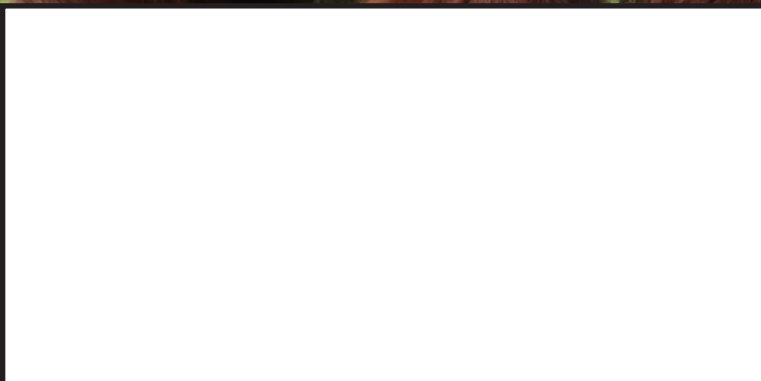


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President Sheri Riley (TX)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

President Sheri Riley - Blanco, TX

As I reflect back my first year as the President of the Belted Galloway Society, I am in awe at how fast the time has flown by. This year has been a year of new ideas to keep our breed visible and available as a preferred choice for both newcomers and veterans in the cattle industry.

While it seems to have taken a couple of years to recover from the issues resulting from COVID-19, it appears in many areas that we are back on track to more normal ways. This seems to be particularly true for the sale of Belties. I get calls almost weekly with inquiries about Belties for sale or simply wanting information on them. I have found that more small cattle breeders are looking to produce their own beef for their customers and communities. They have found Belties are a great means for doing that on a moderate sized cow. This centuries old breed has many desirable traits to offer; exceptional maternal instincts, feed consumption efficiency, and desirable meat quality just to mention a few.

Continuing to spread the word on this great breed is the best thing we can do as breeders and Belted Galloway enthusiasts. Getting our animals out in front of the public eye is no doubt one of the best means of advertising. Inevitably the row of Belties at a county fair or any livestock show will draw a crowd of newcomers eager to learn about them.

Our regional groups do an exceptional job of putting on breed shows and various sorts of field days to educate newcomers and even teach some of our veteran's new things. Our Society supports these regional events both financially and with handout materials such as this annual publication and Belted Galloway specific literature. We urge you to look through the pages of this publication and visit with some of the advertisers who help support both the Belted Galloway Society and the Annual Belted Galloway Journal.

OUR MISSION

The object is to promote the Belted Galloway breed of cattle, to preserve the purity of the breed by maintaining pedigree records and data, to disseminate information relative to said breed of cattle and to carry on all legal and proper activities to effectuate the primary purpose of the corporation.

OUR VALUES

1. Provide resources for our membership to learn and develop necessary skills to thrive as a breed.
2. Promote the breed to both consumers as an excellent source of nutrition as well as other livestock producers as a profitable venture.
3. Increase the value of the breed by building the Belted Galloway brand awareness of their place in beef production.

Personally, I am very excited for the changes that are coming to the Society and its membership within the next year. Not only has the Belted Galloway Junior Council been created, but the Show and Junior Committees are working on the details of the first-ever Belted Galloway Junior Nationals. This is a great opportunity for both the Society and our Juniors. Look for official details pertaining to this new event in upcoming communications.

The Council has also been hard at work researching a registry alternative to our current provider, the CLRC. After many meetings, research and deliberation, it has been unanimously approved by the Council to transfer our registry to DigitalBeef. Some of the reasons the Council found it important to make the move include: lack of performance from CLRC, labor savings from contractors and costs savings of doing business. DigitalBeef is a registry service used by many other breeds located in the United States. This move should prove to be very beneficial to our membership. The Society will provide ample information on this transition as we approach transferring records.

In closing, I want to say what a pleasure it has been to work with our Council and be able to serve this organization. It is a privilege to be able to represent this membership as your President. I see a bright future for this exceptional breed.



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Formed in 1995, the NEGG plans two or more informal meetings annually featuring educational clinics and potluck lunches. Their emphasis is on providing support and encouragement to young breeders and showmen. They instituted a Heifer Project to encourage youth interest in the breed. The NEGG is responsible for the National Belted Galloway Sale held in April in Fryeburg, Maine.



Southwest Belted Galloway Association

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The Southwest Belted Galloway Association (SGBA) is made up of breeders and Beltie fans from all over the Southwest. The SGBA holds an annual meeting for members and serves to introduce the Belted Galloway breed to other ranchers and interested parties in that region.



Great Lakes Belted Galloway Association

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The GLBGA, formed in 1992, holds an annual field day, exhibits animals at many fairs and expositions in the Great Lakes Region, and during late September of each year, sponsors the Belted Galloway Show at World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The GLBGA also sponsors the Annual Midwest Classic Show in Northern Illinois.



Western Belted Galloway Association

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Westerners formed their regional group in early 1995. The group meets annually, promotes the breed at various western shows and exhibits, and publishes a quarterly newsletter called The Belt-Line. Beltie facts, a membership directory, current events and membership forms are available on the regional website.

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Feature Story:

HUNTER'S RIDGE BELTED GALLOWAYS

Dafter, Michigan

About

Hunter's Ridge Belted Galloways was established in 2012 in Dafter, Michigan which is located in the Upper Peninsula. What was once composed of thirty acres and four purebred Belted Galloway heifers now consists of six hundred acres and over thirty pairs, an assortment of yearling females and feeder steers totaling over ninety head.

It did not take long for Jodi Hunter, Owner and Operator of Hunter's Ridge Belted Galloways, to catch the Beltie-itch after establishing her original herd. So much so that she quit her job, cashed out her retirement and invested all of her energy into developing a herd that was sustainable for herself and her community.

"I didn't grow up on a farm. I was completely new to this in 2012," Jodi says. "While looking for a new beginning, I bumped into Belties, and I am sure glad I did."

Breed Selection

Dafter, Michigan is located incredibly close to the Canadian border where they experience harsh winters. Jodi picked the Belted Galloway breed not only for their temperament, natural immunity and maternal instincts but because she was confident they would thrive in the cold and snowy weather. Jodi and her herd have been able to buckle down in some nasty winter storms because of their grit and thick hide.

In addition to environmental factors, Jodi knew she wanted to market her cattle for beef locally. The Belted Galloway breed stood out to her for their excellent meat characteristics of which she knew her customers would enjoy.





Breeding

Hunter's Ridge Belted Galloways uses only bull power when it comes to reproduction. Jodi explains that her conception and calving windows are shorter when utilizing bulls and she is also able to gauge sire disposition when they are on the farm.

"They go out and do their job, and in return, they get to live a pretty good life on the farm" Jodi says.

When selecting a sire as a breeding piece on the farm, Jodi says she prioritizes first and foremost disposition and conformation. "In addition to meat, I also sell breeding pieces to other farms across the country. It is important to me to know the disposition of my calves and their parents.

Farmer's Markets

"I make it a point to get out and participate in my local farmer's markets as much as possible" Jodi says. "Being visible in my community has changed the conversation surrounding beef."

Hunter's Ridge Belted Galloways participates in their local farmers market. This has expanded Jodi's client list of both individual cuts and bulk orders. "Even if this is a small-town, many people did not know me. Farmer's Markets are a great way for me to engage with local people.

Farm Tours

Jodi hosts farm tours frequently for her customers, and neighbors. "It is important to tell our story, but it is also beneficial to my business to open up my barn doors. It is my priority to build trust with my clients and show them, through transparency, how their beef is raised."

Management

Hunter's Ridge Belted Galloways is a grass-fed and finished operation that utilizes a rotational grazing program.

"Rotationally grazing my cattle has benefited myself and my pastures." Jodi says. Jodi grazes her Belties on four twenty acre paddocks throughout the grazing season. She evaluates each paddock while cattle are on it and switches paddocks every ten to fourteen days. "Rotational grazing allows me to have more pairs on the farm and is better for the pasture. The cows will eat it more evenly than when left to their own free-will." Jodi's system allows for almost 6 weeks of rest per paddock for regrowth before cows go back on the paddock.

Belted Galloway Connections

Jodi enjoys teaching others about Belted Galloways, fellow cattlemen and consumers alike. She follows her cattle after they are sold and cherishes the friendships that she has developed while being apart of the breed.

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TOP SIRES OF 2022

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HCS FLANNAGAN

Reg #: 43227-B

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HAT TRICK STORMY

Reg #: 38655-B

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Y KNOT ERAGON

Reg #: 42342-B

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TRIANGLE FARM BENJAMIN (AI)

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Reg #: 44714-B

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MRB'S DAKOTA RED (AI) (ET)

Reg #: 39196-B

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OAK RUN ALWAYS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Reg #: 36235-B

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COUNTYLINE CONNOR

Reg #: 37033-B

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HOLBROOK HILL ZULU WARRIOR III (AI)

Reg #: 36165-B

13

UPHILL ULTRA RED

Reg #: 42029-B



AIDAN HARBAGE

Aidan Harbage of South Charleston, Ohio will be attending Mississippi State University after high school graduation. He has decided to major in Animal Science with a concentration in Beef Management. After college graduation, Aidan plans to return home to farm with his older brother as the 8th generation on their family's farm. Aidan has shown Belted Galloways competitively across the country for many years. He enjoys the Belted Galloway breed for their unique meat characteristics and their easy dispositions.



HAILEY CRAIG

Hailey Craig of McDonough, Georgia is finishing her Bachelor's Degree at Berry College where she is majoring in Animal Sciences. After graduation, she is continuing her education through a Veterinary Medicine Program at Auburn University. Following the completion of her studies, Hailey plans to join her family's small veterinary practice and specialize in food-animal care, which is something that is lacking in her area currently. Hailey is passionate about educating others about Belted Galloway cattle through her family's farm social media channels and website.



ASHTON CARON

Ashton Caron of Corrina, Maine is attending the University of Maine - Orono where he is majoring in Animal Science. Ashton has a deep passion for Belted Galloway cattle that started at his family's farm at a young age. Ashton is interested in research and has been working with a university professor over the past five years to gather information on grazing patterns and behaviors based on hair length, supplemental nutrition and forage quality. Ashton is confident he will make a positive impact on the beef industry and the Belted Galloway breed.

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2022 BREEDER & EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR



Sunnybrook Farms is located in Belvidere, IL and owned by Terry, Julie, Chris, (Cody and Macy), and Steve (Kaitlyn) Willis.

We are humbled and proud to be named Breeder and Exhibitor of the Year. We now can say we have genetics in all 50 states and Canada.

Julie attended the FarmFair show in Edmonton, Canada to watch one of our heifers show and to receive the Miss World Galloway awards for Maddey Tebbe and Pine View Farms. Our goal from the time we started with Belted Galloways was to breed a small elite herd with superior genetics.

If you follow through our past winners, you will see daughters, granddaughters, sons, and grandsons out of these cattle. We are now reaching the 4th generation on some of these cattle. To all our customers who have put faith in our cattle and genetics, we thank you! We don't have words to express how proud we are of that. We are now seeing the same generational success in the cattle our customers are producing. To us, that is the true testament of a breeding program.

We keep wanting to slow down and cut back showing - the time and effort to show cattle is tremendous. But when we look in the pasture, we see cattle that we think need to be shown. Not necessarily to win, we would rather see our customers do that. But, to expose the spectators at the shows to our genetics. The show circuit is a very valuable and important stage for Belted Galloway cattle to be exposed to Beltie breeders, judges, and other cattle breeds, so they can evaluate the quality of our breed. To the many people that help us at shows, we truly appreciate you and could not do what we do without you.

2022 SHOW POINT AWARDS

About the Belted Galloway Society Points System

Since 1998, the Belted Galloway Society has made annual awards to outstanding animals shown during the year. The system for calculating the accumulation of points toward awards is defined below.

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– points awarded to dam - Breeder and Exhibitor 4 3 2 1 - Breeders Herd 4 3 2 1 - Grand Champion 5 - Reserve Grand
Champion 3

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FEMALE OF THE YEAR

Sunnybrook Rita, 47884-B, was bred by Sunnybrook Farms of Belvidere, IL. She is owned by Maddey Tebbe of Pocahontas, IL. Her dam is Sunnybrook Rosa and her sire is Platinum Award Winner, HCS Flannagan. Sunnybrook Rita began her show career at the side of her Dam and was named Champion Cow-Calf of the Year in 2022. At the same time, she was named Champion Heifer at several regional shows as well as World Beef Expo, American Royal, and the National Belted Galloway show at NAILE. “Little Debbie” as Maddey has nicknamed her, has caught the attention of many judges who have called her a “game changer” and a “breed improving foundation female.” Her structure, muscling, bone, and capacity makes her an outstanding female who could compete in any breed any color.

Honorable Mention Sunnybrook Rebel 46715-B

BULL OF THE YEAR

Sunnybrook Lyric, 47493-B, was bred by Sunnybrook Farms of Belvidere, IL. He is sired by HCS Flannagan. Sunnybrook Lyric is the first calf born out of Sunnybrook Lola who is sired by 5-time Sire of the Year, Countyline Connor. Her Dam, Platinum Award Winner, Sunnybrook Morgan also produced Show Bull of the Year, Sunnybrook Griffen. Sunnybrook Lyric was purchased by Oak Grove Farms of Marshall, Missouri to be their foundation sire as they build their Belted Galloway herd.

Honorable Mention Eckelman's Washington 47245-B



2022 SHOW POINT AWARDS



SIRE OF THE YEAR

HCS Flannagan, 43227-B was bred by HC Sims Farms in Harrodsburg, KY and is owned by Sunnybrook Farms of Belvidere, IL. His pedigree is packed with Platinum and Gold Lifetime Award Winners. Flannagan has been the bride's maid for most of his career. He was twice Reserve Champion Bull at the National Show at NAILE and twice Runner Up Sire of the Year to Countyline Connor. But this year he has stepped into the limelight. His calves have dominated the show circuit all year, as he sired both the winner and runner up Show Female and Show Bull of the Year. His pedigree contains 2 of the top producing cow families from the now dispersed Meadowood herd. His offspring are sound and correct in structure, well-muscled, deep and soggy cattle. The females are feminine and the bulls are masculine fronted. His son, Sunnybrook Kody was a Class Winner in the Junior-Open Steer Show at NAILE this year. This was the first time in history for a Belted Galloway calf to win a class in an All-Breed Show at NAILE.

COW/CALF & DAM OF THE YEAR

Sunnybrook Rosa, 44321-B, was bred and owned by Sunnybrook Farms, Terry and Julie Willis Belvidere, IL, her sire is Platinum Award Winner and Sire of the Year Marben's Sundae. Her Dam is Stonestrow Roxanne D5. Besides Rosa, "Roxy" had 2 other offspring shown this year. Sunnybrook Tara 5J, who was Champion or Reserve at several shows and Sunnybrook Radar, Champion Bull at the World Beef Expo and Calf Champion at the American Royal. Sunnybrook Rosa was runner up Show Female of the Year in 2020. Judges commented on what made her such an outstanding cow is the quality of her calf at side, Sunnybrook Rita. Her first calf, Sunnybrook Heston, was also successfully shown. Most notably, Sunnybrook Rosa and Sunnybrook Rita were named 4th Overall Cow-Calf in the Supreme Drive at the 2022 World Beef Expo. This is the first time in the 30-year history a Belted Galloway placed in a any category in the Supreme Drive!

Honorable Mention Cow Calf of the Year KEW Joule 42998-B

Honorable Mention Dam of the Year Sunnybrook Raven 33436-B



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Feature Story:

WINDY MEADOW FARMS UTILIZING ONLINE FARMER'S MARKETS

Lynnville, Indiana

About

Windy Meadow Farms in Lynnville, Indiana began raising Belted Galloways in 2015 after dispersing their meat goat operation. The Minton Family chose the Belted Galloway breed for their good temperament, calving ease and moderate frame size. "We were looking for a breed of cattle that was going to be beginner friendly after our transition away from goats when we stumbled upon Belties" says Melissa Minton.

The Minton family has also enjoyed showing Belted Galloway cattle across the country in local and national shows. They have showed animals from their own herd and animals of other reputable Belted Galloway breeders in the Midwest.

Utilizing Online Farmer's Markets

The Minton Family has participated in local farmer's markets for many years but they quickly realized how much of a time commitment attending farmer's markets each weekend would be.

In addition to the time spent tending to the booth at the market, there was time and energy consumed by loading and unloading product, set up, tear down of the booth and constantly managing inventory at the market and at home. With a young family and other obligations on the farm, the Minton's decided to give a local online farmer's market a chance.

What Is It?

The Minton's local online farmer's market is hosted by a 3rd party named Local Source which has established a website for producers to post their products and where customers can purchase local products for weekly pick up.





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Step One: Producers create an account and upload pictures of their products to the Local Source website. Producers are responsible for setting a price per product and managing their online inventory.

Step Two: Customers go to the Local Source website and browse items from local producers. Items range from garden produce to baked goods, local honey, eggs and meat.

Step Three: Customers select the products they would like to purchase and the producers are notified of items they should deliver to the Local Source hub. Aggregation and distribution to customers happens once a week.

Step Four: Producers deliver their weekly orders to the hub where their staff will sort and disperse to customers at their pick up time.

Step Five: Producers get paid! Local Source adds an additional fee to the customer to pay for their overhead costs of providing this service to the community. No fees are taken out of the producers income.

*Rinse and repeat
each week!*

Success on an Online Platform

Since beginning to post their products on the Local Source website in October 2022, Windy Meadows Farms has been able to sell thousands of pounds of Belted Galloway beef. "This platform has given us the opportunity to get our name out there and create an avenue for locals to try our products. Many times, a first time customer has turned into a return customer to buy a half or a quarter beef" Melissa says.

Be a Leader in Your Area

"Not every community will have an online farmer's market established. I encourage you to work with your neighbors to facilitate a market for your products locally. Now is the time. People are being more intentional about knowing where their food comes from. I really feel like Beltie breeders should aggressively market their beef as a delicious and nutritious source of protein." says Melissa.

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Ashton Caron

Ashton Caron is from Corinna, Maine and is the Part-Owner and Herd Manager for Casa Cattle Company, as well as the owner of AJC Farm. Ashton developed a passion for the Belted Galloway breed at a young age and has been showing them for the past ten years. More recently, he has taken over the day to day operations at Casa Cattle Company and strives to produce competitive show stock that have real world application. Ashton is the Treasurer of the New England Galloway Group and is very excited to be a part of the new Junior Council. He feels that the Belted Galloway breed and its members played a huge role in who he has become and is excited to be able to give back to upcoming juniors.



Elizabeth Eaton

Elizabeth Eaton is from Hope, Maine and owns Elizabeth's Livestock. She has shown Belted Galloway cattle for eight years. Elizabeth started a herd of Belties from the NEGG Heifer Project in 2017 and later purchased two heifers that she had shown for Aldermere Farms. Through this breed, Elizabeth says she has met so many people who are passionate about Belted Galloway cattle and the progression of the breed. Elizabeth's many goals include: breeding Belties to improve the genetics in her herd, increase her herd numbers, and be able to offer genetics throughout the country.



Olivia Graham

Olivia Graham is from Dawsonville, Georgia and is a part of Graham Cattle with her family. She has been showing cattle for five years and Belties for three years. Olivia is a cancer survivor and animals were one of the things that helped her through treatment. She was drawn to Belted Galloway cattle due to their smaller size, which made them easier for her to handle after her recovery. Since then she and her family have fallen in love with the breed and hope to bring more breed recognition to her region. She is in the process of breeding her current herd, and hopes to one day become a large animal vet.



Kiersten Hendershot

Kiersten Hendershot lives in Sullivan, Ohio. Her grandpa and dad established their farm, Hendershot's Belties, in 1999. She and her siblings took their first calves to the county fair seven years ago. Since then, she has exhibited at NAILE, World Beef Expo, Midwest Classic, and the Regional Round-Up. Her grandpa chose Belties because of their ability to be raised solely on grass. Kiersten likes Belties for their amazing disposition and ability to convert grass to pounds. This year, Kiersten will be attending Ohio State University to major in Animal Science and specializing in beef and Agricultural Business. She plans to become a Livestock Nutritionist.

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JOURNAL REPORT



Greg Hipple
Executive Director

It hardly seems possible that another year has gone by and another Journal Report is being made. As I sit in the chair at my desk reflecting on the last year, tabulating the numbers for this report, I will admit to feelings

of despair and also enthusiasm. As my predecessor, Dr. Vic Eggleston will no doubt verify, this seat can be both the best seat and the worst seat in the house.

Our members are dealing with the highest costs of production ever experienced by most, at a time where daily costs of living are also at record highs. Travel, fuel, inputs, equipment, even groceries are expensive to say the least. Members are also experiencing the lowest beef cow herd numbers in generations, which are responsible for record high prices for our product, beef. Demand for breeding stock is up, and we can all enjoy the results of these two components, higher prices for our cattle. A wise producer once told me that at the end of the day they are still just a juicy double burger, so never lose sight of that, we are an important part of the food production chain.

Numbers for the Belted Galloway Society are relatively static. Membership remained steady again with 904 total memberships broken down as 631 regular members, 185 life members, 81 junior members and 7 associate members. The total number of animals registered or recorded at the conclusion of 2022 was 22,931. In all, 1,196 head were added in 2022 and they are broken down into 923 females and 273 males. Texas again leads the states in animal numbers with 134, followed by Maine at 98, Illinois at 80, Iowa at 76, Oklahoma at 61, Pennsylvania at 54, Indiana at 53, New York at 51, Missouri at 46 and tied for 10th were North Carolina and Vermont at 38. It is interesting to chart the numbers and see the changes that occur year over year in different regions of the country.

The year was extremely busy for your Council and Contractors with major improvements beginning to be put in place. After extensive research, your Council has decided to make changes to the registrar services with the goal of offering better services for membership, improved conveniences, being more cost effective for the Society and its ability to be innovative and sustainable for years to come. Change is just that, change, and this change is intended to be for the good of the membership, and the betterment of the breed. This change will enhance the Belted Galloway breed by having the ability to glean information, verify and document the attributes, support the marketing and individual memberships and keep things transparent between the Council, the contractors and the members. This modern beef recording system is used by hundreds of thousands of breeders across the USA, while providing full-time service to members (Monday-Friday). This solution will be a one-stop-shop for all of the needs for Belted Galloway breeders and enthusiasts.

Council also approved the first Junior National Show to be held in June of 2024 at the Medina County Fairgrounds in Medina, OH. The Promotion and Advertising Committee and Editor, Jayde Reilly, are producing a Sire & Semen Directory as well as moving from a monthly newsletter and annual Journal to a quarterly publication. Both of these upcoming publications will serve as a new and improved form of communication for our members to enjoy.

Lastly, the contractors and the Belted Galloway Society are appreciative of the support of the membership.

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JOURNAL REPORT



Corrina Caron

Director of Breed Promotion & Member Outreach

A little over a year after hiring a Director of Breed Promotion and Member Outreach, we have seen some significant changes and improvements

in the area of breed awareness and membership opportunities.

In late Fall of 2022 we launched a new, more user and mobile friendly website that allowed for more interaction from the user. DNA, classifieds, meeting requests and more can all be done from the beltie.org site. Along with these new pieces, we kept parts that help educate and inform people about our unique breed of cattle including our Breeder's Manual and an updated version of the Breeder's Directory. The goal is to make our website one of the first stops for people wanting to know more about the Belted Galloway Society and Belted Galloway cattle.

We also started a Mentorship Program for those who want to help others learn more and/or grow their herd and expand into our breed. Members that wanted to become a mentor were put on a list with their contact information so that those with questions or in need could reach out. This program has been effective in connecting veteran members with new members to help educate about our unique breed and provide support as they begin their journey with Belted Galloways.

Of course, we get great members by starting them when they are young! The Junior Council which falls under the direction of the Director of BP&MO has been making huge strides to keep our youth active and involved in our breed. We have openings in the Junior Council and are looking forward to reviewing the applications and welcoming new council members at our annual meeting in Louisville, KY this November.

Our current and past Junior Council members have been working hard behind the scenes towards a lofty goal we set when we first met...our breed's very first Junior National Show! The dates have been set and the location determined; June 26-30, 2024 at Medina County Fairgrounds in Medina Ohio! This event is going to be one of a kind and we can not wait for our Juniors to be part of it. We are working furiously to get all the details out and will be sending them via email, social media and on our website so please be checking those often!

This upcoming year is going to be incredible for the Belted Galloway breed! The changes, happenings and offerings within our Society are going to be memorable and eventful. There may be some growing pains and we will have some learning curves but please remember the results will be amazing and beneficial for the breed.

As always if you have any feedback, issues, concerns or questions you can always reach out to the Director of Breed Promotion and Member Outreach at beltieoutreach@gmail.com or 207-249-2191.

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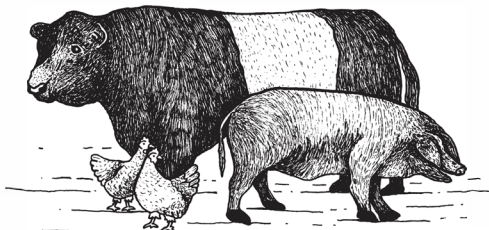
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