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#### A Message from the President

Fall is my favorite time of year. When you feel that first crisp breeze you know that summer is gone and fall is in the air. Well maybe not in Texas! However, we soon begin to see the beauty and its unique ability to turn the world into spectacular colors. A time to be thankful for family and friends. So much like those that we experience with our Santa Gertrudis family and friends – for whom I am so thankful.

Our 2015 Mid-Coast Opportunity Sale and Annual meeting held in August are now in the books. Thank you to all that helped with these events. Your dedication to our organization does not go unnoticed. Thank you to those who served on the Board and whose terms expired. Your time and effort is what make this organization great.

Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association and Santa Gertrudis Breeders International were well represented at the Texas Farm and Ranch Expo in Victoria again this year. Your Board of Directors believe that this is a great promotional event for Santa Gertrudis. There are several thousand people that venture through the displays during this two day event and each year we have attracted potential new breeders. I want to thank Allen Ginnard, George and Melanie Hood, and Mike and Donna Tater for their help. Special thanks to S.G.B.I.'s Roxanne Silguera for the expertise she shared, through her knowledge of our association's pedigree program and genetic evaluation, with our booth visitors during the Expo.

Last year your Board was challenged by John Ford, SGBI Executive Director, to "move forward" – informing the cattle industry that we are the only bos indicus breed to offer a DNA based EPD evaluation program. Following John's direction we offered the first Santa Gertrudis all video sale. The success of this Sale was more than we could have imagined. We set the bar for what was to come in 2015!

Over the next few months be looking for information announcing this "highlighted" event again this year. Hosted by our Association, the 2016 Mid-Coast International Super Sale will be held on Friday, March 4th. This year's Sale will copy the venue from last year held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom at NRG beginning at 3:30 p.m. Again, we will be seeking a powerful selection of heifers, bred cows, 3n1's and very elite bulls representing select genetics. Managed by American Marketing Services, LLC we will be depending on their exposure in both the domestic and foreign cattle markets. Cattle for this Sale will be "hand selected" and screened based on "elite genetics". This will include cattle that are in the top percentage of the breed with matching phenotype, show ring champions and top genomic performance cattle. Nominations forms are going out as of the writing of this newsletter. If you are interested and have something you would like considered for the Sale, please contact myself or Allen Grainger (e-mail addresses and phone numbers are listed in the directory of this newsletter).

As the holiday season quickly approaches, remember to be thankful for all of our blessings.

#### Debbie Townsend

President, Mid Coast Santa Gertrudis Association



#### Photo courtesy of SGBI Magazine

#### From the Desk of ...

## John Ford,

#### SGBI Executive Director

Did you register and transfer the animal to the buyer? I probably ask that question 4 or 5 times a week. Unfortunately, the answer I often receive is no. Why, I ask. The list of reasons given is endless; registration and transfer fees are an additional cost to absorb, the buyer is not going to show the animal, I only register what I am going to take to a show or sale and

the list of reasons goes on and on and on. Are these reasons valid? In my opinion, no and I want to be clear that is a very emphatic NO.

As seedstock producers, SGBI members should be focused on the production of elite genetics with one overriding goal, supplying industry members the bulls and females needed to operate a profitable commercial operation. Registration papers are tools designed to provide purebred breeders with performance based information to be used in the breeding and selection decision making process. One might think of a registration paper as a breeding road map, pointing producers in a direction that is profitable for all members of the beef industry, especially the breed's commercial cattle buying customers.

In addition, failing to register, or at the minimum performance register calves results in "holes" in a female's calving record. Nothing has a greater impact on cow value than her ability to produce a marketable calf each and every year. I have lost count of the times I have been asked about a female's production record when a perspective buyer sees a skip in the number of calves that have been recorded. True, she may have brought a calf to the weaning pen, but not having a record in the association's database is a red flag for many cattle buying customers.

I also realize many commercial producers are not interested in the registration papers and I won't argue the fact papers probably do not add additional dollars to a commercial operation's bottom line. However, an increasing number of commercial operators are recognizing registration papers validate performance and profitability. Finally, registering and transferring animals provides SGBI the opportunity to reach out to commercial producers and expand the breed's industry footprint. Instead of thinking of reasons not to register calves, think of all the reasons why seedstock producers should register each animal. Registration is not an expense but is an investment in your breeding program and in the breed.





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## OFFERING SUPERIOR GENOMIC ENHANCED EPD PERFORMANCE SANTA GERTUDIS CATTLE AND GENETICS

It's time to start thinking about the 2016 Mid-Coast International Super Sale which will be held on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:30 in the afternoon.

This year's Sale will copy the venue from last year held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom at NRG beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Start thinking about any top-of-the-line Gerts you have in stock that you might want to nominate for the sale!

#### More information to come soon!

NOTE: HLSR past belt buckle sponsors for the Junior show are being contacted. If you are interested in being a first-time sponsor please contact Patti Urbanosky-Stem @ 936-870-6410 or pattiurb77@yahoo.com.

#### **Mid-Coast Annual Meeting**

The Mid-Coast Affiliate Annual Meeting was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds Sales Facility in Brenham, Texas on Friday, August 14, 2015. A "social hour" with snacks and drinks began the activities for the evening. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the meal served to the approximately 55 members present.

Key note speaker was Cecil Bell, Jr. State Representative for District 3. John Ford presented an S.G.B.I. update. Both speakers followed with a question and answer period. Junior President Emma Robinson reported on junior membership accomplishments over the past year.

Retiring Mid-Coast Directors Jason Miller, Sandra Symon and Jerome Urbanosky were recognized for their dedication, time and service. Newly elected Board members were announced. Serving the first of three year term were Patti Urbanosky and Judy Wallace. Allen Grainger was re-elected to the Board to serve another three year term.

Following the adjournment of the meeting the 2015-2016 Board met briefly to elect new officers. These new officers will be:

Debbie Townsend, President Tom DuBois, Vice President Allen Ginnard, Secretary Allen Grainger, Treasurer

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ROCKING A RANCH, WINNER OF THE 2015 MID-COAST SANTA GER-TRUDIS BREEDERS ASSOCIATION BREEDER OF THE YEAR!

The 2014-2015 Mid-Coast Breeder of the Year was presented during the Mid-Coast Annual Meeting on August 14, 2015 in Brenham. The recipient of this award was Rocking A Ranch owned by Allen and Cheryll Grainger, along with their daughters, Allison and Lauren.

In the 1950's Allen's grandfather, George A. Butler, established Rocking A Ranch which later became known as Mayfair Ranch. Upon his death in 1987, Allen and Cheryll continued the tradition of raising Santa Gertrudis cattle. Today the ranch continues to raise purebred Santa Gertrudis cattle in addition to Star Five Brazos Composites.



Photo from a 2011 award courtesy of www.roakcingasantagertrudis.com

The family remains very active in S.G.B.I. where Cheryll currently serves on the Board. Allen is a past director and former chairman of the National Santa Gertrudis Youth Foundation. Both Allison and Lauren are past junior directors.

Congratulations Rocking A Ranch!!

#### **South Texas Farm and Ranch Show**

Your Mid-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association was represented at the 2015 South Texas Farm and Ranch Show at the Victoria Community Center in Victoria, Texas on October  $21^{st} - 22^{nd}$ . This Show has been a community tradition since 1982. This year there were approximately 125 booths and 25 guest speakers.

Farm and ranch educational programs as well as TDA License Recertification and agricultural CEU's are offered over the two day period. This year's guest speakers included Sid Miller, Ag Commissioner with the Texas Department of Agriculture. He spoke on "The State of Texas Agriculture". In addition, Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Texas Senator, was on hand to talk about "Agriculture and Water Issues Facing Texas".

The South Texas Farm and Ranch Expo may be small in scale to some of the other agricultural expos offered across the United States, however, we believe that promoting Santa Gertrudis cattle in the South Texas area is necessary to successfully market our "red" cows.

Thank you S.G.B.I. for co-sponsoring this booth and providing a "Santa Gertrudis" cooler to be awarded in a raffle to our booth visitors. The winner of the cooler was Reinaldo Lucio from Louise, Texas. Special thanks to Roxanne Silguero and the Mid-Coast Board members that worked the booth.

## Have you met your Santa Gertrudis Breeders International 2015-2016 Board of Directors??



Photo Identification: Front row, left to right: Warren Harris, Betty McCormick, Jamie Daniel, Debbie Townsend, Deanna Parker, Cheryll Grainger and Aaron Schroder. Back row, left to right: Todd Osborne, Jerome Urbanosky, Wylie Taliaferro, David Alderson, Chris Taliaferro, Yancey Strait, John Kiker, Gene McCarter, Wes McDaniel and John Ford, Executive Director. Not pictured: Larry Osborne and John Denson.

For more information, contact SGBI, PO Box 1257, Kingsville, TX 78364 or (361) 592-9357

# Mid-Coast Jr. News

#### <u> Upcoming Events</u>

January 16th -19th - National Open Santa Gertrudis Show, Fort Worth, Texas - Show will be at 2:00 p.m. on Jan. 17 - Watt Arena

January 21st-25th - FWSSR Junior Santa Gertrudis Show, Fort Worth, Texas - Show will be at 8:00 a.m. on Jan. 24 Watt Arena

January 23rd - 8:00 - 11 a.m. -NJSGA Social, McFarland Room, Fort Worth, Texas

**February 17th-19th** - SALE Jr. Santa Gertrudis Show, San Antonio, Texas - Show will be Feb. 19 - South Ring

March 10th-12th - HLSR Jr. Santa Gertrudis Show, Houston, Texas -Show will be 11:30 a.m. on March 11

**April 16th -17th** — Mid-Coast Junior Show, Navasota, TX

Hello Juniors,

This has been a great year so far for Mid-Coast. Those of us who attended the donut breakfast and get together had fun...we missed the rest of you!

I would like to give thanks to those who helped at the Opportunity Sale and hamburger lunch, as well as those who donated to the silent auction. From these events, as well as the sale of t-shirts, we were able to raise funds that will go to various programs.

Just a reminder, SGBI membership will be checked at the major shows. You must be a paid member in order to show, so if you are not, you will need to pay your SGBI dues.

I hope everyone has gotten their entries for major shows done as those deadlines have passed or are fast approaching. I am so looking forward to seeing all of you at

the shows. I can't wait to get together and have some fun with our "gert family".

Also, if you haven't heard, Nationals will be held in Tampa, Florida, and they are planning some great things. I know it will be a wonderful time for those attending. Be sure to 'like' their page on Facebook. Hotel information is already posted on the site. If you have not already made your reservations, you should add it to your "To Do" list while making reservations for majors.

Again, I hope to see all of you soon and pray your holidays are safe and filled with happy times with family and friends!

Emaline Robinson, Jr. President







Mid-Coast Members Participate in FFA at State and National Level

The 87th annual Texas FFA State Convention was held July 13-17 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Many of our Mid-Coast Jr. Association members attended and participated. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the members who participated and received various awards.

Several members of the Mid-Coast Jr. Association served as a Texas FFA Foundation Ambassador Texas FFA State. Only 50 FFA members were selected to serve as a Foundation Ambassadors. The Foundation Ambassador program serves as the official liaison to sponsors, special guests and dignitaries on behalf of the Texas FFA during the annual Texas FFA Convention. Ambassadors went through a competitive application process, and once selected they received an extensive two-day training specifically focused on donor relations, personal skills development and professional networking. Foundation Ambassadors studied the history of the Texas FFA Association, Texas FFA Foundation and the records of sponsors' commitments to agricultural education and the Texas FFA. Many Ambassadors were matched up with representatives from the Texas FFA Foundation's corporate sponsors and individual donors while others assisted in the logistics of the annual VIP Breakfast or helped organize sponsors' availability for stage appearances during convention general sessions. We are so proud of the following members for being selected to serve the FFA as Foundation Ambassadors:

Senior Ambassadors – **Rosemary Fazzino, Ballie McManners**, and **Brooke Wallace** Junior Ambassadors – **Katherine Fazzino, Bayli Fisher** and **Emaline Robinson** 

**Kaylee Enloe** was awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree in at the 87th annual Texas FFA Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA. The Lone Star FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the Chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least two years, completed at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth grade level, maintained a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, demonstrated their leadership skills and has shown a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above.

**Jaclyn Robinson** was named the state winner for the Diversified Crop Production Proficiency Award. The Proficiency Awards program encourages members to set personal goals and learn practical skills. The program provides recognition to FFA members for exceptional accomplishments and excellence in their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. The Supervised Agricultural Experience program is an individualized application of classroom learning beyond scheduled class time and has been a standard part of agricultural education since 1917. Students' SAEs may be entrepreneurial enterprises, employment experiences or research projects. Jaclyn's application won both district and area competitions before being considered by the state-selected committee.

**Ballie McManners** was a State Finalist for Star Chapter Degree in Placement and **Jaclyn Robinson** was a State Finalist for Star American Degree in Production. FFA Stars are chosen based on the most outstanding Supervised Agriculture Experience Program within their respective degree and category. Winners maintain a comprehensive record keeping system to help justify and explain their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project.

**Jaclyn Robinson** was awarded the American Degree at the National Convention in October in Louisville, Kentucky. The American FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the National FFA Organization. The American Degree is the top degree in a four-tier degree program that recognizes individual achievement in instructional programs, supervised experience and leadership development. A portion of the American FFA Degree ceremony states, "Boundaries within our country exist only in name. True American citizens are interested in and loyal to their local communities and states, but their greatest devotion is to their country. Recipients of the American FFA Degree see beyond limited horizons. They concern themselves not only with the affairs of their local chapters and state associations, but also with the National FFA Organization, working for the advancement of agriculture, which, in turn, strengthens America."

We are so proud of all our members and the great things they are doing! If I missed you, I apologize. Please let me know so I can include you in the next issue.



Kaylee Enloe, Emaline Robinson, Kaylee Leonard, Ashlyn Dueitt

Demi Harrington (Princess), Saige Combs (Queen)

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What would you like to see on your Junior pages?

Send your ideas to Emma Robinson!



HLSR Junior Show past belt buckle sponsors are being contacted. If you are interested in being a first-time sponsor please contact Patti Urbanosky-Stem @ 936-870-6410 or pattiurb77@yahoo.com.



### In the Spotlight (by Kaylee Enloe)...



Name: Madison Claire Moran

**Age:** 10

Hometown: Brenham, Texas

School: 4th grade at Krause Elementary School in Brenham Hobbies: Playing softball, playing basketball, doing creative

projects/crafts, cooking, participating in many 4-H activities and projects, showing animals, and singing

in the Brenham Children's Chorus

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Food: Fried fish

Favorite Song: "Shake It Off" by Taylor Swift

#### Favorite Santa Gertrudis Memory:

Winning my first belt buckle at the San Antonio Livestock Show this year (February 2015) when I won 1st place in class with my heifer, Diamond

## In the Spotlight (by Kaylee Enloe)...

Name: Landon Stem

**Age:** 12

Hometown: Waller, Texas

School: Anderson-Shiro Jr./Sr. High

Hobbies: Football, baseball and most of all showing my Santa Gertrudis cattle

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Food: Hamburgers

Favorite Song: "Diamond in my Pocket" by Cody Johnson

#### Favorite Santa Gertrudis Memory:

I will never forget winning Grand Champion at the Mid-Coast heifer show with my heifer, Jemma



#### Hi Everyone!

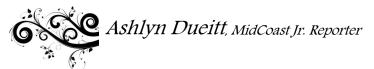
It was so much fun seeing everyone in Oklahoma at Nationals! It was an awesome facility and show. I hope everyone got a chance to look over last year's scrapbook while you were there. We got 2nd place, but next year I hope to have 1st!

I tried to include everyone, but didn't get a lot of pictures sent after requesting them at the Mid Coast Jr. show. I stalked everyone's Facebook for some, so if you were not in the book, it is only because I didn't have a picture!

I would really like to include a short biography of each member along with a couple of your favorite pictures of you and your Santa Gertrudis beef projects for next year's recordbook. You know: your age, school interests and hobbies, favorite Gert memory or show etc.

Try and send them anytime during the year so I can get a head start on making this next scrapbook the very best!!!

My email is <u>jbaxley@consolidated.net</u> and the address is 26431 Mock Lane, Montgomery, Tx 77356. Hope to see everyone on the road. Have a great show season!







And don't forget our own site...



## Wedding Announcement

Ivan and Debbie Townsend are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tana Marie Townsend to Cory Mark Hajovsky son of Mark Hajovsky and Debbie Bernhard all of Louise, Texas.

Tana is a former Mid-Coast Junior member. She also served on the N.J.S.G.A Board of Directors. She is currently an active Mid-Coast and S.G.B.I. member Tana is employed by Ranch House Designs as Advanced Website Manager.

Cory is co-owner of Hajovsky Farms, Inc.. The wedding is scheduled for January 23, 2016 at First Baptist Church in El Campo, Texas. They will reside in Louise, Texas.





Do you have news to share? Send your news by January 15th, 2016 for consideration for inclusion in the February issue.

Please send to Karen Ginnard at karenginnard@yahoo.com,

#### Leslie Rose "Bud" True Vesper

(taken from Peters Funeral Home, Cotulla, Texas)

Leslie Rose "Bud" True Vesper of Cotulla passed away on October 24, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born on December 4, 1938 in Dallas to Leslie and Rose True. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Vesper, their son, Monty and her parents.

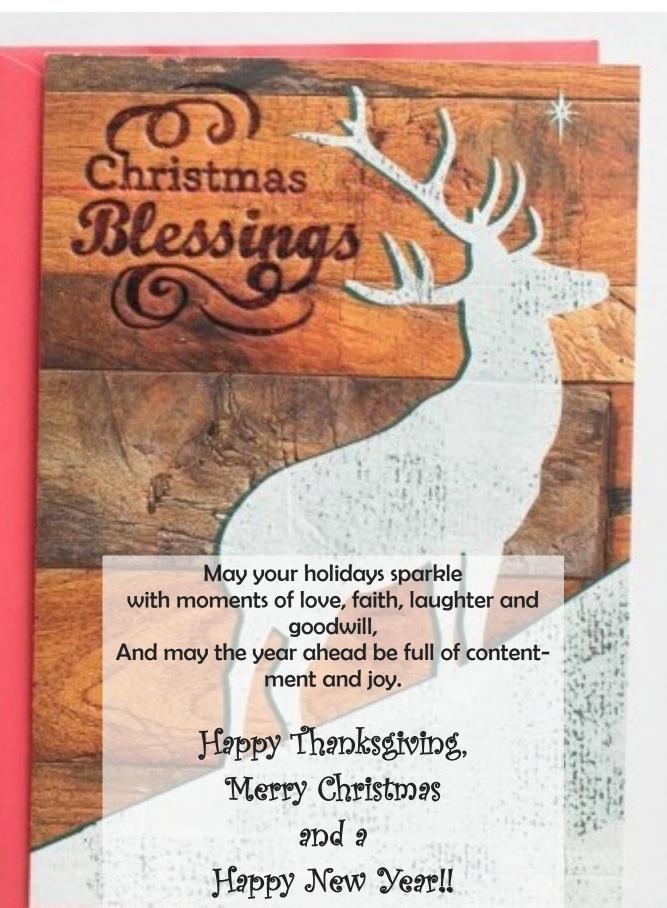
Leslie is survived by her daughter, Kelly of Cotulla; sister, Sally of Wimberley; brothers, Ted W. True of Athens, Texas and Curtis Hill True of Dallas, Texas. She is also survived by one niece, Sue Anne True Mathis and two nephews, Walter True and Les True.



Leslie attended Oklahoma University and Southern Methodist University. She married Dick Vesper of Cotulla on September 26, 1959. To this union were born one son, Monty and one daughter, Kelly.

She was a talented artist and an avid while tail deer hunter who enjoyed every facet of God's creation, especially all wildlife in South Texas.

A celebration of her life was held at the Vesper Ranch on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 3:00p.m.



## Míd-Coast Santa Gertrudis Association

Santa Gertrudis Breeders International Affiliate

# 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL January – December

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## Coming Events

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February 17th-19th - SALE Jr. Santa Gertrudis Show, San Antonio, Texas

March 4th - International Super Sale, Houston, TX

March 6th - HLSR International Open Santa Gertrudis Show, Houston, TX

March 10th-12th - HLSR Jr. Santa Gertrudis Show, Houston, Texas

March 31st - April 1st - SGBI Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX

April 16th -17th - Mid-Coast Junior Show, Navasota, TX