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Enjoy the newest edition of the Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen Quarterly Newsletter!



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## News From Marie

As I write this article for the last quarter of 2015, September is just starting and it again is hard to believe when we look at the temperatures that fall will be officially arriving later in September. In the spring we were blessed with rain, and now the pastures are dry and we are in need of rain again. We hope that the weather forecasters are correct when they say that the fall will be wet.

I was very much honored to represent the Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen organization at the annual JBBA Convention Awards Banquet held in Bryan-College Station, TX in July. JBBA awarded our organization one of their "HELPING HANDS" awards, which they present to organizations and individuals who support their organization each year. Cindy Emmons and I very graciously accepted the award. I will have it on hand to display at our annual meeting in October.

BBC members were recognized as being a \$3,000.00 sponsor for the Awards Banquet. I was quite impressed with the JBBA Convention and Shows. The JBBA Board of Directors as well as the Adult JBBA committee are to be commended for the tremendous amount of work that goes into organizing and hosting the convention. From the smallest participant to the college age members there were activities all week that provided training and learning activities as well as the cattle shows.

Also, at the JBBA convention, Cindy and I were delighted to present three scholarships in the amount of \$3,000.00 each to the three top winners in the annual scholarship competition. The winners are highlighted in another section of this newsletter. This year there were 10 applicants for the scholarships and it was a difficult job for the seven members of the Scholarship committee to make the selections for the top applicants. Thanks to all of these ladies for their time and expertise in making the selections.

Up and coming is the 55th Annual Beefmaster Breeders United Convention to be held at the beautiful Moody Gardens Hotel and Convention Center on Galveston Island. Hope you have all made your room reservations and also the Convention Registration Forms are now on the BBU website. Be sure to check out the registration deadline. Prices increase after the deadline!!!

Our annual Breakfast and Meeting time on the agenda has been changed for this year. Please note that the event will be held on FRIDAY MORNING AT 8:00AM. This change will allow ladies to attend a seminar that is creating great interest on the Convention agenda taking place on Saturday morning. The Breakfast will be held at one of the Moody Gardens event venues, giving us an opportunity to get outside of the hotel and convention center, and still not leave the Moody Gardens complex.

At our meeting we will be honoring the "Cattlegirl of the Year" honoree, as well as selecting the honoree for 2016. I look forward to us beginning this award, because we have several members who have contributed greatly to not only the Cattlegirl organization but also the JBBA organization and are deserving of such an award. Hats off to the Selection Committee and members who voted last year to select the honoree for this year. The committee has worked throughout the year to make the award selection.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in Galveston, as "BEEFMASTERS COME TO THE ISLAND"

Blessings,  
Marie Welkener

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## Happy Birthday Cattlegirls!

Mona Scherer - October 1

Pam Hoff Colvin - October 5

Norma Jean Bounds - October 6

Sandra Lieke - October 9

Peggy Doty - October 13

Lana Carpenter - October 18

Bobbie Wall - October 19

Karen Hall - October 20

Dusty Carr - October 24

Kathy Walther - October 28

Ruth Mersiovsky - October 31

Becky Meacham - November 4

Leticia Saenz - November 12

Julie Bertrand - November 16

Kelly Schapeler - November 19

Debbie Hinshaw - November 20

Marilyn Scherer - November 27

Harriett Mihalski - November 29

Jacqueline Rand - December 1

Karen Psencik - December 2

Karen Gattis - December 21

Erin Brown - December 22  
Janell Ronquille - December 23  
Theresa Wagner - December 24  
Jill Griffin - December 25  
Kathy Skinner - December 26

Early sign-up for Cattlewomen dues starts now! Send in \$25 by October 15<sup>th</sup> and become eligible for drawing to receive a prize at meeting.

[http://www.beefmasters.org/cattlewomen\\_application.php](http://www.beefmasters.org/cattlewomen_application.php)

[Download Membership Application](#)

- Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. -



## Quilt Time!

The quilt will be available for viewing at the Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen booth in Galveston and it will be a featured lot in the President's Council Sale. All of the proceeds benefit the Cattlewomen's scholarship program.

We are also accepting quilt square money! If you would like to pay early for your quilt square, please send your dues and quilt money in on one check. Thank you!

- Learn to laugh at yourself; you will have a lifelong source of amusement. -

## Member Spotlight: Amber Leatherwood

I grew up in east central Florida in north Merritt Island, a rural area some 45 miles east of Orlando. My mom and dad bought five acres of land just south of Kennedy Space Center. The Apollo space missions had ended several years before I was born and I entered the world in 1974, seven years before the first space shuttle was launched from our back yard.

From an early age I fell in love with animals. We had dogs, horses, ducks, chickens, peacocks, and cows at various times in my formative years. And, living just 20 minutes from the beach, I learned about the ocean and its nature. We also had a host of wildlife around us: alligators, manatees, dolphins, raccoons, possums, armadillos to name a few.

As most girls are naturally inclined, I was attracted to horses, and dreamed of being a world class rider in show jumping and dressage. Not forgetting the cows which I treated as almost human. We lived in a

two-story house and my mother set up a stained glass studio on the first floor underneath our living area on the second floor. My mom and I bottle fed a small calf called Niagara which once decided to prance around in the studio. It was like a bull in a china shop, or a cow in a glass shop!

My dad raised Charolais cattle for a time and I treated them as pets. I was about 6 years old when my dad bought the cows. One time, when my dad went fishing my mom, my sister Daisy, and I did the rounding up when the cattle escaped and ate our neighbor's oranges. On another occasion the cows got into the Space center restricted area, naughty cows.



As I grew, I spent summers in rural areas of Tennessee around Murfreesboro and decided at 17 to relocate to Tennessee for good. I met people in the Tennessee walking horse industry, owners, grooms, trainers, and entered competitions riding Tennessee Walkers, not to forget the cattle of which there are thousands in the state of Tennessee.

I finished my high school education in Tennessee and I went to work with the Williamson County Property Assessor's Office and bought a town home in Franklin, not far from my office. I made friends with many folk who had an interest in cattle and horses.

I met my husband Mike a few years back, and we got married in Jamaica last April. Mike started work in Thompson Station for Kix Brooks a country music star, and became a right hand man for his boss 20 plus years ago, driving a tour bus all over the US and Canada for Kix's music tours. Kix and his wife bought acreage in Thompson station, built houses and barns on the properties and raised cutting horses and cattle. Mike took on the responsibility together with Kix, of breeding and raising Beefmaster cattle. In addition to his bosses' cows, Mike has his own herd. The favorite bull is Smith & Wesson, from which have bred lots of new livestock both naturally and by artificial insemination. Painted Springs Beefmaster in Thompson Station is where we live and work (I still have a day job with the property assessor's office).



My participation in the cattle industry is looking after the Beefmaster cattle at Painted Springs with Mike and Kix, including feeding, herding, and I especially like nurturing the new born calves. Sometimes life on the farm as you all know, is no cakewalk. Winter months can be especially cruel, with freezing temperatures, long hours and making sure the cattle have enough good quality feed. I am a member of Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen and I'm a JBBA board member.

In my spare time I love to go horseback riding and camping with Mike and some friends. I also like to visit my fabulous family in Florida. Of course I love to be involved with the Beefmaster industry both here in Tennessee, and taking cattle for sale in other states.

- Amber

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## Someone's In The Kitchen: Cattlewomen Recipes

### **Mediterranean Couscous Salad~~New Favorite Recipe**

(Norma Jean Bounds)

Quick-cooking couscous lends to the 20-minute prep time of this Greek-style salad.

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup Progresso™ chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 3/4 cup uncooked couscous
- 1 cup cubed plum (Roma) tomatoes (3 medium)
- 1 cup cubed unpeeled cucumber (1 small)
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions (about 4 medium)
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh or 1 tablespoon dried dill weed
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons crumbled feta cheese

#### Directions

1. In 2-quart saucepan, heat broth to boiling. Stir in couscous; remove from heat. Cover; let stand 5 minutes.
2. In large bowl, place tomatoes, cucumber, olives, onions and dill weed. Stir in couscous.
3. In small bowl, beat lemon juice, oil and salt with wire whisk until well blended; pour over vegetable mixture and toss. Cover; refrigerate 1 hour to blend flavors.
4. Just before serving, sprinkle with cheese.

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### **Chicago Beef Sandwich**

(Norma Jean Bounds)

#### Ingredients

- Rump Roast/Sirloin/Rd Steak
- 1 box of Beef Broth
- 1 Pkg. of Good Seasonings Italian Salad dressing Mix
- Pepperoncini peppers - amount wanted for spiciness
- Giardiniera peppers - amount wanted for spiciness (these are hot)
- French bread or hard rolls (pan toasted)
- Provolone cheese slices

#### Directions

1. Put meat in crock-pot, Italian salad mix on top, add peppers & then pour on Broth.
2. Cook on Low in crock pot approx.(10 hrs or till done or speed it up and put on high)
3. Pull apart with fork
4. Strain broth.

5. Serve meat on bread, add some Giardiniera peppers and a slice of provolone cheese. and add as much of the juice as you want. It can be a dry or wet sandwich. But the broth makes it.
6. \*\* It's almost as good as the Original Chicago Italian beef ones.

- Don't try to see through one another, but rather see one another through. -



**Collier nephews Steven & Luke  
helping out at the sale!**  
- Rhonda Collier



**Taking a stroll on sale day  
Clayton Collier & Son**



**Colt & Jackson sharing ranch  
stories over cookies!**  
- Rhonda Collier

- Life is a balance between holding on and letting go. -

## YOU MIGHT BE A CATTLEWOMAN IF...

- you can navigate a cattle guard in 3 inch heels when "someone" left the gate open!
- the vet's phone number is on speed dial on your phone!
- if taking lunch to the pasture is your husband's idea of a "picnic"!

If you have a "You Might Be A Cattlewoman If" idea, please submit to Karen at [kbgattis@gmail.com](mailto:kbgattis@gmail.com).

## 2016 "CATTLEWOMAN OF THE YEAR" Nominations

Members have received an email announcing the nominations for the 2016 award. Nomination forms as well as the "Criteria for the Award Recipient" were included in the email. If you did not receive the email please notify Marie Welkener.

Please return your selections of nominees to Judy Bell by October 1, 2015. The Nominations Committee will select the three top nominees from those submitted by membership and present these names to the membership at our Cattlewomen's Breakfast on October 30th in Galveston.

Thank you for your participation in the Cattlewoman of the Year nominations.

- Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. The third is to be kind.

## Scholarship Committee Report

This year's Scholarship Committee had to make some very difficult decisions in selecting the scholarship recipients for 2015. The ladies who volunteered to serve as committee members were Minda Hodges, Cindy Emmons, Karen Gattis, Pauline Hunt, Nancy Epley, Debbie Hinshaw, Bobbie Wall and Kathy Skinner. A huge thank you goes out to these ladies! We had eleven applications submitted from well-deserving JBBA graduating students. Your Cattlewomen officers decided to award three Cattlewomen scholarships this year at \$3000 each which is an increase from last year. The recipients for this year are Jarrett Mackie, Claire Dallmeyer and Haily Siptak.

Jarrett Mackie, from Lott, Texas, will attend West Texas A&M University/Canyon and plans to major in Animal Science specializing in reproduction, specifically embryo transfer and ultrasound technology. Jarrett has been a member of 4H, FFA and a supporter of JBBA for sixteen years while organizing the Honduras Good Works program and assisting the Game Changers Food Drive. Regarding JBBA, Jarrett states, "I have learned the cause and effect of hard work and the appreciation that comes from it. JBBA has taught me leadership, character and the value of friendships and memories. All of these life lessons are not written in a book. They are learned morals, values and knowledge that will continue with me throughout my life.



Claire Dallmeyer, from Poth, Texas will attend Texas Tech University/Lubbock and obtain a Pre-Nursing degree minoring in Animal Science. She has been a member of JBBA for ten years and showed both cattle and poultry for ten years in 4H. Claire suffered a traumatic brain injury her sophomore year and recovered with many months of therapy and help from her doctors, family and friends. She states, "As I have grown older, I realize the importance of volunteering and truly understand the wonderful feeling of assisting others. I saw that the giving of self comes full circle." Reflecting on JBBA she says, "The skills, friendships and responsibility that I have gained through this organization and showing for the past ten years has developed many valuable life lessons. Not only did it sharpen my sense of picking cattle and learning animal husbandry skills, it enhanced leadership, speaking and time management skills. These are skills that I will use for the rest of my life.

Haily Siptak, from New Ulm, Texas plans to attend Blinn Junior College/Brenham and study Animal Science. She hopes to go into the field of Embryology and Animal Chiropractics. She has served as Chapter FFA officers and as a team member, Haily has competed on a statewide level all four years of high school. During her ten years at 4H, Haily showed swine, cattle and poultry. She has served as both Secretary and Director during her

six years with JBBA. For the future Haily shares "I have a passion and a dream along with the determination to succeed. I love my cattle and want to share that love with other breeders/ranchers to increase their herds."

Our Beefmaster cattle and the agricultural industry as a whole is in good hands with the bright, hard-working youth of our JBBA. Thank you to our Cattlewomen members and for the generous donations our organization has received which in turn makes a difference in so many young lives!



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- We all have something to teach and we all have something to learn. -

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## Thank You Letters

Dear Mrs. Skinner & and the Beefmaster Cattlewomen:

Thank you for the scholarship opportunity you have awarded me. I am truly excited about the next step in achieving my educational goals. This scholarship will certainly help make the financial needs of college less burdensome. I plan on attending West Texas A&M University this fall and majoring in Animal Science. My future plans are to obtain my secondary education and own and operate a bovine reproduction company. I am proud to be representing the Beefmaster breed and the Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen as a scholarship recipient and I appreciate all that the Beefmaster organizations; BBU, JBBA, Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen, BEEF, and all the satellites, have given to me and all the juniors through the years. We owe our successes to you and the many supporters of our junior organization. Thank you again for your support, and most of all, your belief in me.

Sincerely, Jarrett Mackie

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Dear, Beefmaster Cattle Women,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of you for the amazing scholarship that I received. This organization is such a great asset to the Beefmaster breed and I am so happy to be a part of it. I cannot wait to get started on furthering my education in the field of Embryology and to be able to promote the Beefmaster breed. My Plans are to attend Blinn College for 2 years majoring in Agriculture and then move onto either Texas Tech or Sam Houston State University.

I would love to have one day have my own Embryology and Semen/AI storage Facility. Thank you again for the Scholarship and allowing me to further my education.

Thank you,

*Katelyn Suplak*



Dear JBBA Supporter

Thank you so much for your support of the JBBA. Contributions from people like you make this show & this youth organization possible. Thanks for believing in youth and agriculture.

Sincerely,

*Madisyn Hamelt*

- Treat obstacles as stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks. -

## Upcoming Events

October 23, 2015 - Bill Carr & Others Field Day, Floresville, TX

October 29, 2015 - BBU Convention Oct. 29-31, Galveston, TX

October 29, 2015 - BBU Board of Directors Meeting, Galveston, TX

November 14, 2015 - Lyssy Beefmasters Field Day, Stockdale, TX



photos submitted by Norma Jean Bounds



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- The greatest gift you can give someone is your time - because you are giving them a portion of your life that you will never get back. -

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Please Pray For:

Mary Moran - Health Issues

Greg Baily (Don and Ann's son) - Health Issues

Deidra Hood - Eye Surgery

Bruce Robbins' mom Joyce - Cancer

Sandra Dodds and her family - in the passing of her mother

Please submit prayer requests to Karen at [kbgattis@gmail.com](mailto:kbgattis@gmail.com)

Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen is "organized exclusively for charitable, and educational purposes, such as to assist the Beefmaster Breeders United in the promotion of the Beefmaster breed of cattle, to educate the public to the merits of the breed, assist in Junior Beefmaster Breeders Association program with scholarship and any other charitable projects deemed appropriate by its members."

STAY CONNECTED:

