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SEPTEMBER MGCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14 @ 7:00 PM

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PROGRAM: Dr. Janemarie Hennebelle, Georgia State Veterinarian, will be updating the membership on the Georgia Department of Agriculture Animal Health Team, GFI #263, and Livestock Biosecurity.

Dr. Lee Jones, Professional Services Veterinarian with Boehringer Ingelheim, will discuss "Pinkeye (IBK)- Problems and Solutions".

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MEAL: Beef brisket, green beans, loaded mashed potatoes, bread, & dessert.

Dinner will be catered by Old Mill Market.

COST: \$10.00 (14 and over) \$5.00 (7-13 years old) and free (6 and under)

NOTE THIS CHANGE FOR RSVP DEADLINE

FRIDAY, September 8th by noon at mgcaonline.com
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The CattleWomen will not have a separate meeting in September.





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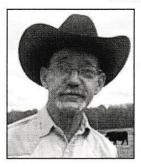
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MGCA PRESIDENT



As I am working on this article, Carla and I are traveling to Iowa to the National Agriculture County Agent meeting, the Iowa State Fair, and an Allis Chalmer tractor show. Iowa has always been to us one of the pettier states we have been though. For years I have heard how great the Iowa State Fair is, so it is on our list of places to visit

and we will see how it compares to the Georgia National Fair.

The neat thing about traveling to Iowa for me is going through the small communities and eating in local restaurants where we get to talk to folks involved in agriculture. It is always interesting to me to learn about local agriculture. Later in the week, I will get to tour the John Deere cotton picker and sprayer plant. As most of you may know, I enjoy anything dealing with AG.

Those that got to attend our summer picnic at the South's Farm had an enjoyable time. It was a pleasant change of pace just getting to sit and visit with other producers. "Thanks" to the South family for hosting this event.

Buggy Days are coming up in September. This is your association's major fundraiser for the year. It helps us to fund a lot of our activities. We will be in a different location than the last few years but located in the same general area. Get with Cynthia if you would like to come out and help. There will also be signup sheets at our September meeting.

The year is going by fast and it's hard to believe Ladies' Night is a little over 2 months away. With that said, it is time to start thinking about the awards we will give out at the meeting. Info is in this issue of the Bull Sheet, so nominate a deserving producer.

Monroe County has a good meeting planned. We will need to know a little earlier if you plan to attend. Also, it is in a different location from last year. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

As we move towards the end of the year, we have noticed our membership numbers have dropped. If you know cattle producers that are not members, ask them to join Mid-GA/GCA. The benefits that they would receive as a member are educational meetings (both local and state), a voice with the legislators on the state and national levels, as well as networking opportunities. If you are not comfortable asking someone to join, then pass their name on to a board member.

Wes

MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 13, 2023

Thomaston, Georgia

President Wes Smith called the meeting to order.

Wes introduced Caroline Waldrep, the newest employee of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. Caroline made a few remarks and said that she was excited to be a part of GCA.

Wes introduced Marcus South, who is one of the hosts for this meeting. Marcus gave some history of their operation and discussed their present program.

Hailey Partain discussed the upcoming Cattle 201 program

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and mentioned that Mid-Georgia had 5 spots in the class for anyone wanting to attend.

Information is available on the Mid-Georgia website: mgcaonline.com.

Howard Johnson and Danny Bentley discussed the GCA membership drive and encouraged all members to sign up anyone they know that might be interested (whether they own cattle or not!).

Cattlewomen's Report:

Cynthia Douglas discussed several events coming up: Kid's Cattle Camp

Summer AgVacation on July 21st.

Cattlewomen's meeting at the South's farm on August 5th. She also discussed the Bull Sheet mailings and announced that it was time for her to send out AD renewals.

Will Godowns discussed the Fencing Field Day project which is in the works.

County Agent Reports:

Hailey Partain-Upson and Lamar Counties- Hailey discussed the Pesticide Credit course to be offered on Tuesday and also reminded everyone that if the needed to have hay samples taken, to contact their county extension office.

There will be a Hay Field Day in Culloden on August 31st at James Vaughn's Farm.

Cynthia reminded everyone that Barnesville Buggy Days will be the 3rd week in September.

Wes discussed the Hereford Field Day to be held at Mountain Cove Farm in Walker County.

The next Directors' meeting will be August 10th, at the TVS Building in Barnesville.

The next Membership meeting will be held on September 14th in Monroe County.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Rodney Hilley Approved 8/10/23

MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 10, 2023 Barnesville, Georgia

President Wes Smith called the meeting to order.

Tracy Boyt gave the Invocation.

The minutes for the July meeting were approved as written.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Old Business:

Elena Stanfield reported on the IRS Non-Profit status which is still on going.

New Business:

Cynthia Douglas reported on the status for Buggy Days to be held September 16-17th in Barnesville.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to buy the meat for this event at Northside in Thomaston.

Discussion was held about where to get ice, etc.

Cynthia stressed the need for help at the event.

Steer and Heifer Show- the show committee will have a meeting on August 21st to further plan for the event.

Discussion was held about the different awards to be given out at the membership meeting in Thomaston. A list will be included in the Bull Sheet.

Cynthia discussed prices on the ads in the Bull Sheet, whether there is a need to increase or not. Motion was made, seconded and approved to increase ads by \$25.00 per ad.

Vice President's Report:

Will Godowns discussed the membership of Mid-Georgia and the need to get delinquent members to renew their membership.

He also reported that Caitlin Jackson has been hired by the Georgia Beef Board and will start in early September.

Hay

Will also reported on GCA's efforts to expand the use of



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He also reported that Howard Johnson had won the 2nd quarters award of fencing supplies from GCA.

Wes Smith reported that the current farm bill will probably be extended.

Cattlewomen's Report:

Cynthia Douglas reported on several events:

Kid's Cattle Camp

Summer AgVacation

Cynthia discussed the upcoming Fall Classic and the fact that the Cattlewomen might do the concessions at this event to be held on November 18th.

Motion was made, seconded and approved for Mid Georgia to donate \$250.00 to this event.

County Agent Reports

Cliff Collins, Monroe County reported on the September meeting which will be held in Monroe County at the Monroe Clubhouse building.

Dr. Jill Lancaster discussed the speakers and topics for the meeting.

Cliff announced that the Monroe Cattlemen meeting would be held on August 17th.

He also reminded everyone that the deadline for the Southeastern Hay Contest is September 1st, and that the Monroe Commissioners were discussing the building of a covered arena.

Brooklyn Wassel talked about upcoming pesticide credit courses to be held at her office.

Discussion was held about the Cattle 201 training and that Mid-Georgia would pay for the 5 Mid-Georgia members who had signed up for the event.

Elena and Chad Harless discussed the event to be held at Christ Chapel in Pike County on September 10th.

The Board decided to not provide food for the rodeo to be held at Quercus Farms in November. Howard Johnson held a discussion about the need for membership at the local and GCA levels.

Will Godowns made a motion to pay Elena Stanfield's membership as long as she is the Treasurer. Motion was seconded and passed by the Board.

Chad Harless informed the Board about their recent efforts to catch wild cattle in Henry County.

The next Membership meeting will be held on September 14th in Monroe County.

The next Directors' meeting will be October 12th, location to be determined.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Rodney Hilley

CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

It was wonderful to see so many attend the July Picnic at the South's Farm. The weather was perfect and the hospitality from the South Family was outstanding. Many members enjoyed the opportunity to learn about their operation. Thanks to our cooks for grilling up the delicious ribeye steaks and the members for providing side dishes. If you didn't attend, you certainly missed out on the strawberry short cake and ice cream.

The kids were well fed at the Kid's Cattle Camp and Summer AgVacation held in Upson County. Our members served walking tacos and hamburgers. A special thanks to Upson County Livestock and Gen. Beef for providing the meat for these events. The ladies provided the attendees with cookies and the fixings to make a dessert taco. The MGCW provided over 100 Beef By-Product Goodie bags at these events.

Beef Day is always a special time as we honor and

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remember our dads on Father's Day weekend. The chapter gave away over 100 Cedar Hills Farm hamburgers and beef hotdogs on the Saturday before Father's Day. This event has a long history of traditions from grocery store exhibits, newspaper articles highlighting cattlemen, and giving away steak dinners at local restaurants. This is a special way to give back to our community and let them experience locally grown beef.

The chapter really needs your assistance at the chapter's booth at Buggy Days. It really helps when there are volunteers to give relief to our workers. We will need members to cook, wrap sandwiches, sell, take up money, fix drinks, setup and take down. It truly takes a posse to make this event happen. Our booth is in a different spot this year, but in the same area at the top section where Johnsonville Community booth use to be.

Elena Stanfield will be handing out Beef By-Product goodie bags and activity books from the Cattlewomen at their booth at Christ Chapel's Sportsmen's Event on Sept. 10 from 4-7:00pm. She will be glad for you to help her. Howard Johnson will be manning a booth for GCA.

We will not have a separate meeting at the Forsyth meeting due to space availability. We will meet in January or schedule an event this fall to meet and elect officers. Please still come and learn what we have plans for during the fall.

Mark your calendar to attend the Fall Classic Cattle Show on November 18th and the West Central Georgia Show on January 20th. Let's support our youth!

If you haven't joined GCA and MGCW this year, let me encourage you to send in your dues. There is a form in this issue that you can use and mail it to the GCA office or bring to the meeting. The dues are \$35 and if you want to receive the GCA Magazine it is \$50. You will also be a member of the GCA and MGCA. By joining, you are showing the association that you support the industry.

Cynthia

Expand Your Cattle Knowledge

Check out these educational extension articles from the UGA Beef Team's "Beef Tips n' Advice"

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Fescue, At Your Service?

Jason Duggin.UGA Department of Animal and Dairy Science

June 2023 -https://site.extension.uga.edu/beef/2023/06/fescue-at-your-service/

What are we missing out on when having a year-round breeding season?

Pedro L. P. Fontes, Ph.D. Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist

May 2023 - https://site.extension.uga.edu/beef/2023/05/ what-are-we-missing-out-on-when-having-a-year-roundbreeding-season/

Animal Health and Husbandry Practices That Increase Beef Herd Profitability

Brent Credille, DVM, PhD, DACVIM July 2023 -https://site.extension.uga.edu/beef/files/ 2023/07/ Brent-Credille-July-2023.pdf

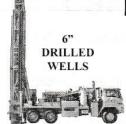
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https://beef.caes.uga.edu/content/dam/caessubsite/beef/docs/herd/HERDProgramOrganization.pdf Deadlines for 2023-24 Tifton and Calhoun H.E.R.D.

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- If you would like to volunteer at the booth during the Georgia National Fair anytime from October 5-15, please email tricia@gabeef.org to sign up!
- We would love for anyone attending the Sunbelt Agriculture Exposition to stop by and volunteer at our booth anytime from October 17-19. This is a great opportunity to sign up members to work towards the chapter winning the 2023 Membership Contest prize of a Priefert Chute or to work towards the individual Top Membership Recruiter for the quarter to win the ¼ mile of Pasture Management Fencing Supplies!

Caroline Waldrep | Events & Outreach Coordinator Georgia Cattlemen's Association T: (478) 474-6560 caroline@gabeef.org | www.gabeef.org

Georgia Cattlewomen's News

The Georgia Cattlewomen's Officers and Board invite you to join the GCWA and MGCW Association if you are not already a member. What do we do? We promote beef industry, educate consumers and youth about raising cattle, nutrition and cooking methods, and work with Georgia Beef Board and Cattlemen with legislative and promotional events. How can you join? Simply fill out the form in this issue and mail it to GCA Office and remember to put Mid-Georgia as your chapter.

Here is one event that the Georgia Cattlewomen and

Georgia Beef Board sponsor and assist with. Help us spread the word about this contest.

Do you or a friend enjoy cooking beef and contests. Then check out this contest.

"Best Beef Recipe" Contest

Georgia National Fair on Sat., Oct 7th Check in: 5:30-6:00

Youth Division - (12-18) - Recipe using ground beef Adults Division - Recipe using Beef chuck cut

Bring your recipe, cooked beef dish, and provide a place setting for your beef dish.

Complete set of rules - GA National Fair website: Find-Georgia Living, Fine Arts - Competitions - 2023 Culinary On-Site Contests. https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=GeorgiaNationalFair&f=2023_Culinary_On-site_Contests.pdf

Promoting Beef at Sportsmen Expo

The MGCA and GCA will have booths at the Sportsmen Expo at Christ Chapel in Zebulon on September 10th from 4-7 pm. Howard Johnson, Elena and Mark Stanfield, and Harless Tack will be representing the association at this event. They invite you to come and help distribute beef materials and promote the cattle industry. Let them know if you would like to assist them. Many fun family activities and food will be there for all ages. This is another great outreach opportunity!



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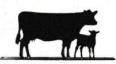












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For treatment methods for FAW, be sure to contact your County Extension Agent. Monroe County Extension can be reached at 478-994-7014.

Cliff Collins, Monroe County Extension ANR Agent

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Sept. 1 Breakfast and Pesticide Credits -\$10

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Sept. 27 Master Forager Series

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PIKE COUNTY:

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Sept. 1 Credits and Coffee (Pesticide Credit Class)

Sept. 12 A Taste of Honey

Sept. 27 UGA Master Forager

Oct.21-22 Concord Jubilee Booth

Dec. 1 Credits and Coffee (Pesticide Credit Class)

Contact: Brooklyne Wassel - 770-567-2010

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UPSON/LAMAR COUNTY:

Beef Cattle 201: Aug 29, Sept 5, Sept 12, Sept 19, Sept 23

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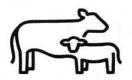
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It's time to recognize members or associates for the 2023 Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Awards. The MGCA Board needs your help with nominations. These awards will be presented at November Ladies' Night.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Mid-Georgia cattlemen, cattlewomen or businesses that have been supportive of the cattle industry or has done an outstanding job as a producer.

HOW TO NOMINATE:

- **Producer of the Year** Notify your local Extension Agent with your nomination, then they can help provide the producer with the form. (The producer forms are available at the Georgia Cattlemen's Association's website at gabeef.org under the tab GCA Awards.)
 - Dr. Sell and Hall of Fame Awards Provide a letter nominating and providing information about the nominee.
- Deadline October 6, 2023. Upson County Extension Office, Hailey Partain, P O Box 86, Thomaston, GA 30286 or hand deliver to 305 S. Hightower St. Room 170, Thomaston, GA 30286.

AWARDS:

Mid-Georgia Producer of the Year – Let's recognize a MGCA producer or farm that has done an outstanding job with their cattle management, farm production and supports the association and cattle industry that deserves being recognized.

The member cannot have won the MGCA Producer Award in the past 3 years or won the GCA Producer of the Year Award.

Past Winners of the GCA Awards are Vaughn Farms, SSS Farm, Honeywood, Walters Farm, Caldwell Farm and Land, LLC, and Rockin' Chair Ranch. MGCA winners for the past 3 years are 2020- Mountain Branch - Rooks Family, and 2021 Rockin' Chair Ranch, and 2022 Rucks Farm.

MGCA Hall of Fame - This awardis presented to a past or present MGCA member, family, or couple that has supported and influenced our association and beef industry. A list of Hall of Fame recipients is in the front of the Bull Sheet.

Dr. O.E. Sell Distinguished Service - This honor is presented to a member, family, or business that has been very supportive and active in the Mid-Georgia Association. The nominee does not have to be a member or producer to receive this award. Past recipients: Janet and Roger Greuel, Steve Douglas, Tracy Boyt, Glen Studle, Danny Bentley, Dr. Jeff Davis, DVM, Tom and Marion Freeman, Bill Waldrep, Harris Brantley, Rodney Hilley, Susan and Clay Allen, Akins Family, Fred and Betty Joe Greene, Lamar, Pike, and Upson FSA Office, United Bank, D&N Livestock Services, Carmen Westerfield, AgSouth Farm Credit of Thomaston, Mid-Georgia Extension Agents, Cynthia Douglas, Edwin Foshee, Jr, Dr. Wilbur Neisler, and Joe Smith.



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What YOU Do Matters

First, I would like to give a huge Thank You to the South Family @ SSS Farms in Thomaston, who hosted our July picnic. It was well attended and somehow, they managed to make the weather very pleasant down by their lake. So, Thanks again for the wonderful hospitality shown to all.

However, as a follow-up to the presentation on membership, I would like to take a minute to remind you just why membership of the GCA is so important, and why what YOU do matters.

As we discussed, the GCA needs a greater membership as they are our voice to the elected leaders not only here in Georgia but also in Washington along with the NCBA.

GCA is vigilant to protect our rights as beef producers while we are busy on our farms. Individually, it is hard for us to be heard in the political halls, but when we unite behind the GCA we can speak loudly and with confidence. That's why "What You Do Matters". While we are unable to control the prices for the products we sell or the products we buy we need to help GCA to tell our story to so many who are making the decisions that affect us and yet have little knowledge of what we do, and with the combined voice of the GCA you can be heard.

This year, GCA leadership has put forth a goal to grow our membership by 23% in 2023, so again "What You do Matters."

I want to challenge each member of Mid-GA Chapter to actively recruit as many new members as possible during the closing months of the year. So, what you decide to do does matter. Without your help we will not be successful, but with your help we can all have a greater voice than ever beforewhere it matters.

In closing, I offer the following points to remember:

Remember: People need to be invited to join-no one comes without an invitation.

Remember: Explain why it's important for them to join.

Remember: All are invited..... young, old, cattle producer's, landowners, green space lovers and people who just love Beef!

Remember: It's up to us to promote the beef industry, no one cares as much as you.

Remember: There is power in numbers.

Thank you for doing what only you can do, because "What you do Matters"!

Howard Johnson

Managing Your Pasture

Ryan Burgess, Natural Resources Conservation Service, District Conservationist Lisa Minick, Lamar County Technician

Many pasture problems, such as slow growth, weed invasions and bare ground, are caused by the pasture management activities being used. Renovating your pasture or spraying weeds may provide temporary improvements in the short term, but you will need to change your pasture management to have long term sustainable improvements. Grazing management is the key to healthy, productive pastures which return healthy, productive animals.

Benefits of pasture management will include improved forage quality, improved forage yield, less hay/silage being fed, better distribution of manure (nutrients) and decreased weed infestations, to name a few.

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grass being produced on your farm. The overall goal is to produce enough high-quality forage to feed your livestock by grazing for as many months throughout the year as possible, which in turn limits the amount of hay that will need to be fed. Grazing is the least expensive way to harvest forage. You can drastically lower your input costs (fertilizer and hay) by optimizing the use of your pastures.

There are two main types of grazing systems: continuous grazing and rotational grazing. Continuous grazing is when livestock graze one large pasture that is undivided with cross fencing or multiple pastures exist, but all the gates are left open for livestock's free choice. In this type of system animals eat the best tasting and most nutritious plants and often kill them by over-grazing. This is probably the most used system that has high inputs and lower returns to the farmer as well as many opportunities for conservation.

In a rotational grazing system, the animals rotate between smaller divided pastures or paddocks. A rotational grazing system consists of the following:cross fencing (permanent or temporary) to divide your larger pastures up into smaller similar sized pastures, a water trough within each pasture and access to shade within each pasture. A key factor that can now be managed is your grass height.

A typical rule of thumb is to allow your livestock to take half and leave half. Grass grows more grass, or the more grass left behind means the more solar panels the grass has to regrow/recover faster. Never allow your livestock to graze below 3-4 inches. Think of the grass height on top of the ground as what the root structure underground looks like. Ultimately this root system underground then reflects the grass's ability to access deeper water during times of drought.

Another key feature of your rotational grazing system is your animal stocking rate. Too many animals lead to the overgrazing of pastures or pastures that tend to look more

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like a golf course. Not enough animals lead to grass being coarser and less desirable for animals to graze. A quick rule of thumb would be 1 acre per 4 sheep/goats, 2 acres per cow and 3 acres per horse. These are just rules of thumb and site-specific information is needed to calculate exact stocking rates on every farm.

Your local Natural Resources Conservation service (NRCS) office has experienced conservationists that can assist you with managing your pastures. They can also help you develop a Conservation Plan to solve other problems you have identified on your farm.

There is no charge for our assistance. Simply call your local office to set up an appointment and we will come to your farm. The Barnesville Field Office covers Lamar, Monroe, Pike, and Upson Counties. The office is located at 231 Highway 41 N, Suite B, Barnesville, GA 30204, and the phone number is 770-358-0787, extension 3. If you are located outside of these four counties, you can visithttps://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app to find your local office.

You may also be eligible to receive financial assistance, through federal cost share programs. Your NRCS office will explain any programs that are available so you can make the best decision for your operation. All NRCS programs and services are voluntary. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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2024 MGCA Queen

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Do you know of a young lady who wants to promote BEEF?

Her duties will include representing our association at shows, meetings, local activities, and promotional events. Who is eligible? Young ladies between the ages of 16-21 as of January 1, 2024 are eligible. Her parent or guardian must be a member of the MGCA or the contestant must be a Junior member and reside in the Mid-GA Cattlemen's counties.

The 2024 Queen will be selected prior to Ladies' Night and will be announced that evening.

For more information contact Cynthia Douglas, 770-550-1070 or email douglasfarm@windstream.net. Deadline is Oct. 6, 2024



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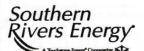
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A Cowboy's Code

Live each day with courage. Have respect for everyone you meet. Be confident in your dreams. Always do what's right. Take pride in your work. Talk less and say more. Know where to draw the line. Always finish what you start. Be tough, but be fair.

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What do you learn from Cows, Buffalos, and Elephants? It's impossible to reduce weight by eating green grass, salads, and walking.

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Apcoming Events

Sept 8 RSVP for MGCA Meeting NOON @mgcaonline.com

Sept 10 Promoting Beef and the Association Christ Chapel - 4-7:30pm

Sept 14 MGCA Membership Meeting Monroe County Clubhouse

7:00 pm

Sept 16/17 Buggy Days – Barnesville Selling Ribeye Sandwiches

Sept 22-30 Spalding County Fair

Oct 5-15 GA National Fair Support our livestock shows Volunteer at the Beef Booth

Oct 7 Georgia CattleWomen's "Best of Beef" Contest

GA National Fair 5:30-6:00 check-in

Oct 12 MGCA Directors' Meeting Thompson Vet Office

7:00 pm

Oct 31 Deadline GA Farm Bureau Hay Contest Get rules @www.gfb.ag/HayContest

Nov 9 MGCA Ladies' Night Thomaston 1st United Methodist Church

7:00 pm

Nov 18 T-Town Fall Classic Steer and Heifer Show Upson-Lee AG Center

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Friday, September 15th - Set-up- 7:00 pm Saturday, Sept 16th- 9- 6:00 pm Sunday, Sept 17th- 11- 5:00pm

LOCATION: It is a little different this year. We are located in the same area off Market Street up in the corner near the bank. Look for our red tent.

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