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## A Message from the President

Dear Mid-Coast Member:

Congratulations to the Mid-Coast Juniors who participated in the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Show in Kingsville during June. It was an event filled week with the Santa Gertrudis cattle 'where it all began". The location of the show allowed many of the adults and juniors to tour the King Ranch, see the new SGBI office and gather history on the breed.

At our recent board meeting, the directors recommended forming a Mid-Coast Association Coop Ad in the Santa Gertrudis USA. This is a great way to support our breed and the magazine with its increased distribution. The ad would run monthly featuring one breeder/rancher per month. If you are interested in participating, contact Jerome Urbanosky.

I would like to personally invite everyone to attend our Annual Tailgate Party at 4:00pm which precedes the Mid-Coast Annual Meeting on Friday, August 20th at 6:30 pm, as well as the Cattleman's Opportunity Sale on Saturday, August 21st at 11 am. The events will be held at the Washington Co. Fairgrounds in Brenham. Sale Chairman, John Justiss has gathered over 55 lots of bred and open heifers, pairs, 3N1's and high quality select bulls. This is should be a great offering!

Another exciting event to mark on your calendar is the 2011 SGBI Annual Meeting which will be held in Houston March 3-5, 2011, headquartered at the Crowne Plaza Houston—Medical Center. Mid-Coast is hosting the event, in addition to our *Super Sale* on Friday, March 4th. The HLSR International Santa Gertrudis Show will finish out the weekend on Sunday, March 6th. This would be a great opportunity to catch up on the happenings in the breed and be a part of the renewed international marketing efforts, as well as mingle with fellow Santa Gertrudis breeders and guests.

Stay involved and together we'll move forward!

Regards,

Cheryll Grainger



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Rooms have been blocked under "the Cattleman's Opportunity Sale." Please reserve yours by July 20, 2010. Betty S McCormick has been involved with Santa Gertrudis cattle for about 30 years! She was introduced to the breed in the early 1980's while working for LaRue's Cattle Service.

From 1982—1984 Betty became the cattle manager for Continental Ranches located in Buckeye, AZ. During her management position she started her own herd and in recent years have been able to expand the herd along with the help of her husband, Ricky. "I think Gerts are a great breed especially here along the Gulf coast and we as breeders need to step up and promote our cattle", she said.

Betty has been a member of the Mid-Coast Board of Directors for three years. Her, Ricky and their two daughters, Candice and Emma (both Mid-Coast Jr. members) reside outside Sealy.

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Gerald Pate has been involved with Santa Gertrudis since 2006 when he attended the Mid-Coast Opportunity Sale and purchased his first of many lots. He has enjoyed the cattle as well as the breeders they have met since becoming members of SGBI and Mid-Coast.

Currently Gerald runs a construction business where he is out in the field as much as he is in the office. He keeps his hands in every part of the company, from checking the books, sale and promotions, project management and job installations. He and his wife, Malissa also own and operate a small apartment complex.

Any free time they have, Gerald and Malissa spend with their Santa Gertrudis herd where they reside in Cleveland, TX.

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Malcolm Boone Smith, born and raised in the Houston area, has been raising Santa Gertrudis cattle for seventeen years. Shortly after his parents purchased a small heard, he became involved in the Mid-Coast and National Junior Santa Gertrudis organizations where he had the pleasure of representing both as a junior board of director.

After graduating high school, Boone attended Texas Christian University until he enlisted in the United States Navy. He attended boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois in the summer of 2004, and was then transferred to San Diego, CA to study anti-submarine warfare. He enjoyed 16 months on the beaches of San Diego before graduating from the Navy Sonar Technician school pipeline. He was assigned the USS John L. Hall (FFG-32) on which he sailed for over four years, and completed four overseas deployments. While serving on the world's greatest warship, Boone shared the experience of navigating the Mediterranean, Black, Red, Baltic and Celtic Seas, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and Panama and Suez Canals with the exceptional crew of the USS John L. Hall.

Boone now resides in Pattison, TX, is a full time student, and ranches alongside his family, A.J. & Rosemary Gambino, raising America's first beef breed of cattle.

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Kelly Vesper of Cotulla, Texas has been involved in the Santa Gertrudis breed all of her life. She is a 4th generation rancher and 3rd generation Santa Gertrudis breeder, holding herd #1597. Kelly showed at the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Show during it's inception, having won Grand Champion in Jackson, MS in 1981.

Currently Kelly manages the families Vesper Ranch in Dimmit County, where they run 200 head of cattle. As a way to give back to the breed, she consistently is a heifer donor through the NJSGHS Donated Heifer Program.

Kelly has been a member of the Mid-Coast Board of Directors for three years, co-chairing the Mid-Coast Annual Tailgate Party and Meeting.

### SGBI Update

- The SGBI Search Committee has received a large number of applications to fill the Executive Director position at SGBI prior to the July 30th deadline. The selection process is on going.
- SGBI received a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture that will be used for both domestic and international marketing projects.
- The 4th episode of "The Cattle Show—featuring Santa Gertrudis Genetics" is being filmed and will be shown on the Country Living Network in September. Be sure to look for dates and show times.
- SGBI approved the implementation of the "Young Producers Program".
   This will be headed up by J.R. Ramirez of the King Ranch and will target members and producers ages of 18—25.
- A half price deal has been implemented during the month of August 2010 to attract new members, as well as a Welcome Back Campaign to restore previous members to active status.



August 20th—21st

(Junior members are asked to bring one item per family)

#### Mid Coast Jr. Association Officers:

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#### In the News . . .

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Mason Parish, son of Tracy and Janice Parish, was elected to serve the Texas FFA Association as State President for the 2010-2011 year. Parish was sworn in during the 82nd Annual Texas FFA Convention July 13-16, in Corpus Christi, Texas, by outgoing Texas FFA State President, Allison Grainger.

Mason is one of 10 officers who will represent the state association while participating in leadership conferences, encouraging business and industry personnel to be a partner of the FFA and speaking at schools and meetings throughout the year.

While serving as Texas FFA President, Mason will travel more than 50,000 miles with Texas FFA First Vice President, Daylon Koster visiting 400 plus schools across Texas in the Texas FFA Ford Truck.

Also during the 82nd Annual Texas FFA Convention, Allison Grainger, was named the National FFA officer candidate for Texas.

She served as Texas FFA State President in 2009-2010, serving more than 74,000 members. Through her year, she promoted premier leadership, personal growth and career success to FFA members across the state.

If elected to national office, her duties will require meeting top leaders in business, government and education, visiting approximately 40 states and participating in an international experience tour in Japan.

Allison, daughter of Allen and Cheryll Grainger, is currently attending Texas A&M University in College Station.

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Jordan Symon recently competed with 12 contestants from all over Texas in the Texas Beef Leaders of Tomorrow competition held in College Station. The July 31st contest was sponsored by the Texas Cattlewomen and funded through the Beef Check-off Program.

This program identifies and prepares youth to become active leaders, skilled in media response, and sharing beef advocacy. Jordan along with 3 other winners will make appearances throughout the year advocating beef nutrition, food safety, and stewardship practices of the beef industry.

Jordan is the daughter of Jamie and Sandra Symon of Pearland and is a Freshman at Texas A & M University.

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#### National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Show

The Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis juniors were in full force June 14-18, 2010 in Kingsville, TX during the National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Show. With the theme "There's No Place Like Home", it was obvious that the Mid-Coast exhibitors and their "gert" cattle were glad to be were it all began. Thanks to Jamie & Sandra Symon, and Carl & Terrio Fisher for decorating the display.

The week started off with the brain bowl competition where the team of Jordan Hess,
Caydi Blaha, Bayli Fisher and Stephanie Bullard placed third in the junior division. Zach
Riley, Brooke Wallace, Clay Robinson and Jaclyn Robinson aced the questions and went
on to win 1st place in the intermediate division. Our senior team of Codi Coulter, Morgan Richards, Nancy Ruth Kirkland and Laura Bullard came in second in their division.

As the competitions of cattle judging, cattleman's competition, and sales talk continued
 through the week, Mid-Coast juniors could be seen participating and demonstrating
 their knowledge, as well as enjoying the week at the dance and ranch rodeo.

During the NJSGHS, Mid-Coast continued to have a strong showing, winning 10 of the
 donated heifers that were awarded. Judge awarded Jamie Stephenson Champion Bred
 & Owned, while Abrian Harris won Champion Star Five Heifer for the second year in a
 row along with coming out on top in the Donated Heifer Show.

The event filled week ended with the Annual Awards Banquet, where Mid-Coast was awarded 1st place in the Scrapbook Division, along with Jordan Symon, Mason Parish, Tana Townsend, Clint Blaha and Matthew Longron being among those selected to receive a part of the \$40,000 in scholarships.

After the announcement of retiring Jr. Board of Directors, the new board consisting of Lauren Grainger, Codi Coulter, and Jaclyn Robinson were named.

Even though the NJSGHS is over for 2010, plans are already underway for the 2011National Jr. Show which will be held June 20-24 in Athens, Texas.



#### National Junior Santa Gertrudis Heifer Show Mid-Coast Placings



Caydi Blaha — 10th Class 10, Jr. Brain Bowl Team.

Laura Bullard — 2nd Class 2, 4th Class 15, 6th Int. Public Speaking, 6th Int. Livestock Judging, 3rd Int. Cattle man's, 1st Int. Power Point, Sr. Brain Bowl Team.

Stephanie Bullard — 10th Class 9, 1st Jr. Power Point, Jr. Brain Bowl Team.

Solomon Butler — 1st Class 1, Rsv. Calf Champion, 3rd Class 22, 10th Senior Showmanship.

Kodie Carroll — 2nd Class 4, 8th B&O Class 20, 4th Sr. Public Speaking, 10th Sr. Sales Talk, 4th Sr. Cattleman's, 3rd Sr. Photography, 2nd Sr. Power Point.

Clay Combs — 10th Class 16, 1st Star Five Class 4

Hunter Combs — 9th Class 14, 7th Int. Cattleman's

Saige Combs — 4th B&O Class 3, 3rd Jr. Showmanship

Codi Coulter — 3rd Class 21, 2nd Int. Public Speaking, 7th Int. Sales Talk, 9th Int. Cattleman's, Sr. Brain Bowl Team, Int. Byron Thoms.

Bayli Fisher — 3rd B&O Class 3, 4th Jr. Public Speaking, 1st Jr. Livestock Judging, 3rd Jr. Cattleman's, Jr. Brain Bowl Team.

Ernest Ray Garcia — 1st Class 22, 9th Jr. Livestock Judging.

Richard Ryan Garcia — 7th Jr. Showmanship.

Lauren Grainger — 8th Class 1, 10th Class 14, 3rd Class 16, 6th Class 17, 2nd Class 22, 8th B&O Class 1, 4th Sr. Sales Talk, 10th Sr. Cattleman's.

Abrian Harris — 9th Class 10, 3rd Class 17, 1st Class 20, 1st Star Five Class 5, Champion Star Five, 1st B&O Class 5, Rsv. Champion Bred & Owned.

Jordan Hess — 8th Class 11, 9th Jr. Sales Talk, Jr. Brain Bowl Team.

Nancy Ruth Kirkland — Sr. Brain Bowl Team.

Matthew Longron — 5th Class 8, 9th B&O Class 2, 6th Sr. Showmanship.

Emma McCormick — 8th Class 1, 9th Class 1, 10th Class 21, 5th Star Five Class 5, 1st Star Five Class 6, 3rd Int. Public Speaking.

Morgan Richards — Sr. Brain Bowl Team.

Adam Riley - 12th Class 5

Zach Riley — 6th Class 23, 10th Int. Public Speaking, 7th Int. Livestock Judging, Int. Brain Bowl Team.

Clay Robinson — 7th Class 2, 1st Star Five Class 3, 2nd B&O Class 6, 1st Int. Public Speaking, 1st Int. Sales Talk, Int. Brain Bowl Team.

Emma Robinson — 6th Class 4.

Jaclyn Robinson — 3rd Class 1, 8th Class 8, 1st Class 17, 2nd Class 17, 9th Star Five Class 3, 3rd Int. Showman ship, 4th Int. Sales Talk, Int. Brain Bowl Team.

Jamie Stephenson — 1st Class 10, 8th Class 17, 5th Star Five Class 3, 1st Star Five Class 7, 6th Star Five Class 7, Rsv. Champion Star Five. 1st B&O Class 3, Grand Champion Bred & Owned.

Jordan Symon — 6th Class 3, 4th Class 20.

Breana Tater — 5th Class 16, 10th Int. Cattleman's.

Seth Tater — 6th Class 2, 10th Class 3, 9th B&O Class 3, 6th Sr. Cattleman's.

Carrie Taylor — 9th Sr. Showmanship.

Colby Threet — 4th Class 2, 4th Class 16, 8th Class 21, 7th Sr. Cattleman's.

Kayla Threet — 1st Class 3, 5th Class 5.

Tana Townsend — 7th Class 9.

Hilary Trant — 7th Class 11, 1st Class 23, Rsv. Sr. Champion, 10th B&O Class 1, 6th B&O Class 2, 2nd Sr. Showmanship.

Cole Denton Turner — 1st Class 11, Rsv. Jr. Calf Champion, 2nd Int. Livestock Judging.

Brett Wallace - 2nd Class 9.

Brooke Wallace — 7th Class 8, 5th Class 15, 5th Jr. Showmanship, 8th Jr. Public Speaking, 2nd Jr. Sales Talk, 3rd Jr. Livestock Judging, 4th Jr. Cattleman's, Int. Brain Bowl Team.

Dayne Wunderlich — 2nd Class 5, 4th Class 9, 7th Class 10, 1st B&O Class 2, 2nd B&O Class 2, 5th B&O Class 3, 5th Int. Livestock Judging, 1st Int. Cattleman's.

### **2011 Mid-Coast Super Sale**

Now is the time to start making your plans to pick that top notch selection for the 2011 Super Sale.

This is an all halter sale, so make your selections now and get them on feed and begin getting them halter broke.

This year the SGBI Annual Meeting will be held in Houston during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. So this sale will be a spotlight even during that time.

We need your best and the best will bring top market prices during this prestigious event.

For additional information, please contact Jerome Urbanosky at (281) 797-5715 or email: <a href="mailto:Jerome@ameritechsi.com">Jerome@ameritechsi.com</a>.



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# 40 Ways Cattle Farmers and Ranchers Help the Environment. (Reprinted from explorebeef.org)

#### They...

- 1. Maintain and introduce habitats as homes for numerous endangered species.
- 2. Use biological controls on invasive pests.
- 3. Plant trees for windbreaks, which provide protection for the cattle, wildlife and soil.
- **4.** Maintain proper nutrients in soil by regularly analyzing soil samples to determine which nutrients are needed and in what amounts.
- 5. Implement conservation tillage so that soil can be conserved and available moisture used more efficiently.
- 6. Fence off streams and wetlands to create a buffer that helps prevent bank erosion and helps control runoff.
- 7. Utilize beef production technologies to raise more beef with fewer natural resources.
- 8. Plant grasses on highly erodible land, thereby conserving soil.
- 9. Utilize biofuel on cattle operations.
- 10. Fertilize fields with manure from cattle feeding operations to reduce fuel needed to manufacturer synthetic fertilizer.
- **11.** Optimize delivery of feed allowing for fewer trips to the farms.
- 12. Protect open spaces from development through programs like conservation easements.
- 13. Reduce fuel consumption by using ATVs that use less fuel than other farm/ranch vehicles.
- 14. Recycle corn stalk bales into cattle bedding.
- 15. Utilize solar-powered electric fence chargers.
- **16.** Create retention ponds to protect waterways from excessive runoff.
- 17. Use recycled products to build fences and recycled tires to build water tanks.
- 18. Provide habitat for ground nesting birds.
- **19.** Operate methane digesters, which capture methane from manure decomposition and utilize it to generate electricity for the farm.
- 20. Participate in university research projects that aim to improve agricultural environmental practices.
- 21. Compost cattle manure into fertilizer products that can be used by golf courses, athletic fields, gardens, etc.
- **22.** Practice contour farming, in which crops are planted along the natural contours of the land. The rows formed slow water run-off during rainstorms to prevent soil erosion and allow the water time to soak into the soil.
- 23. Plan soil nutrient management systems to control nutrient runoff and to minimize the need for additional nutrients to grow crops.
- **24.** Incorporate ethanol by-products into cattle feed to recycle this resource.
- 25. Monitor and document effective practices and regularly solicit input from expert sources to improve resource management.
- 26. Control weeds and prevent residue build-up on pasture land so it doesn't turn into hot and dangerous fires.
- 27. Maintain open space as cattle grazing pastures, allowing land to remain natural, free of trash, debris and invasive weeds and trees.
- 28. Install irrigation systems that efficiently utilize limited water resources.
- 29. Facilitate fish passage at irrigation diversions so migrating fish can continue to spawn in creeks.
- **30.** Install fish screens in ditches so that fish do not get trapped.
- **31.** Partner with state, local and national environmental agencies to monitor land, water and wildlife and make improvements.
- 32. Plant cover crops to increase soil fertility.
- **33.** Hold up water on ranchlands for extended periods of time in order to replenish underground aquifers and filter out nutrients and particulate matter.
- **34.** Improve plant density, a sign of a healthier rangeland.
- 35. Recycle materials such as feed bags and plastic containers (mineral tubs), batteries, used motor oil, tires, and scrap metal
- **36.** Allow cattle to graze and consume forages that convert to healthy, nutritious beef.
- **37.** Feed cattle crops that are grown locally to reduce fuel needed for transportation.
- 38. Utilize rotational grazing in which cattle are moved to different pastures every few days to prevent overgrazing.
- 39. Use wind mills to harvest wind energy into usable mechanical power.
- **40.** Work to recognize others in the industry who have made long-standing contributions to the preservation of the coun try's natural resources through the Environmental Stewardship Award.

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# Coming Events

#### 2010

August 20 — Mid-Coast Tailgate Party/Annual Meeting, Brenham, TX

August 21 — Cattleman's Opportunity Sale, Brenham, TX October 16 — State Fair of Texas Jr. Heifer Show, Dallas, TX October 17 — State Fair of Texas Open Heifer Show, Dallas, TX

November 1— Ownership Deadline for Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston Jr. Shows

#### 2011

March 3-5 — SGBI Annual Meeting, Houston, TX

March 4 — Super Sale, Houston, TX