you have a child or grandchild in school? Visit their class

and read an AG book, tell them about your farm and take them a beef coloring book. Visit with Girl or Boy Scouts, 4-H or FFA group and tell them about our industry. Visit a store and handout recipes or write an article for the newspaper and share a recipe. This is a start and don't forget to take pictures so we can share your involvement. You can email them to me at douglasfarm@windstream.net.

The week of Father's Day, we will join our cattlemen and Akins Farm and Home in Barnesville to promote Beef Day. We will serve hamburgers and beef hotdogs from 11:00 to 1:00pm. Come help us serve up the beef on June 18th.

Farm days have been going on in our areas. What a great way to tell our future consumers about beef and agriculture. Many end of the year FFA and 4-H programs or banquets will be taking place. Show them your support by attending and/or assisting.

We will be meeting with the men at the May membership meeting. Hope to see you there.

Happy Beef Month!

Cynthia

Hall of Fame Members Will Be Missed

We had two dedicated MGCA Hall of Fame members to pass away recently. We will miss their dedication, knowledge and service to our industry. We will miss Dr. Wilbur Neisler of Forsyth and Mr. Harris Brantley of Thomaston. We send our condolences to the families and thank them for sharing these special men with our association and members.

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GCWA Hall of Fame

When you think of a Hall of Fame recipient, you think of someone who has helped mold the association into a strong organization. This year's cattlemen's inductee, Norma Sword, has been supporting, guiding and assisting the cattlemen, cattlemen, and youth for many years.

Norma and her husband Chuck started their Brangus operation in 1989 in Williamson, GA. Norma and Chuck have adopted many "Brangus Kids" as they were active in the Brangus Association.

Norma has been an active Georgia and Mid-Georgia CattleWomen promoting beef at events such as Farm Days, Field Days, store promotions, shows, fairs, expos, and 4-H cooking classes. She served on the Georgia CattleWomen's Board and was treasurer for many years. She has been such a great cheerleader with a positive attitude.

Norma has served on many committees at her church, FSA, Farm Bureau, and other boards in the community and cattle industry.

She has served on the GCA Awards Committee and has been there supporting her husband Chuck with his involvement with the association. When Chuck was GCA President, she was a wonderful first lady that promoted

BEEF for the industry.

The CattleWomen are very proud to induct Norma Sword into the Georgia CattleWomen's Hall of Fame.

Georgia CattleWoman of the Year

Our CattleWoman of the Year is a lady that you can count on to promote beef with a smile and enthusiasm. Her strong agriculture roots started on a row crop, cattle and dairy farm in Illinois. This year's honoree was Janet Greuel of Brooks, GA. Janet and Roger started raising Brangus in 1989 and they are very passionate about supporting the Georgia and Mid-Georgia Cattlemen and CattleWomen and the Brangus Association.

She has served on the Mid-Georgia and Brangus scholarship committees and helped with shows and sales for many years. She is very active in the Brangus Auxiliary and has had the Brangus Scholarship named in her honor.

She is very passionate about Ag in the Classroom and telling the Beef Story. She promotes AG every month to a group of special needs students. For years she has helped promote beef at Farm Days, Georgia National Fair and Spalding Fair, Buggy Days, Inman Tractor Show, Hamburger Day, and at many cattle events. You can always count on her to assist in planning and carrying out the activities.

Janet served on the Georgia Farm Bureau Women's Committee for 2013-14 and was the 2015 Chairperson. She is very involved with Fayette County Farm Bureau and church activities. She is very loyal to her church, family, friends, and agriculture. Her 45 years of nursing and caring for others truly shows up in her dedication to promoting BEEF, youth, and agriculture.

Congratulation Janet Greuel our Georgia CattleWoman of the Year!



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