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MGCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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Dr. Martha Moen will discuss
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**Arjun Durr, Director,
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**DINNER: Meal will feature Brisket and Scrambled Burgers
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**RSVP: Deadline to RSVP Noon, Tuesday, January 7th @ mgcaonline.com
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New Beginnings!

I hope this issue of the Bull Sheet finds you and your family well. As we start a new year a certain feeling of a fresh start or new beginning seems to always be in the air. For some, it may mean breeding season is here, for others it could be the anticipation of calving season. For Charlsy and I, it is the joy of new parenthood and a happy, healthy baby.

This season of life has given me the opportunity to evaluate some of the things I used to do and decide if they are worth continuing or should I try something new; honestly, I feel everyone could benefit from their own self evaluation from time to time. Our recurring theme I keep coming back to is "we don't always have to do things the way we always have in the past." While that is our human nature to do what we know and what is comfortable to us, I have tried to not lean on my own understanding and keep an open mind and heart to trust the Lord and His plan, His timing, and His promise.

That being said, I look forward to serving as your MGCA President this year with a servant attitude and the hope that you will serve alongside me!

Speaking of new beginnings, it is an exciting time to be a GCA member as change is in the air and that gives way to opportunities for you to get involved and more engaged with MGCA and GCA. By the time some of you receive

your copy of the Bull Sheet, our GCA office will be open for business in Perry. What a great place to start new for our members! For some, this was a hard decision, myself included, but I do believe it was time for a change and I'm excited for our opportunities in Perry!

Along with the move, we as GCA members will be anticipating the hiring of a new Executive Vice President. Dale Sandlin resigned at the Executive Committee meeting in Macon at the beginning of December. We thank Dale for his efforts to move GCA forward over the last five years, and we look forward to a fresh perspective that a new hire can bring. I have confidence in our volunteer leadership to do what is best for us as members as they have shown over the last year, they are willing to put in the time to make informed decisions with the members' best interest at heart.

So, what do New Beginnings mean for MGCA? While there are traditions that we definitely don't want to lose, I hope MGCA can find new ways to engage its members from young to old. I'm excited to find new ways to get our younger generation involved as well as bring some new faces with fresh ideas and experience on to our Board of Directors.

It is time to get out of our comfort zone, trust God to take us in the right direction, and prepare us for the work He has for us to do! The phrase "we've always done it this way" challenges me to find new ways to be of value to you as a member of MGCA. Dust off your hat, put on your work gloves, pick up the phone, or show up to our next meeting with a servant heart and ideas to help us grow as individuals and as an association in the coming year!

P.S. Bottle feeding a baby is a lot more fun than bottle feeding a calf!

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MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 14, 2024
Thomaston, Georgia

President Wes Smith welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Wes then asked that anyone that was currently or has in the past served in the military that they stand and be recognized.

United Methodist Church Pastor John Holley gave the Invocation.

Ivey Booker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wes thanked Waddell's Catering and their staff for the dinner and also thanked the sponsors for the meeting, AgSouth Farm Credit, Elena Stanfield with Bowers and Burns Real Estate and Carroll County Livestock Sale Barn, Eric and Lauren Thompson.

Wes also thanked Blair Cox for operating the sound system.

Will Godowns recognized the special guests who were in the audience:

Rodney Hilley, GCA Past President

Will Godowns, GCA Region 8 Vice President

Howard Johnson, GCA Treasurer

Ivey Booker, GCA YCC Board Member

Hailey Partain, Georgia Cattlewomen's President

Janet Greuel, Georgia Cattlewomen's Secretary

Cynthia Douglas, Mallory South, Anna White and Ruth

Hice - GCWA Board Members

Wes introduced Hailey Partain, who announced the standings of the Hay Contest:

Warm Season Grass Hay

3rd Caldwell Farm and Land

2nd SSS Farms

1st Leikri Farms

Cool Season Grass Hay

3rd Wes Smith

2nd B and B Farm Services

1st Billy Sullivan

Mixed Grass Hay

3rd B and B Farm Services

2nd Sugarhill Cattle Company

1st Billy Sullivan

Alfalfa Hay

1st Casey Coggins

Grass Balage

3rd Walters Farms

2nd Caldwell Farm and Land

1st Leikri Farms

Legume Balage

1st Walters Farms

Wes also recognized Hailey Partain as the TOP County Agent in Georgia.

Wes then recognized Macey South as the Mid-Georgia scholarship recipient. She is attending Fort Valley State majoring in Animal Science and plans to attend Vet School at Auburn.

Macey South then introduced the current MG Queen, Logan Ellington and the 2025 Queen, Kylee Campbell.

Cynthia then recognized Beverly Hardin for her contributions to MGCWA over the years. The cattlemen recognized Hailey Partain for serving as the Georgia Cattlewomen's President.

MGCA Awards were presented as follows:

Will Godowns then presented the Dr. O. E. Sell Award to Ray Brumbelee.

Mark Stanfield then introduced our speaker for the evening, Tom Kerlin, Cowboy Poet.

Danny then auctioned off several cakes as a fund raiser.



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Business Session:

The minutes were approved as printed in the Bull Sheet. The Treasurer's report was given by Elena Stanfield and was approved as presented.

Cynthia then gave the Cattlewomen's report and discussed their recent activities.

She then thanked all who prepared for tonight's meeting.

Elena Stanfield then gave a report on new and renewed members.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee's report of proposed Officers:

President- Will Godowns

Vice President- Mark Stanfield

Secretary- Carmen Westerfield

Treasurer- Elena Stanfield

Wes also introduced the 2024 County Directors:

Lamar County-Chair, Jeff Keck, Ivey Booker and Luke Andrews

Monroe County-Chair, Cody Ham, Jill Lancaster and Zach Westerfield

Pike County-Chair, Jonathan Brown, Ray Brumbeloe, and Glenn Beckham

Spalding County- Tara Green, Pam Walters, and Steven Green

Talbot County- Chair-Omer McCants

Upson County- Chair, Steve Douglas, Danny Bentley, and Tracy Boyt

Past President- Wes Smith

Wes Smith announced upcoming events:

T-Town Fall Classic on November 16th in Thomaston

West Central GA Steer and Heifer Show on January 18th in Thomaston

Wes than gave a gift of appreciation to outgoing Secretary

Rodney Hilley for his years of service to Mid-Georgia.

Will thanked the Upson County and Cattlewomen for hosting and decorating for this meeting.

Will gave a gift to Wes Smith for his 2 years as President.

Will gave away the gift cards from Country Oaks and thanked everyone for coming.

The next Directors' meeting will be December 12th, at the TVS Building in Barnesville.

The next Membership meeting will be held on January 9th in Spalding County.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Rodney Hilley

**MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING**

December 12, 2024

Thompson Veterinary Service - Barnesville, Georgia

The Meeting was called to order by Past-President Wes Smith in the absence of President and Vice President.

Tracy Boyt gave the Invocation.

Introduced Officers and Directors

Absent - Will Godowns, Mark Stanfield, Danny Bentley, Ivey Booker, Jill Lancaster, Zach Westerfield, Jeff Keck, Luke Andrews, Cody Ham and Omar McCants.

The October minutes were approved as printed. Motion - Ray Brumbeloe Second - Steve Douglas.

The Treasurer's report was given by Elena Stanfield and accepted as printed. Motion - Jonathan Brown; Second - Tracy Boyt.

Update on IRS - Elena Stanfield

Form has been submitted to IRS, per accountant, can take up to 12 months. The accountant will follow up with the IRS in 6 months

Cynthia Douglas gave the update on Charles Thompson

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Donations in lieu of flowers - currently have received \$425.00. Chad Thompson has spoken about a scholarship and is working with us on the details

Officers and Directors' list was handed out to verify phone numbers and addresses.

Extension Agents Reports

Pike - Brooklyne Wassel (absent) Hailey updated that she would be covering Pike County while Brooklyne is out on maternity leave starting in January.

Upson/Lamar - Hailey Partain

Updated extension offices that have moved. Lamar County has moved to the old Fred's building with County Commission office. Pike County office has moved to the Chestnut Oaks Arena. Spalding office is located in the old Family Children's Office.

Hailey is working on an AgriAbility program that will start in Upson County at the sale barn with cattle as topic. It will follow a boot camp format, currently have 27 signed up. Registration and sign ups are handled by AgriAbility. This series is for disabled veterans. A second cattle topic session will be held at Keck Farm in May. Hailey asked if Mid-Georgia would like to provide lunch for the first session January 24th. Discussion was about hamburgers and who would be available to help cook. Jonathan Brown said he would donate the beef. Cynthia Douglas made the motion to provide the lunch and Tracy Boyt seconded.

Spalding - Tara Green - Meeting in Griffin- Jan 9th - Sponsor: Smith Farm Supply

PROGRAM TOPICS: Dr. Martha Moen - Purina Minerals and Tubs.

Arjun Durr, Director, Product Development with the American Forest Foundation - Fields & Forests.

Meal -Brisket and Scrambled Burgers - Catered by - Buckalew's Restaurant in Milner

Old Business -

Ladies' Night - General comments - It was a nice evening. Cynthia Reported that cake auction brought in a little over \$1700.

CattleWomen's Report - Cynthia Douglas reported:

MGCW handled the concessions at the T-Town Fall Classic and will do the concessions at West Central GA Show.

Beverly Hardin and Cynthia Douglas exhibited at Crawford County Farm Day.

Cattle Educational Trunk - Several members assisted in making 40 Hamburger pillows.

Janet Greuel and Cynthia Douglas showcased the trunk at GA Farm Bureau Convention and Hailey Partain will present the trunk at the American National CattleWomen's Convention in January.

The Cattlewomen are sponsoring a child for Christmas - Child of an active Military mom and the child is with the grandmother. A motion was made by Tracy Boyt to contribute \$200.00 from the Cattlemen and a second by Jonathan Brown.

80th West Central GA Show - Sat., January 18th at Upson-Lee Agricultural Center - 11:00 Opening & Show at 11:30

Cynthia Douglas discussed sponsorship ads - Due back by Dec 31

MGCA Sponsorship at WCG Show - Grand and Reserve Steer and Heifer Champion awards and Mid-Georgia Showman donations. Motion made by Tracy Boyt to finance the \$1600.00 for the show and \$100.00 for the MGCA showmen with a second by Steve Douglas.

New Business

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Discussion on going to try Mays Printing in Zebulon -



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Motion was made by Tracy Boyt and second by Glenn Beckham to go to Mays Printing. Cynthia commented that the Bull Sheet needs more ads.

GCA News- GCA Office is moving to Perry.

Staff Change - Executive Director Dale Sandlin resigned this week.

GCA Award and Scholarship Applications are due on Jan 6th at GCA

Convention- March 12-14 - Augusta.

Discussion by Pike County board members to move the March Membership Meeting to Thursday, March 20th to not conflict with the convention.

Will is planning an Executive meeting in January.

He has asked that if you are interested in serving on a committee, please let Will or Carmen know.

Committees

Audit, Budget, Education, Scholarship, Buggy Days, Special Food Events, Awards, Membership- (Mark Stanfield, Chair), By-Laws - (By-Laws will need reviewing and possible revision after IRS information comes back.)

Steer Show - 2025 - Will Godowns, Chair; Cynthia Douglas, Sec/Treas; Steve Douglas; Tracy Boyt; Crystal Wheeler; Macey South; Ray Brumeloe; Wes Smith; FFA - Josh Rabalais; 4-H - Hailey Partain

Other New Business -

Reminder - Next Membership Meeting - January 9th UGA Griffin Campus.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Douglas; Seconded by Tracy Boyt

The next Directors' meeting will be February 13th at TVS Office.

Minutes taken and submitted by: Carmen Westerfield, Secretary

Special Recognitions at Ladies' Night

Several of our members were highlighted at the MGCA Ladies' Night Banquet during November for their dedication to promoting the beef industry, volunteering, and raising quality hay. This event was held at the Thomaston Methodist Church. Attendees were entertained by the Cowboy Poet, Tom Kerlin. Danny Bentley eagerly auctioned the cakes as a fundraiser for the CattleWomen and they collected over \$1700.



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MGCA Honors Members

Dr. O E Sell Service Award

Ray Brumbeloe was honored with the Dr. O E Sell Service Award for 2024. Ray served as the MGCA President 2012 and 2013. He has served as Vice President, treasurer and Pike County board member. He started the association using the website and he has been proofing and assisting with the Bull Sheet.

His interest in cattle began in high school and he showed the 1981 West Central Georgia Grand Champion Steer. He serves on the show committee and has assists with promotional and fundraising activities for over 40 years.

Ray serves on the Pike County Agribusiness Authority and is the Pike County Farm Bureau President. Along with assisting with the events, he has a commercial cattle herd and works for Delta.

Thanks, Ray for all the volunteering you do for our association!



Mid-Georgia CattleWomen Recognized Beverly Hardin

The MGCA CattleWomen honored Beverly Hardin for her involvement in promoting BEEF. Beverly has volunteered for many years at Summer AgVacation, Beef and Berries, Cattle Shows, Buggy Days, Farm Days, Ladies' Night and many more events. She has put together numerous Beef By-Product bags for the ladies to give away at events. Beverly will be there early and make sure everything is packed up before she leaves the event. Thanks, Beverly, for our dedication and for often stepping out of your comfort zone to promote beef.

"Thank You" Hailey Partain!

At Ladies' Night, the Mid-Georgia ladies presented Hailey Partain with a necklace in appreciation of her leadership as the Georgia CattleWomen's President for the past two years. She was very instrumental in getting the Cattle Educational Trunk organized and distributed to Georgia Farm Bureau. She is very passionate about educating youth, consumers, and producers about the Beef Industry. Thanks, Hailey, for the hours you have put into promoting BEEF!



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2024 and 2025 Queen Recognition

By Macey South

Over the past year, Logan Ellington has had the honor of serving as the Cattlewomen's Queen. She has represented us very well throughout the state through her beef cattle project exhibiting and involvement as the Upson-Lee High School's Vice President. Logan has said that she has thoroughly enjoyed her time as she has served as our Cattlewomen's Queen, and it has brought her outside of her comfort zone. She has made new friendships through her involvement and has grown tremendously as a person. Thank you, Logan, for serving as the 2024 Cattlewomen's Queen.

This year's Mid-GA Cattlewomen's Queen has also been heavily involved in the beef cattle industry through her own beef cattle exhibition. She has been awarded numerous Grand Champion titles, including on the national level, and has volunteered countless hours in 4H and FFA events. This leading individual looks forward to sharing her passion for the beef cattle industry as a role model to others in the Cattlewomen's Queen's position as well as through her outlet as Lamar County's Reporter for the FFA officer team and as a Junior Cattleman. She is the daughter of Josh and Jennifer Campbell of Barnesville. Kylee Campbell, we are excited to see what you have to offer this year as our 2025 Mid-GA Cattlewomen's Queen!



Mid-Georgia Hay Contest Winners

Warm Season Grass Hay - 1st Leikri Farms; 2nd SSS Farms; 3rd Caldwell Farm and Land
Cool Season Grass Hay - 1st Billy Sullivan; 2nd B and B Farm Services; 3rd Wes Smith
Mixed Grass Hay - 1st Billy Sullivan; 2nd Sugarhill Cattle Company; 3rd B and B Farm Services
Alfalfa Hay - 1st Casey Coggins
Grass Baleage - 1st Leikri Farms; 2nd Caldwell Farm and Land; 3rd Walters Farms
Legume Baleage - 1st Walters Farms

Hailey Partain, Upson/Lamar Extension Agent, was recognized as the Southeastern Hay Contest Top Georgia Extension Agent.

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CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

Can you believe that 25 years ago we were so afraid our computers were going to crash? We have seen lots of challenges throughout our associations and industry since Mid-Georgia Chapter was organized. But one thing that hasn't changed is the members and their dedication to promote beef and the cattle industry. We have had so many dedicated men, women and families making sure that traditions have continued. This is what make our association so strong and so special. As we start 2025, I personally challenge you to help make the next 25 even better for the next generation and show consumers the importance of farmers and ranchers.

How can we start 2025 off on the right foot? First, we must keep our faith in God, love our families, and support each other with encouragement. The mental and physical stress you are challenged with each day can be overwhelming, so reach out to our members, friends, and neighbors. Next, we need to keep pushing to improve our operations and tell the beef stories to others. Consumers need to know you are dedicated to providing consumers safe and healthy food. So, if you haven't been attending workshops, educational meetings, talking to other producers, then step out and get busy educating yourself and your family.

What else can we do to assure the next 25 years are ready for our future generation? Volunteering is one great way. Yes, we can all say I'm busy on the farm or at work. If we all take on at least one project and assist, our association will really thrive in reaching more consumers.

I'm challenging you to step up during 2025 and become involved in at least one activity. So, what can you do?

- Become a mentor for a new or young producer
- Support a 4-H'er or FFA member with their project
- Assist with Farm Days, visit a classroom, or read a farm book at the library
- Invite friends to your farm to learn about your operation
- Take recipes and brochures to businesses
- Share beef dishes and recipes with friends and other organizations
- Invite someone to attend the meeting with you.
- Assist members at promotional events

There are endless ways to make our association and industry better.

Your officers invite you to attend the next meeting and help them plan our 2025 year.

Cynthia

December Activities



Showcasing the Cattle Educational Trunk

Cynthia Douglas and Janet Greuel, two of the GCWA board members, showcased the Cattle Educational Trunks at the Georgia Farm Bureau Convention. These trunks were sponsored and developed by the Georgia Beef Board and Georgia CattleWomen and were distributed to each Farm

Bureau District for members to borrow to teach about beef and Dairy.



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Spreading Christmas Joy

The Mid-Georgia CattleWomen and Cattlemen sponsored a child at Christmas. The men contributed \$200 to assist the family with expenses as their oldest son just had a liver transplant. The ladies provided gifts for the grandson's Christmas. His mother is serving in the military. Brooke Coggins and Cynthia Douglas enjoyed shopping to help bring joy to this family.



Beef Feeds the Hungry Donation



The Georgia CattleWomen provided four \$100 Beef grants to organizations throughout Georgia this season. Cynthia Douglas, GCWA Board member presented the check to the Thomaston Baptist Church's Pass the Salt Program. This group provides about 40 hot meals to local residents each week. GCWA Secretary presented another Beef grant to Pat Patrick with Fayette Samaritans.



And the Grill Winner was ... Crystal Wheeler

The Upson and Lamar 4-H Livestock Team wants to thank everyone that purchased spots for their Cow Pie Bingo Fundraiser. This event will assist the 4-H livestock showmen in Upson and Lamar County with their expenses at shows and educational activities. Congratulations to Crystal Wheeler! Happy Grilling!



GCA Membership Recruiter Winner



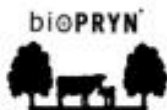
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GCA News

GCA Executive Vice President Dale Sandlin Resigns

GCA accepted the resignation of Executive Vice President, Dale Sandlin, on December 10, 2024. We thank Dale for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. The Executive Committee wishes Dale the best in his future endeavors.

- GCA President, James A. Vaughn

GCA Office Relocated to Perry

The GCA office building has been sold and the office will open in January in Perry. It is located adjacent to the Georgia National Fair Grounds on the road frontage next to the interstate. They will still be using the PO Box in Macon until further notice.

Make Plans to Attend the 2025 GCA Convention



Our Annual Convention will be held at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center!

Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center - Address: 2 10th Street, Augusta, GA 30901

For the schedule of all events, refer to the GCA Magazine or their website at: <https://www.georgiacattlemen.org/14a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3362>

GCA will only have a room block at the Augusta Marriott Convention Center - please be sure to make your lodging arrangements in advance. Attendees are welcome to stay wherever they please during GCA's Annual Convention.

Start Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

End Date: Friday, March 14, 2025

Final Day to Book: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Room Rate: \$189/night plus applicable taxes and fees
Rancher Resilience Grant

We have been selected as an approved event for the Rancher Resilience Grant, sponsored by NCBA, the National Cattlemen's Foundation, and Cargill. This is a grant with a fixed amount of \$600, which will be paid via reimbursement. If you are interested in attending GCA Convention but are concerned that it is out of your budget, we highly encourage you to check this grant out at <https://www.ncba.org/producers/rancher-resilience-grant>. The deadline to apply is February 24, 2025.

Please contact NCBA directly with any questions. GCA does not handle the application or funds dispersal for this grant.

Condolences to the Charles Thompson, Sr Family

Long time Mid-Georgia member, Charles Thompson, Sr. of Barnesville, died Thursday, November 28, 2024, at his residence. Charles was retired from Delta and loved raising cattle and gardening. One of his favorite outings was to visit with friends at the local sale barns. We send our condolences to the Thompson Family.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial donations to be made to the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association for a show scholarship. Donations may be sent to Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association, Elena Stanfield, Treasurer, 2050 Jeff Davis Rd, Thomaston, GA 30286

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2025 Georgia Ag Forecast



Our annual seminar shares the latest research and information from UGA faculty to help farmers and agribusinesses in Georgia's No. 1 industry, agriculture. Save the date for the 2025 forecast to be held in Macon, Georgia.

University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Veteran, Disability Institution. If you need a reasonable accommodation or language access services, reach out using the contact information provided on this page, at least three weeks prior to the program date.

Friday, January 24, 2025

UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center Tifton, Georgia (15 RDC Road Tifton, Georgia 31793) *

* Due to scheduling issues, the 2025 Georgia Ag Forecast has moved back to Tifton, Georgia.

Registration - <https://agforecast.caes.uga.edu/>

When should we be concerned about Vitamin A supplementation?

Lawton Stewart, Ph.D.

Department of Animal and Dairy Science

Are your cattle getting enough Vitamin A this winter? With the decrease in Vitamin A in conserved forages like hay, it's essential to assess Vitamin A supplementation needs before deficiencies impact performance.

Read this article for practical insights and solutions online at: <https://beef.caes.uga.edu/files/2024/12/Lawton-Stewart-December-2024.pdf>

UPCOMING SALES

Focus on Genomic Enhanced EPD Sale

February 13, 2025

Tifton Bull Test Program

Sale Day - March 5, 2025



United States
 Department of Agriculture

December 10, 2024

Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database and needs your help. Please report any changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file to our office. You should also report changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase. You should also report any changes to your operation in which you reorganize to form a Trust, LLC or other legal entity.

FSA and NRCS program participants are required to promptly report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and to update their Farm Operating Plan on form CCC-902.

To learn more about NAP visit fsa.usda.gov/nap or contact your local USDA Service Center at 770-358-0787 ext. 2.

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Welcome Lila Kate Godowns!



Congratulations to Will and Charlsy Godowns!
Lila Kate was born on December 12, 2024. 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 20 inches long. Parents and baby are doing well!

Georgia AgrAbility Workshop Coming to Upson County

The Georgia AgrAbility will be providing a program on Beef Cattle on January 24th and the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association will be serving lunch. Hailey Partain is helping coordinate this program. It will be held at Upson County Livestock Sale Barn. For more information, you can contact Hailey at 706-647-8989 or visit the website <https://www.farmagain.com/>.

Contact Hailey Partain, Will Godowns or Tracy Boyt if you want to assist with this event. Registration handled through the Georgia AgrAbility only.

Introduction to Beef Cattle Course

January 24, 2025 - 9am - 4pm EST- Upson County Livestock

The University of Georgia Farm Boot Camp offers an engaging introductory course on beef cattle management, designed for beginners and aspiring ranchers. This comprehensive program covers the fundamentals of beef cattle care, including nutrition, breeding, health management, and pasture management. Participants will gain hands-on experience through practical demonstrations and fieldwork, guided by experienced instructors. The course aims to equip attendees with essential skills and knowledge to successfully manage a beef cattle operation, ensuring a solid foundation for future success in the industry.

Georgia AgrAbility serves farmers and ranchers experiencing illness or injury that limits their ability to perform routine tasks. We provide creative solutions to continue working safely at no cost. We are part of a National USDA program.

When farm families and workers become ill or injured, man hours that are crucial to the operation of the farm are lost. This is when Farm Again can help. We provide information and services that may make it possible to return to farming.

Farm Again is a free service and focuses on promoting independence for members of the agricultural community who have injuries, disabilities or chronic health conditions. The project is funded by grants, foundations, donations and sponsors.

The program in Georgia is managed by the University of Georgia's Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the Institute on Human Development and Disability in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

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**Cast-Iron
Steak Au Poivre**



Ingredients:

- 2 beef Tenderloin Steaks, cut 1-inch thick (about 6 oz each)
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons + 1-1/2 teaspoons cracked black pepper, divided
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 cloves crushed garlic
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup minced shallots
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon demi-glace or beef broth
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard

Cooking:

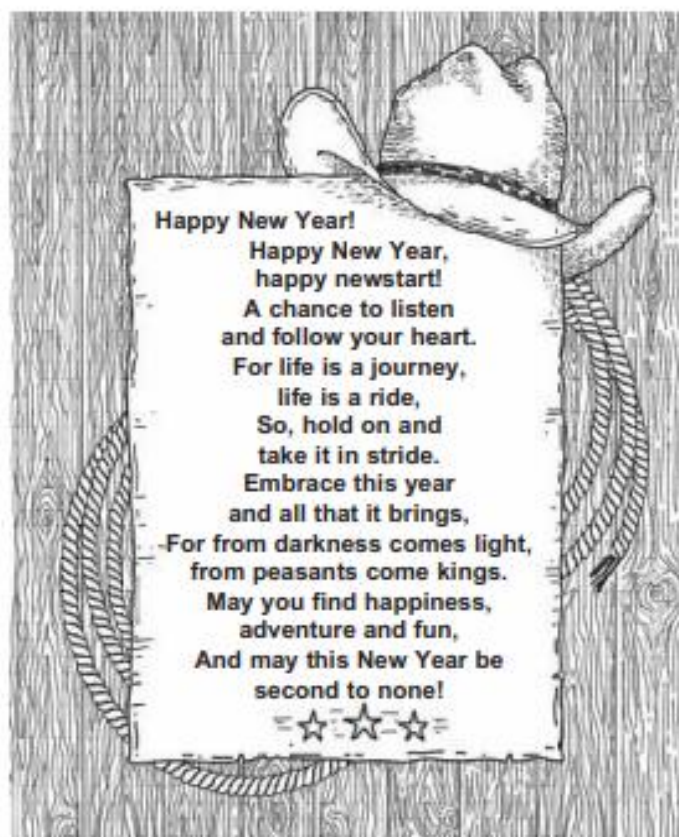
1. Season steaks with salt; press top of filets in 2 tablespoons cracked pepper, pressing evenly onto top of the steak.
2. Heat large cast-iron skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steaks, peppercorn side down, in skillet turning until seared on all sides. Add 2 tablespoons butter, garlic and thyme. Cook, spooning steaks with butter, 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium doneness (160°F). Remove steaks from pan; keep warm.
3. Add shallots; cook 2 minutes or until softened, stirring occasionally. Add brandy; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until alcohol burns off and browned bits attached to skillet are dissolved.
4. Stir in cream, demi-glace, Worcestershire sauce, mustard and remaining 1-1/2 teaspoons cracked peppercorns. Cook 3 to 5 minutes or until sauce is smooth and slightly thickened. Remove from heat and gently swirl remaining 2 tablespoons of butter into sauce. Spoon sauce over warmed steaks.



<https://www.beefitswhatfordinner.com/recipes/recipe/55938/cast-iron-steak-au-poivre>

Upcoming Events

- Jan 7 **RSVP MGCA Meeting by Noon**
- Jan 9 **MGCA Membership Meeting**
UGA Griffin Auditorium 7:00 pm
- Jan 18 **80th West Central GA Show**
Upson-Lee Agricultural Center
11:00 Opening Ceremony
11:30 Show
- Feb 13 **MGCA Directors' Meeting**
Thompson Veterinarian Office
7:00 pm
- Mar 12-14 **GCA Convention**
Augusta, GA
- Mar 20 **MGCA Membership Meeting**
Zebulon 7:00 pm
(NOTE THE DATE CHANGED)



The 80th West Central Georgia Show

Eighty Years ago, a group of Upson County Cattlemen, Kiwanis Club, and other businessmen came together to start the 1st show in Upson County. The show has continued due to the support of area cattlemen, cattlemen, Extension Agents, FFA advisors, individuals, businesses and the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen's Association.

The show will be Saturday, January 18th @ 11:00 am at the Upson-Lee Agriculture Center in Thomaston. The committee will start sending invoices in November to those who supported the 2024 show. If you would like to support by donating or assisting with the show, contact Will Godowns 770-624-4223 or Cynthia Douglas 770-550-1070 before January 10th.

Let's have a great turn out of past showmen and families to celebrate 80 years of showing cattle and support our youth that will be showing. Lunch will be available.

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