

# Beefmaster Breeders Cattlemen

## Quarterly Newsletter

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### **OFFICERS**

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### **Birthdays**

Melaine Hardwick	Jan 1
Bonnie Siddons	Jan 4
Peggy Skoruppa	Jan 5
Amelia Buckley	Jan 5
Judy Bell	Jan 12
Sunnie Post	Jan 13
Rhonda Collier	Jan 20
Cindy Emmons	Jan 23
Mary Ann Skelton	Feb 1
Nancy Epley	Feb 5
Sheila Buckley	Feb 15
Jennielee Zipperer	Feb 20
Allison Wells	Feb 24
Kaye Fuller	Mar 3
Lathele Gravance	Mar 5
Brenda Woelfel	Mar 13
Carolyn Wachsmann	Mar 16
Rhonda Lindsey	Mar 16
Margie Lowery	Mar 24

## News from Marie

As 2014 comes to a close and I look forward to the New Year, I have many pleasant memories of the past year serving as the Beefmaster Breeders Cattlemen organization's Vice President and then serving as Interim President for the last portion of 2014. We have the greatest group of ladies who see each other only a few times during the year, but always come together as a united group who are proud to be members of such a great group of cattle breeders, and support the goals of our organization.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014 BBU CONVENTION:**

Since our last newsletter, the BBU convention was held in Memphis, TN. What a fun place, several of the group toured Graceland, and those of us who are of the "Elvis" era were quite impressed with the mansion and attractions there. The SEBBA satellite provided an excellent time for all the attendees of the convention.

Our BBC Breakfast and Membership meeting was very well attended, with fifty-six in attendance to enjoy a southern breakfast and have some Memphis blues music to entertain us. At the meeting new officers were elected for the next two years, with our Secretary/Treasurer position being filled for a one year term.

Also, at the membership meeting, the Nominating Committee presented a new undertaking for the organization, an award for "Cattlemoman of the Year", which will be presented to a deserving member of our organization at our annual meeting each year. A slate of nominees was presented to the members present for their vote, and the nominees were also sent to members not present for their vote. The first award will be announced at our meeting at the 2015 convention in Galveston.

We asked for suggestions for fundraising ideas to raise money to support our JBBA scholarship fund, and I am happy to report that from a suggestion made that items be auctioned at cattle sales, we have had our first success. At the SFA sale held in November, the students at SFA donated a jar of cookies that was purchased for \$350.00. by J.C. and Terri Thompson. Thanks to the Thompsons for their purchase, and thanks to BBC member Erin Brown for initiating the idea. I hope that other Beefmaster sales will support BBC with auction items and the same success can be accomplished.

The 2014 JBBA Scholarship Quilt was purchased by Kathy and Ray Walther. Thanks to them for purchasing the beautiful quilt.

The front page cover of the Cowman was purchased by Arthur "Bub" Epley and wife Nancy. This purchase will also benefit BBC's contribution to JBBA. Thanks to the Epleys for their support.

### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR:**

Our organization supported the 2014 JBBA Convention, presented college

## News from Marie (continued)



Courtesy of Karen Gattis

scholarships to three very deserving JBBA members, supported the 2014 BBU convention in Memphis, and provided travel stipends for the three JBBA speakers for our convention kick-off luncheon. The JBBA kids are always so appreciative of our contributions to their organization.

Our membership is currently made up of eighty-one members from 12 different states—Alabama, Illinois, California, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and Florida. To join BBC, if you have not become a member for this year, go to the BBU website and download the Cattlewomen Membership Application.

All of the quilt squares have been sold for the upcoming 2015 Scholarship Quilt. Seventeen of these will be new squares.

Each year Bill and Dusty Carr donate a painting to be auctioned at their sale with proceeds going to BBC for donation to JBBA. This year's painting was purchased by Dan and Gloria Morgan. Thank you to the Carr's and the Morgan's for their contribution to the young people of our organization.

Congratulations to these BBC members and their husbands receiving 2014 BBU Awards:

Teri Thompson and husband J.C —Breeder of the Year

Leti Saenz and husband "Kito"—Environmental Stewardship Award

Mary Ann Skelton and husband James—Performance Breeder of the Year

Congratulations also to member Sue Pierson who was elected to serve on the BBU Board of Directors.

When I look at the activities of our organization for the past year, I am so proud to be affiliated with such a great group of ladies. I look forward to another great year with BBC being the best it has ever been.

Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy 2015. See you at a Beefmaster sale or other Beefmaster event. Please send any news for our newsletter to me or any officer or Erin Brown, newsletter editor

Marie

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*"Don't follow your dreams,  
chase them."*



Courtesy of Kathy Skinner

## This and That



Cattlegomen's Quilt used for JBBA scholarships.



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*"Don't give up the beginning is always the hardest."*

# Someone's in the Kitchen

## Mom's Buttermilk Peach Cobbler in Cast Iron Skillet

Karen Gattis of Gattis Cattle Company  
Hutto, TX

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*"Spending today  
complaining about  
yesterday won't make  
tomorrow any better."*

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt in a cast iron skillet:  
1 stick butter (1/2 cup)

Combine in a small bowl:  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt

Add to mixture:  
1 cup buttermilk

Pour mixture into the melted butter and stir briefly to distribute butter through batter.

Pour onto top of batter:  
2-3 cups sliced sweetened peaches  
1 cup peach juice

Sprinkle top with:  
1/3 cup sugar

Bake at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes until browned

## Oh Boy Waffles

Karen Gattis of Gattis Cattle Company  
Hutto, TX

Recipe makes five 7-8" Belgian waffles

A good recipe I used when our boys were young that doesn't require making ahead of time or beating the egg whites separately.

Combine in a medium bowl:  
2 1/4 cups flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 Tablespoons sugar

Combine in a small bowl:  
2 beaten eggs  
3/4 cup oil  
2 1/4 cups milk

Add the liquid ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir just till combined (leave some lumps).  
Heat waffle maker till ready. Pour batter into waffle maker and cook until browned.

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*"Every day is a second  
chance."*

## Grandma's Scotch Squares

Kathy Skinner of Skinner's Rafter S  
Katy, TX

2/3 cup shortening  
1 box brown sugar  
3 eggs  
2 3/4 cups plain flour  
1 tsp salt  
2 1/2 tsp baking powder  
1 cup chopped nuts

Warm shortening. Add sugar and stir. When cooled, add eggs, flour, etc. Beat well and add nuts. (I have used pecans and peanuts but you can use whatever nut you prefer.) Press thick dough into a greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Cool and cut into squares for serving.

## Members Spotlight: Kathy Walther

### Upcoming Events

- Beefmaster Promotion Group Show, Fort Worth, TX
  - January 20, 2015
- BBU Board of Directors Meeting, San Antonio, TX
  - February 05, 2015
- Beefmaster Promotion Group Show, San Antonio, TX
  - February 14, 2015
- Beefmaster Promotion Group Show, Houston, TX
  - March 6, 2015
- National Beefmaster Bull Championship, Tunica, MS
  - March 20, 2015
- Lyssy Beefmasters Field Day, Stockdale, TX
  - March 21, 2015
- Beefmaster Field Day & Bull Show, Concordia, KS
  - March 21, 2015

My husband, Ray, and I are both Texas A&M graduates and raise purebred Beefmasters on our ranch in Lee and Fayette Counties in Texas. We have a lifetime BBU membership since 1994 and currently participate in the weights and measures program. We have enjoyed working in the cattle business full time since 2011, moving from Houston to Giddings, and carry on a portion of the purebred Beefmaster operation from the late Elmo and Lillian Walther, who were lifetime members of the BBU for 35 years. We have spent the last three years refining and adding to our herd, converting records to Cattlemax, and raising commercial bulls and replacement heifers. We attend the TAMU Beefmaster Shortcourse and local cattle workshops, and enjoy attending the satellite sales. Promotion and improvement of the breed is part of our business plan. I try to help where I am able with the cattle, and work alongside with Ray on most tasks. I always enjoy cooking for a bunch of hungry people. Life has surely changed in the last few years!

Our two sons both reside in Austin. Aaron, 25 is a UT graduate and works as a Sales Manager at SecureLink. He also teaches and performs improvisation at the New Movement Theater and performs at the Dinner Detective Theater in Austin. Josh, 22, a Public Health major, is a pre-med graduate from UT Austin. He also was part of Texas 4000, a group of UT students who bicycle over 4000 miles from Austin Texas to Anchorage Alaska and raise money and awareness for cancer research. This year over \$600,000 was raised as they completed the ride in August. We enjoy living close to our family.



As a CPA in Houston, I worked in public accounting for nine years in the 1980's, and as Tax Manager for a nationwide construction equipment rental and sales company for six years. The past seventeen years have been spent handling tax and administrative matters for our family businesses. Volunteering has been a part of our life, at various church, civic and school organizations.

I grew up on a farm in Fayette County, and was active in 4-H, raising animals for show. The farm operation included raising corn, commercial cattle, and a seed and fertilizer business. Although my folks have passed now, they left many memories of life on the farm with our family.

I currently serve as Treasurer of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Texas District (a statewide mission and service group), am a member of the local LWML group at Immanuel LCMS, the Giddings Study Club, and the Giddings Seton Development Board.

I look forward to getting to know more of the wonderful people in the Beefmaster Breeders Cattlewomen.

## Crafter's Corner



Make a quick and easy Valentine's Day gift for a friend. Take a piece of burlap ribbon and cut to fit around the jar. Either paint a red heart on the center of the burlap or glue on a fabric heart. Glue the ribbon around the jar. Fill with some chocolate and seal. Tie a red ribbon around the neck of the jar. Give to a friend. Happy Valentine's Day!

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We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

[http://beefmasters.org/cattle\\_women\\_mission](http://beefmasters.org/cattle_women_mission)

## **Cares, Concerns, and Prayer Requests**

Remember in your prayers

- Continued prayers for Bobbie Wall
- Lauren Lyssy and family
- Prayers for the family of "Judge" Joe Martinez of Rio Grande City, TX, a longtime Beefmaster breeder, who passed away recently
- Military and their families
- Our nation's leaders
- Teachers
- First responders

## **Devotion**

Jeremiah 33:3. Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known.

## **Mission Statement**

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."