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### Summertime Fellowship and Looking Ahead

If there's one thing many of us have been thankful for lately, it's the rain. After spending much of the spring watching the forecast, checking ponds, and wondering if our pastures were ever going to catch a break, it has been a blessing to see some much-needed moisture across Middle Georgia. While every farm has received a different amount, it sure is nice to look across a pasture and see grass growing again instead of wondering how much longer it can hang on.

As we move into the heart of summer, I'm looking forward to our annual picnic, which is one of my favorite MGCA traditions. One of the greatest strengths of this association has always been the relationships built around a meal and a conversation. Whether you're a longtime member or attending for the first time, I hope you'll make plans to join us. I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone and hearing what's happening on your farms.

I'm also excited about what lies ahead for MGCA this fall. Our committees have been hard at work planning **two field days** that I believe will provide tremendous value for our

membership. Go ahead and mark those dates on your calendar. We aren't quite ready to share all the details yet, but I can tell you that we're excited about the opportunities these events will provide. From practical management strategies to innovative ideas and new perspectives, these field days are being designed with both small and large producers in mind. I think you'll be glad you attended, and I can't wait to tell you more in the coming months.

One thing that continues to encourage me is the involvement of our members. Whether it's attending meetings, serving on committees, volunteering at events, or simply sharing experiences with fellow producers, your participation is what makes MGCA successful. As we look toward a busy fall, I also want to remind everyone to check on their membership status. We have several members whose memberships have expired and have not yet been renewed. If you've been meaning to renew, please make it a priority to do so. While you're at it, check in with a friend or neighbor and encourage them to renew as well. A strong association depends on active members, and every membership helps us continue providing educational programs, supporting youth, and promoting the cattle industry across our six counties.

I hope each of you has a safe and productive summer. May the grass continue growing, the hay gets put up at the right time, and the rain keep coming just when we need it.

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### MID-GEORGIA CATTLEMEN'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 14, 2026

Walter's Farm - Lamar County

Presiding - President, Will Godowns

Invocation - Ivey and Violet Booker

Welcome - Russ Walters introduced the sponsor Krone

Equipment - David Taylor gave an overview on the history of company and equipment.

Introduced Special Guests - Robert Dickey - Chairman of House Ag Committee - will be working with a study committee on the sustainability of the family farm.

Beth Camp, Georgia House Representative, provided an update on anti-rabies bill, the Ag Committee, and about the Ways and Means committee working on state income tax and property tax cap.

Minutes - Present and Approved as printed in Bull Sheet. Motion by Deborah Ruffin, second Chris Pair

Treasurer's Report - Presented by Elena Stanfield-checking \$13,158.29 and money market \$10,024.80

Motion and approved to accept - Beth Camp and second John Walters

#### County Extension Agents' Reports

Upson - Hailey Partain - August 6 - Upson Cattle Producer meeting

Monroe - Luke Quick - Monroe Meetings - June 2 - Cool Season, Annual Forages, and Legumes, August - Unmanned Aerial Systems

Pike - Brooklyne Wassel not present

Lamar - not present

Spalding - not present

CattleWomen's Report - Pam Walters

CattleWomen luncheon at Walters Farm in March was

fun and educational.

Educational programs at Farm Days: Upson-Lee South Primary, Butts County Kindergarten and Cynthia assisted GBB in Oglethorpe, GA.

In May, Mid-Georgia members organized exhibits at Beef and Berries at SSS Farm and sold burgers. Several members cooked and sold hamburgers at Honeywood Sale.

Beef for Father's Day Promotion - Saturday, June 20th - Serving Burgers at Country Oaks in Barnesville - 11-1:00.

Pam recognized Hailey Partain as 2026 GA Cattlewomen's President and the GA Cattlemen's County Agent of the Year.

#### Old business

#### New business

Janet Greuel announced MGCA scholarship winner - Logan Ellington a Senior at Upson-Lee High School

#### Program

FSA Drought Programs - Ben Duncan - Farm Service Agency - He provided an overview of drought programs for local cattlemen. (Triggered by stage 3 drought in counties)

Discussion by Tracy Boyt on keeping up with rainfall with rain stations - Hailey will send out information

Hailey Partain - sampling and utilizing forage reports - overview of new beef models

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**Next meetings - July Membership Meeting - Picnic to be announced**

Adjourn

Submitted by: Carmen Westerfield, MGCA Secretary

Approved: June 11, 2026



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

June 11, 2026

Thompson Veterinarian Office - Barnesville

Invocation - Steven Green

Presiding - President, Will Godowns called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

**Secretary's Report** - Minutes were passed out for approval.

Motion to approve by Wes Smith and seconded Steven Green. Passed

**Treasurer's Report** - Will presented the balances in the absence of Elena Standfield.

Regular checking - \$13,163.29

Money market - \$10,027.36

Cynthia Douglas made the motion to accept the report and Jill Lancaster seconded the motion. Passed

### Extension Agents Reports

Lamar County - Isaiah Moore - Not present

Monroe County - Luke Quick - Monroe County Cattlemen's Meeting - June 22 - Discuss Monroe MGCA board member and a program on Drought and Forage Loss; Luke is working to identify producers who want to take part in a study about cattle traits with Jason Duggin with UGA.

Pike - Brooklyne Wassel - Sent report - Farm Passport Tours are taking place in Farm Bureau 5th District; Ag Mobile Classroom - June 25th

Spalding - Victoria Hull - Small Ruminants Program with Brooklyne Wassel in Sept and October

Upson - Hailey Partain - July 16 - Kids Cattle Camp - Upson County Livestock Barn; Assisting with Summer AgVacation; Hailey encouraged everyone to get their hay tested.

**GCA Report** - Jill Lancaster - GCA Executive Committee Member

We had approximately 300 attendees at Convention in Perry this year - financials will be ready at next Executive Committee meeting next month. Dates for 2027 Convention are April 2 & 3.

Sarah Williams has started her position as Events & Outreach Coordinator on June 1 & doing a great job.

Kelley Owen will begin as our new EVP on July 1, but has already started attending chapter meetings to introduce himself to members.

**New World Screwworm Report** - Dr. Jill Lancaster

Discussions are happening regularly regarding the New World Screwworm situation. As of 6/12/26 there have been 8 confirmed cases in Texas & New Mexico (including calves, 2 goats, & a dog). Please check with your veterinarian and / or the Georgia Department of Agriculture ([animalhealth@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:animalhealth@agr.georgia.gov)) & USDA APHIS ([screwworm.gov](http://screwworm.gov)) websites for up-to-date information regarding surveillance, prevention, treatment, & movement regulations.

GCA has sent out a Georgia Cattlemen's Magazine Survey to members through member emails- Cynthia will share on website.

### Old Business -

**Education Committee Meeting Report**- Committee is finalizing two on farm workshops for Oct 30: Monroe County and Nov 6: Upson County - More information to come

**Scholarship Report** - Janet Greuel presented the MGCA Scholarship to Logan Ellington at the Upson-Lee FFA Banquet on May 9.

**Buggy Days Report** - Cynthia has been notified that we do have a booth at Buggy Days. September 20, 2026.

**Cattle Women's Report** - Cynthia Douglas

Cattlemen and Juniors have participated at four Farm Days in Upson, Butts and Macon County.

They cooked hamburgers at Honeywood Sale and for Beef and Berries. Educational exhibits were provided at the Beef and Berries event. Honeywood Farms and SSS Farms

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provided the beef.

Cattlemen will provide lunch for workers at Upson's Summer AgVacation on July 9th.

Cattlemen have been asked to assist with Monroe County 4-H Food Challenge practices.

### New Business

June 20 - Beef for Father's Day/Beef Day - Country Oaks in Barnesville - Serving burgers and beef hotdogs from 11-1:00. Helpers need to arrive by 9:45 to set up and cook. Caldwell Beef will be served. Workers need to be there to set up at 9:45.

July Picnic - July 9th at South's Cabin in Thomaston - Board agreed to serve ribeye steak sandwiches. Members are to bring side dishes.

Nominating Committee for August Board Meeting - Report at the August board meeting (article V-sect4 of by-laws)

- Nominations to the board at the October board meeting and slate of officers and present to membership at annual business meeting on November 12, 2026 -

- Chair - Wes Smith asked for directors to provide vice-president recommendations and to work on county directors.

Ladies' Night Report - Building has been reserved for November 12 Thomaston First Methodist Church - 7:00

### County and Other Reports

Lamar - June 27th - Market Day at Andrews' Farm in Barnesville

Upson - August 6: Upson County Cattle Producers \$15 at the Upson Senior Center Topics to be covered: Nutrition and Forage Testing

Wes Smith provided information for the Southeastern Cattle Conference on August 1 at FFA FHA Camp in Covington - Contact Wes for more information.

Next MGCA Directors' meeting - August 13 -Thompson Vet Office

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Cynthia Douglas

## CattleWomen's Report

By Cynthia Douglas, MGCW President

Wow! This has been a busy year so far and we are half way through 2026. A special thanks to SSS Farm, Sweet South Strawberry, and Honeywood for inviting us to assist and fundraise at their events in May. Several members have been doing farm days. Check out the pictures from these events in this issue.

So, what's coming up? There are several events coming up that you can help with or assist with. On July the 9th, the MGCW will provide lunch for Upson Summer AGvacation in Thomaston. Also on July 9th, the annual MGCA picnic will be held at the South's cabin. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Then on July 17th, Kids Cattle Camp will take place and if you want to help with this camp, contact Hailey Partain. Event information is in this issue.

### "International Year of the Woman Farmer"

So, what are our Mid-Georgia Women doing? They are out and about on farms, legislating, speaking to groups, working with other ag organizations, serving on committees, organizing events for our youth and adults, teaching classes, and the list goes on and on. Thanks to our women that step up on the daily basis to help on the farms and in our communities to help feed our world. Let's take a look at what a few of our members are doing.

*Cynthia*

### Women in Ag Expo and Ag Camp



Hailey Partain, Upson Extension Agent, did a cattle



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presentation at the Women in Ag Expo - In the Trenches at Oakhurst Farm in Heard County. She visited Andrews Camp and talked about cows and has been involved with other events.

**Speaking Up about AG**

Mallory South spoke at the Thomaston Kawanis Club and the Thomaston First Baptist Church group telling them about the history of their farm and what is going on at the farm. She loves



promoting agriculture and marketing their farm. She has been very involved with farm tours for schools, Farm bureau and youth and adult organizations.

**Farm Days at Macon County and Butts County**

Pam Walters and Cynthia Douglas attended the Farm Day for kindergartners in Butts County. Can you say that Pam truly loves cows! Cynthia and Wyatt Doolittle with the Georgia



Beef Board traveled to Oglethorpe, GA to visit with 500 students.



**Summer Fun on  
Andrews Farm**

Once again Allie and Luke Andrews welcomed 2 homeschool groups and 4 summer groups to their farm for Farm Camp. They have been involved with Farm Bureau Leadership and Women's activities.



**Legislating and Promoting Ag**

Romy Stickland has been busy as the Georgia and 5th District Farm Bureau Women's Chair. She has traveled to Washington, DC to and throughout our state.



Tara Green has opened their farm up to the community and recently hosted the 5th District Women in Leadership group. These ladies serve on several ag committees and boards.



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## 2026 MGCA Scholarship

The Mid Georgia Cattlemen's Association awards a scholarship most years to one of our own. The recipient must be a high school graduate in one of the six counties of MGCA and enrolled as a full-time student in a college/university or technical school. Applicant's parents or grandparents must have been members of MGCA two years prior to applying. When the Greene family stopped supporting the scholarship, MGCA assumed the funding, selecting and presenting the scholarship to the awardee.

The 2026 recipient is Logan Ellington from Thomaston. A recent graduate of Upson-Lee High School, Logan served as the FFA president. She exhibited heifers throughout middle and high school and showed lambs prior to that. Two years ago, she was the Queen for MGCA. Now Logan is off to Gordon College with a career goal to be a dental assistant. (How many of us have "jobs" to support our cows?) We wish Logan much success in her next educational endeavor!

We are still on the sidelines cheering her on!!

Janet Greuel, Scholarship Chair



Janet Greuel presented Logan Ellington the MGCA Scholarship at the Upson-Lee FFA Banquet.

## Thoughts from Our GCA President David Huddleston

My name is David Huddleston, and I have the honor of serving as President of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association. I am a lifelong cattle producer and farmer, and I understand firsthand the hard work, dedication, and commitment it takes to care for livestock and sustain our agricultural way of life.

One of the greatest strengths of our association is our local cattlemen chapters. Organizations such as the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen play a vital role in supporting producers,

educating consumers, and strengthening rural communities. These local chapters provide opportunities for fellowship, networking, education, and leadership development while promoting the cattle industry at the grassroots level.

Perhaps most importantly, our local chapters invest in our youth. Through educational programs, leadership opportunities, and support for agricultural activities, they help develop the next generation of cattle producers and industry leaders. The future of the beef industry depends on young people who understand the value of hard work, stewardship, and service, and local chapters help cultivate those qualities every day.

Being a member of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association is about much more than simply paying dues. Membership means becoming an advocate for the beef industry and a voice for agriculture. It means standing together to protect



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I want to extend my sincere appreciation to every member of the Mid-Georgia Cattlemen. Thank you for your dedication to your communities, your support of agriculture, and your commitment to strengthening our industry. Your volunteer efforts, leadership, and willingness to serve make a tremendous difference.

I am grateful for all that each of you do on behalf of cattle producers across Georgia. Together, we will continue building a stronger future for our industry, our communities, and the next generation of agricultural leaders.

June 15, 2026



## Disaster Assistance for 2026 Livestock Forage Losses

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County committees can only accept LFP applications after notification is received by the National Office of qualifying drought or if a federal agency prohibits producers from grazing normal permitted livestock on federally managed lands due to qualifying fire.

You must complete a CCC-853 and the required supporting documentation no later than March 1, 2027 for 2026 losses.

For additional information about LFP, including eligible livestock and fire criteria, contact the Lamar-Henry County USDA Service Center at 770-358-0787 ext. 2 or visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

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## Extension Agent of the Year



Hailey Partain, Upson Extension Agent, received the Extension Agent of the Year at the GCA Convention. Hailey is very instrumental in educating our producers and assisting or organizing events for our youth and adults in our community and state. Thanks, Hailey, for what you do for our association and members!

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## Promoting and Educating

Look how our members are connecting to our community and youth by mentoring and educating them about agriculture.

### Beef and Berries

Several Mid-Georgia Cattlewomen, Cattlemen and Juniors teamed up with Sweet South Strawberry and SSS Farm to promote Beef and Strawberry Month. Thanks to SSS Farm for donating burgers and Marcus grilling for us. The ladies and juniors provided exhibits about beef and strawberries.



### Honeywood Sale

Our association served Honeywood burgers at the Honeywood Sale as a fundraiser. Thanks Honeywood Farms for donating the burgers.

### Reading to a Class

Bo Huddleston took the time to visit a classroom and read a book and talk about what he does as a cattleman.



### Pike County Students Visited Caldwell Farms

Will Godowns provided the Pike County students the opportunity to see firsthand how a cattle operation works. They were introduced to meat selection, herd health and their AI program at Caldwell Farms.



### Farm Bureau Passport Tours at SSS Farm



The Souths welcomed the Farm Bureau Passport participants to their farm. They toured participants around the farm and showed them



their operation that includes cattle, chickens, strawberries and their farmer's market. Numerous groups and students visited the farm this spring and summer.



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#### Upson Dates:

July 9: Summer AgVacation

July 11: Lunch N Learn over Seed Preservation \$15 in the Upson Extension Office

July 17: Kids Cattle Camp \$15 at Upson County Livestock

August 6: Upson County Cattle Producers \$15 at the Upson Senior Center Topics to be covered: Nutrition and Forage Testing

September 14: Lunch N Learn over General Home Gardening \$15 in the Upson Extension Office

September 17: Georgia Forage Conference in Tifton GA

#### Kids Cattle Camp Info:

Upson Extension/4-H & Upson County Livestock Present: *Kids Cattle Camp 2026*

Experience all things cattle through games, activities, and messy fun!

Date: Friday July 17, 2026

Time: 8:30am-3:30pm

Cost: \$15

Location: Upson County Livestock  
(2626 Yatesville Hwy Thomaston, GA 30286)

Call the Extension office for details and to register (706)647-8989

\*To guarantee a shirt, must register and pay by June 25th\*  
Camp spaces are limited, so register today!

Open to Grades K-6th (based on grade completed in May 2026)

Students will need to wear closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, and clothes that they can get dirty.

To know more about the camp, please stop by our office, give us a call, or you can also send us an email at hpartain@uga.edu

Office Address: 305 S. Hightower Street, Suite 170, Thomaston, GA 30286

\*Students and Parents will need to complete the following 4-H forms that can be emailed or picked up at the office:

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**Date and Time:** Thursday, July 9, 2026  
9:00am - 3:00pm

Drop off between 8:30-9:00 \*Pick kids up at 3:00pm\*

**Location:** Upson-Lee Agriculture Center  
268 Knight Trail, Thomaston, GA 30286

*(Light breakfast will be available from 8:30-9:00am.)*

*Breakfast, Lunch, Drinks, and Snacks will be provided!*

**Ages:** Completed K-5th Grades

**Registration Fee:** Free Event

**Deadline to Register:** July 2nd 5:00 PM

Forms have to be completed and turned in prior to the event.

**SIGN-UP AT:** Upson County Extension/4H Office  
305 S. Hightower St #170, Thomaston, GA 30286  
706-647-8989

**Contacts for more information:**

Upson County Extension - 706-647-8989

Upson County Farm Bureau - 706-648-6668

Cynthia Douglas - 770-550-1070

**Sponsors:** Upson County Farm Bureau, Upson-Lee FFA, Upson Extension, and Mid-Georgia Cattlewomen will provide lunch for volunteers.

## Southeast Cattle Conference

Sponsored by Georgia Hereford Association

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**SATURDAY, Aug. 1, 2026**

**Location:** 720 FFA FIA Camp Rd.  
Covington, GA 30014

**Location:** FFA Camp (old dining hall)

**Cost:** \$25 for adults - \$10 for kids under 10

**Registration:** 1:30 p.m.

**Program:** 2 p.m.

- Managing income tax in both good and bad years  
Kevin Burkett, Clemson University
- Farm Bill update
- Using Hereford genetics to increase profitability  
Peyton Pruett, American Hereford Assn.
- Panel discussion on how they cull cows on their farm along with what factors are used to put a cow in their donor herd.

**PANEL MEMBERS:** Tommy Maples, Maples Stock Farm  
Elkmont, Alabama

Steve Morgan, Oakhurst Farm West Point, Georgia

Breck Debnam, Innisfail Farm Madison, Georgia

**SOCIAL HOUR, ENTERTAINMENT,**

**BENEFIT AUCTION, DINNER - 5:00pm**

Entertainment: Jenna Paulette, Texas

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Contact-Wes Smith, 706-601-9527

RSVP to Georgia Hereford Facebook page or call Wes Smith by July 18, 2026

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By Luke Quick, Monroe County ANR Agent

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Also be sure to go check out the Monroe ANR Blog at: <https://extension.uga.edu/county-offices/monroe/agriculture-and-natural-resources/newsletters.html>

And the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/14hQ4pZu4N/>

### Monroe County Farmers' Meetings:

The first Tuesday of August, October, and December the Monroe County Farmers will meet. The August meeting will cover UAS (drones) and how they can be used in local systems.

## Cow Chip

A city dweller read a headline about a cow chip throwing contest. When she asked her boyfriend what a cow chip was, he tried to think of a way to delicately answer her question.

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## UGA Beef Tips n' Advice

### *Identifying Toxic Weeds in Georgia Pastures and Hayfields*

Lisa Baxter, Associate Professor and State Forage Specialist  
Hailey Partain, County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent  
William R. Fleming, Doctoral student,  
Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences  
Bulletin 1597 published on May 1, 2026

Toxic weeds may be found in pastures and hayfields throughout Georgia. The toxins can persist in many species even after they are baled as hay or baleage. In addition, toxic plant species often include trees and shrubs along fence lines.

This resource can help you identify the most common toxic weed species on your farm and what symptoms to watch for in grazing livestock. If you suspect that your animal has consumed a toxic plant species, please contact your local veterinarian for an official diagnosis and treatment. For the article, visit <https://fieldreport.caes.uga.edu>

NOTE: For more information contact your Extension Agent. Hailey Partain has created a new Toxic Weed booklet, so contact her to get one. [h.partain@uga.edu](mailto:h.partain@uga.edu) or 706-647-8989

### New World Screwworm Resources for Producers

Recent detections of New World screwworm in Texas have drawn increased attention to this livestock pest. Here are resources to learn how to identify infestations, understand current monitoring and response efforts, and stay informed about prevention and reporting procedures.

Check out these sites for more information

- [Screwworm.gov](https://Screwworm.gov)
- Beef Tips n' Advice - <https://beef.caes.uga.edu/>
- Tips from Dr. Jill Lancaster - Please check with your veterinarian and / or the Georgia Department of Agriculture ([animalhealth@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:animalhealth@agr.georgia.gov)) & USDA APHIS ([screwworm.gov](https://Screwworm.gov)) websites for up-to-date information regarding surveillance, prevention, treatment, & movement regulations.



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GA Cattle Women - Women 21 & over (No magazine).....	\$50.00
GA Cattle Women - (With magazine) .....	\$75.00
GA Junior Cattlemen - (21 and Under) .....	25.00
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## RECIPE CORNER



### Garden Grill Tri-Tip



#### Ingredients:

- 1 beef Tri-Tip Roast (about 1-1/2 to 2 pounds)
- 1 small eggplant, cut crosswise into 1/2 inch thick slices
- 2 small red and/or yellow bell peppers, cut lengthwise into quarters
- 2 medium yellow squash and/or zucchini, cut lengthwise in half
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/4 cup lightly packed chopped fresh basil
- Salt and ground black pepper

#### Marinade:

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic

#### Cooking:

1. Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef roast and 1/3 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag turn roast to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes to 2 hours, turning occasionally. Cover and reserve remaining marinade in refrigerator.
2. Remove 1/4 cup of reserved marinade for ratatouille; set aside. Toss vegetables (except tomatoes) with remaining marinade.
3. Remove roast from marinade; discard marinade. Place roast in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals or over medium heat on preheated gas grill; arrange vegetables (except tomatoes) around roast. Grill roast, covered, 25 to 35 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Grill eggplant and bell peppers 7 to 11 minutes; zucchini and yellow squash 8 to 12 minutes (on gas grill, eggplant 6 to 8 minutes; bell peppers, zucchini and yellow squash 7 to 11 minutes) or until tender, turning occasionally.
4. Remove roast when instant-read thermometer registers 135°F for medium rare; 150°F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board; tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 10 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F to reach 145°F for medium rare; 160°F for medium.)
5. Meanwhile, cut grilled vegetables into 1-inch pieces. Combine vegetables, tomatoes, basil and reserved 1/4 cup marinade in large bowl; toss to coat. Carve roast diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Season roast and ratatouille with salt and black pepper, as desired. Serve roast with ratatouille.

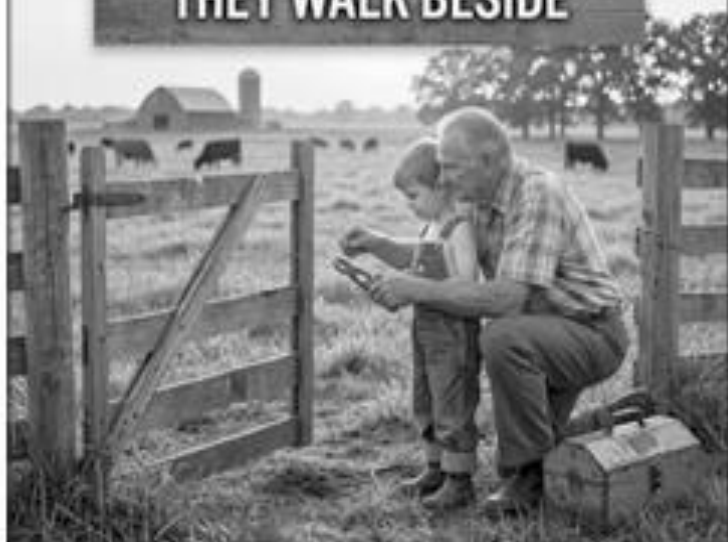


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## Upcoming Events

- July 4 Fourth of July  
July 7 RSVP for Picnic  
July 9 MGCA Picnic  
South's Cabin  
July 9 Summer AgVacation  
Upson-Lee Ag Center  
July 17 Kids Cattle Camp  
Upson County Livestock  
Aug 13 MGCA Directors' Meeting  
6:30 – dinner 7:00 Meeting  
Thompson Vet Clinic  
Sept 10 MGCA Membership Meeting  
Monroe County 7:00 pm  
Place to be announced  
Sept 17 Georgia Forage Conference  
Tifton GA

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Charlie Basili, son of Jeremy and Ashley Basili of The Rock, attended the EMC 2026 Washington Youth Tour in June. A highlight of the trip was a moving moment at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Charlie Basili of Upson EMC (far right)—had the honor of laying a wreath on behalf of Georgia's Youth Tour. Charlie is one of our Mid-Georgia juniors that loves raising cattle and the farm life. Proud of you Charlie!



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