



THE GALLOWAY DISPATCH

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SHOW TIME!

Throughout the pages of this edition you will see the results and photos from various recent shows. In October, several breeders made the trek to Billings, MT for the annual NILE Galloway Show. In December, Sun Valley, ND was the site of the North Star Classic. And of course, the granddaddy of them all—The National Western Stock Show - was held in mid-January 2014 in Denver, CO.

If you have never attended any of the Galloway shows, might I encourage you to do so? It is a wonderful way to meet fellow Galloway breeders, visit with them about their program, and see specimens of their herd up close and personal. Shampooed and blow dried even!

And, if you have been hesitant to dive in and bring a few head to a show, you will find plenty of encouragement from your fellow breeders to join the fun. Its all good, friendly competition, and does wonders for publicizing the Galloway breed.

There is an active Youth program to help the younger generation get started in raising and promoting the Galloway breed, so be sure and visit with Dawn Swenson or Jacqueline Cook.

Every year there are thousands of county fairs across the country, which means your young person has a wonderful opportunity to show off his or her Galloway cattle in a fun environment with their peers.

What are you waiting for? It's SHOW TIME!

February 2014

"Coming together is
a beginning;
keeping together is
progress;
working together is
success."

Henry Ford

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2014 National Western Stock Show

Galloway Show Results

Champion and Reserve Females:

Grand Champion:	HB Princess 3402	Willow Valley,	Chickasha, OK
Reserve Champion:	Glennfiddich Zandra	Glennfiddich Galloways	Puslinch, ON

Champion and Reserve Bulls:

Grand Champion:	HB Moto Moto	Blegen Galloways	Kindred, ND
Reserve Champion:	Willow Valley Abe A4	Willow Valley	Chickasha, OK

2014 NWSS Galloway Show Results

Heifer Calf Division Champion and Reserve (DOB 2013)

Champion	Bar R Hope (27A)	Bar R Galloways	Alden, MN
Reserve Champion	Brass Ring Abigail 4A	Brass Ring Galloways	Terry, MT

Bull Calf Division Champion and Reserve (DOB 2013)

Champion	Willow Valley Abe (A4)	Willow Valley	Chickasha, OK
Reserve Champion	HB Admiral 2643	Blegen Galloways	Kindred, ND

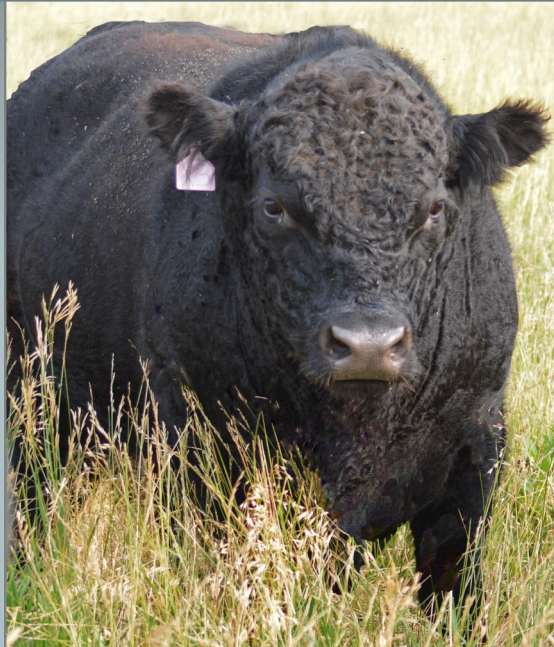
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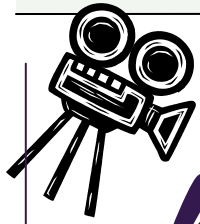
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Clockwise: Top:
 Grand Champion Galloway Bull,
 HB Moto Moto,
 Blegen Galloways.

Reserve Champion Galloway
 Bull, Willow Valley Abe A4, Wil-
 low Valley Galloway

Grand Champion Galloway
 Female, HB Princess, Willow
 Valley Galloway and Hank
 Blegen.

Reserve Champion Galloway
 Female, Glennfiddich Zandra,
 Glennfich Galloways, Puslinch,
 ON



2014 NWSS Champion Pair of Bulls

Champion

HB Moto Moto 3342, HB Admiral 2643

Blegen Galloways

Blegen Galloways, Kindred, ND

Reserve Champion Pair of Bulls

Willow Valley Abe A4 & Willow Valley Ace

Willow Valley Galloway

Chickasha, OK

2014 NWSS Champion and Reserve Yearling Heifers

Champion

HB Princess 3402

Will Wheeler and Hank Blegen

Reserve

Glennfiddich Zandra

Glennfiddich Galloways

Puslinch, ON

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AGBA PARTICIPATES IN 2014 NCBA CONVENTION TRADE SHOW

By Eli Berry

The American Galloway Breeders Association had booth #1817 in the NCBA Convention Trade Show located at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee February 4- 6.

The AGBA was represented by Chuck and Cathy Cole, Joyce Jones and her daughter Janine, Deb and Dene Vance, and Eli Berry.

The NCBA reports that they had over 8,000 attendees for the whole convention. They also reported that they had over 300 booths sold for the trade Show. There was a steady flow of attendees passing by the AGBA booth while the Trade Show was open, and the AGBA members staffing the booth



AGBA representative Chuck Cole , right, fields questions at the NCBA convention tradeshow.



The well - stocked trade show booth at the 2014 NCBA convention in Nashville, TN. The promotional items on hand included AGBA directories, a newly minted tri-fold brochure, Koozies and reusable bags. All promo items had Galloway bull photos or silhouettes.

were busy answering questions and sharing the good qualities of the Galloway breed. The AGBA provided promotional items (brochures, directories, bags, can koozies) to hand out to visitors. There seemed to be a lot of interest.

While there, Deb Vance arranged to be interviewed for a future segment about Galloway cattle on the *Cattlemen to Cattlemen* TV program on RFDTV.

The NCBA will hold their convention in San Antonio, TX next year. The AGBA may be represented there again, so watch for future information.

HERD BOOK NEWS



At the October 17, 2013 Directors Meeting held in Billings, a decision was made by the Board to cease registrations of belted Galloway cattle in Section 2 of the herd book.

The decision was based on the underutilization of the Section 2 option for belted breeders, as most appear to utilize the U.S. Belted Galloway Society's herdbook to record their cattle.

"It is important to note that this will not impact calves conceived prior to October 17th," notes President Harley Blegen in a letter sent to all AGBA members.

If you have questions or concerns about this change, feel free to contact Harley or your Director.

2013 NILE Galloway Show Results

Grand Champion Bull: HB Moto Moto 3342
Blegen Galloways, Kindred ND

Reserve Champion Bull: CK Avenger 43A,
CK Galloways, Fort Benton MT

Grand Champion Female: CK Alpine 29A
CK Galloways, Fort Benton MT

Reserve Champion Female: HB Princess 3402
Will Wheeler, Chickasha, OK and
Hank Blegen

ROCK
STARS!!!

2013 North Star Classic Results

Grand Champion Bull: HB Moto Moto 3342 Blegen Galloways

Reserve Champion Bull: HB Admiral 2643 Blegen Galloways

Grand Champion Female: HB Zeta 2042 Blegen Galloways

Reserve Champion Female: HB Angel 3343 Blegen Galloways



2014 Galloway World Congress

The bi-annual Galloway World Congress will be hosted by the fine Galloway breeders of Germany. The dates are September 2 through September 7, 2014, in Lower Saxony, Germany. Headquarters and lodging will be at Hotel Altona.

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The organizers have a full schedule of delightful day tours followed up nightly with great German dining experiences. There is simply too much information to list here. For a PDF of the scheduled events, lodging information and expenses, please visit:
www.americangalloway.com/pdf/2014_worldcongr_invite.pdf .

Champion and Reserve Percentage Females

Grand Champion Percentage Heifer	Stewarts Sally	Stewart Ranch	Napa, CA
Reserve Champion Percentage Heifer	HB Oh Baby 5152	Blegen Galloways	Kindred, ND

Champion and Reserve Yearling Bulls

Grand Champion Yearling Bull	HB Moto Moto 3342	Blegen Galloways	Kindred, ND
Reserve Champion Yearling Bull	Bar R Zane	Bar R Galloways	Alden, MN

For detailed NWSS show results, go to:

www.nationalwestern.com/livestock/results-section.aspx?year=2014&breed=GAL&show=YOB

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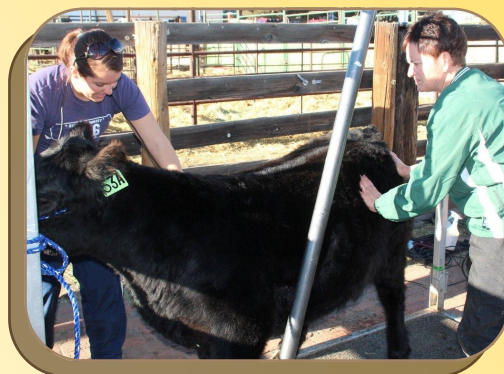
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Happenings in The Yards

Denver, 2014



Photos, Clockwise from top left: Shelby McIlwraith, Torey Scribner and Shawn Schumacher, Will Wheeler, Lorna Riemer and Spencer Wangen, Mike Cook and Carissa Cabral, Crystal Blake and Karen Irene Marie.



Center: **Bull's Eye.**



*Thank you
 Mattie Decker
 for the photos!*



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Environmental Temperature and Calf Birth Weights

Much of the nation has experienced abnormally cold weather this winter. And even though spring is surely just around the corner, the impact of the frigid winter may yet manifest itself in a most unwelcome way: increased calf birth weights.

There are a couple of theories as to why this is. One is simply increased intake of feed during winter months when cows are supplemented results in more nutrients to the growing fetus.

Another theory is that cold temperatures divert blood flow to the cow's core as a heat conservation method, thereby increasing blood flow, hence nutrients, to the fetus.

Whatever the cause, one research study indicated that for every 1 degree below the average winter temperature, a 1 pound increase in calf birth weights was observed.

If that holds true, it might add up to some surprising birth weights in some areas this year.



It's a great big World Wide Web out there.

And if you don't have a website, it won't find you.

Get a Website!

Remembering Frank Sanford

Galloway breeder Frank Sanford passed away on September 13, 2013 in Missoula, MT.

In the early 1990's, Frank began raising Galloway cattle, and showing at the NILE in Billings, MT. For four years straight, he took one or more of his Galloway bulls to the National Western Stock Show to have on display in the Herd Bull Alley.

Shortly after putting together his Galloway herd, Frank hosted the annual AGBA Galloway Field Day. He had horsemen bring the herd down off the mountain and hold them for viewing.

In 1998 Frank brought 12 Galloway to the NILE in Billings, and walked away with just about every category available to compete in.

As for his personal history, it is far too rich and long to fit in this small tribute. Frank married Vail Price in 1950. She preceded him in death. One inspiring story about Frank: he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in June, 1942. He served on board the Battleship U.S.S. California in the Pacific Theater. The California engaged in several battles. Frank was injured during one such battle when a Kamakazi aircraft hit the turret and Frank, along with two other sailors, were thrown out onto the ship's deck. He was back on duty after a few days in sick bay with burns on his hands and face. One tough fellow.

Frank is survived by three sisters and several nieces and nephews.



2014 NWSS Get-of-Sire

Grand Champion Get-of Sire

Glenfiddich Pericles

Blegen Galloways

Reserve Champion Get-of-Sire

RFLTD Yankee

Willow Valley Galloway

2014 NWSS Certified Bred Female, Division Champion

Stewarts Betty

Stewart Ranch

Napa, CA

2014 NWSS Best Pair of Females

1st

Willow Valley Galloway

Chickasha, OK

2nd

Blegen Galloways

Kindred, ND



03/02/2012
BW- 82
WW-654
YW -1235
Current: 1660

Sire: Glenfiddich Pericles Dam: J-7 Navoo 334

04/09/2004
BW- 78
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YW -1150
MW: 2540
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2014 National Western Stock Show
HB Princess 3402**

Reserve Grand Champion Galloway Bull
2014 National Western Stock Show
Willow Valley Abe A4

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& AOB in Oklahoma 2013
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Thanks!

Judy

REMINDER!!

2014-2015 Dues will be due by June 30

\$80 Full Member
\$20 Associate
\$5 Junior

The President's Corner

Greetings Galloway breeders and friends.

Had enough winter yet? I know I can speak for many friends of ours: We all hope Spring comes sooner rather than later. Happy to raise a winter hardy breed of cattle.

Where do I begin? Commercial cattle producers are looking at the Galloway to improve many of the issues caused by the mainstream breeds, or improve on the lack of profitable traits. Too many commercial producers are experiencing high maintenance costs and poor fertility in their cowherds. Galloways can fix that.

As input costs continue to rise, and replacement female prices remain high, longevity of the efficient, profitable cow becomes HUGE. Galloways can do that. In low input operations, the "Range Holstein" mentality doesn't work. Heavy milking females produce themselves right into the CULL pen.

EXPOSURE: As a breed **we** need to take every opportunity we can to gain exposure. The AGBA took a big step forward in gaining industry-wide exposure by our presence on the trade show floor at the NCBA convention. A big THANK YOU goes out to the AGBA members that volunteered their time to represent our breed. Doing this put the AGBA and the Galloway breed in front of thousands of profit-minded beef producers.

As a seedstock producer, you have to be seen to be found. Interested parties will make a few phone calls. If they don't find what they are looking for, they often quit looking. Advertise your breeding program. The association promotes the breed and maintains the herdbooks. The AGBA gives breeders some opportunities to advertise and promote their individual programs. But the AGBA cannot cover all parts of the country, or local events. **Individual promotion** plays a big part in your success. If you only have a couple of animals to sell, let your director or another breeder know.

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President's corner, continued from page 15

Heck, if nothing else, at least let me know. I get inquiries constantly. I put buyers and sellers together on a regular basis. If you aren't getting inquiries, people are not finding you.

Exhibiting your cattle at the AGBA sanctioned shows is one avenue available to all breeders. At the 2014 NWSS, breeders made contacts to sell future cattle, or sold cattle right out of the pens. Exposure works!

The commercial beef industry is looking for cattle to increase heterosis. Folks, we are it. The Galloway breed is unrelated to all of the black hided cattle out there. Galloways will increase heterosis in your customers' calf crop. Increasing the heterosis for your customers **MAKES THEM MONEY**. Promote it.

GALLOWAY: THE Heterosis Breed!!!!

Promoting Galloways,

Harley Blegen

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