

# Beefmaster Breeders Cattlemen

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## **Birthdays**

Janet Douthitt 4/3  
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Alyssa Robertson 5/9  
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Anita Dunkin 5/21  
Abradella Halespeska 5/29  
Sara Cantu 6/7  
Teri Thompson 6/13  
Janine Lasater 6/15  
Dorothy Sanders 6/17  
Jody Maneth 6/18  
Annette Lasater 6/20  
Nancy Chapman 6/28  
Cherylann Chapman 6/29  
Tammy Eubank 6/29

## **NOTES FROM CINDY**

Welcome rain! I hope everyone that has been in a severe drought has finally received some much needed rainfall. It is such a blessing to see something green in our pastures. God is good! The quilt squares have all been sold and are enroute to the quilt maker where she will turn these squares into a beautiful quilt. Thanks to all the breeders who have made this possible. The Scholarship Quilt will be auctioned off

at the 2012 BBU Convention in Branson, MO. Hope everyone can attend this awesome event. I'm sure Dave Loften and Mary Ann Skelton have many ex-



citing activities planned for this year. All seniors need to be sure and fill out an application for our JBBA scholarships to be given out at JBBA Nationals in College Station,

Texas in July. The application is on our website (Cattlemen on the BBU website). Print it off, fill it out and send it to me by the June 18 deadline. Check out a Beefmaster Sale in your area and get involved with the group. Invite the ladies to become members of the BBC. This is a great way to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Save the date—October 20, Branson, MO, Annual Meeting. Who knows what kind of entertainment will be waiting!! See ya at the next sale, Cindy

# SOMEONE'S IN THE KITCHEN

## OYSTER CRACKERS BY ANNETTE ROBBINS

2 pkgs oyster crackers  
1 pkg Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Mix  
1 1/2 cup Wesson oil  
1 1/2 tbsp crushed dill or dill weed  
1 1/2 tsp lemon pepper

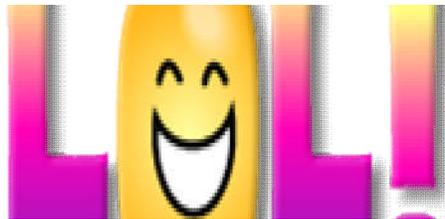
Put oyster crackers in large roaster pan. Mix remaining ingredients well. Then pour over crackers. Mix well. Put in 200 degree oven for one hour uncovered. Stir every 15 minutes. Let cool and put in airtight container



## MOCK ITALIAN CREAM CAKE BY SAUNDRA LIEKE

1 box yellow cake mix  
1 can coconut pecan frosting  
Mix cake according to package directions. Add the frosting mix to the raw batter. Bake in 9 x 13 pan at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Use toothpick to check when done. Frost with one can cream cheese frosting plus one cup chopped pecans

## Funny hints



**If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you will be afraid to cough**  
**You only need two tools in life -WD 40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move you should use the WD 40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.**

The most  
wasted day  
is the one  
in which  
we have not  
laughed

# HELPFUL HINTS

**To freshen your dishwasher, run it on rinse with baking soda**

**If a child has trouble swallowing a pill, place it in a spoonful of applesauce and see how easily it goes down**

**When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cupcakes or cake with the same amount.**

## CARES, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

(please contact Anita Dunkin with additional prayer requests)

Pray for continued rain in Texas and other states suffering from drought

Pray for military personnel and their families

Pray for our nation's leaders that their decisions are led by God and in best interest of our country

Pray for all families recently affected by tornadoes

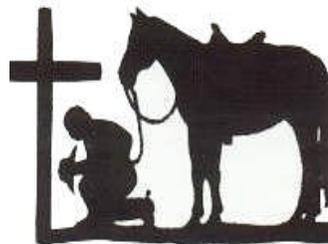
Pray for all law enforcement, firemen and first responders

Pray for Bill Lunsford (Anita Dunkin's father) in nursing home in failing health

Pray for family of Charles Brennen (father-in-law to Gregg Booth) for his recent passing and for Gregg Booth's mother. She recently fell and is paralyzed at this time.

Pray for Don Smith of D&S Sweetwater ranch. He had open heart surgery and then got an infection, he is currently in a rehab facility in Lubbock

**It's never  
crowded  
along  
the extra  
mile**



## MEET THE MEMBERS

**Lana Carpenter** was born in western Oklahoma and raised on her father's ranch, a 720 acre Hereford cattle ranch west of Leedey, Oklahoma. She and her sister were happiest helping their dad work cattle and enjoyed barrel racing. After Leedey High School, she attended college at Northwestern State and at Oklahoma State University. Lana received a degree in Home Economics Education and taught Vocational Home Economics for twenty-nine years before retiring in 2003. It was while at OSU that she met a renegade bull rider, named Steve Carpenter, who was on the rodeo team. Lana states, "In 1975 after a whirlwind romance of about two years, one of us gave up the pursuit and we married." Lana taught at Asher High School while Steve finished his teaching degree and they soon moved to Steve's home town of Tecumseh, OK raising Quarter horses on his grandfather's land. During this time Steve trained and sold horses and Lana's job was to cool them down and wash them off. Lana remembers, "In our

spare time, we both taught school - he at Bethel Public School and me at Asher. But, our passion has always been ranch life." When their son Colby was born, Lana's dad gave him six Hereford cows including a bull and the Carpenters were in the cattle business. Steve had been riding cutting horses during this time, but when he became high school principal, he had no time so they sold all but two of their horses and kept the cattle. In 1990 they sold the Herefords, replaced them with Beefmasters and became members of BBU. Colby began showing Beefmaster heifers as a high school freshman and through JBBA, Colby showed cattle in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Colby was a JBBA director and an officer, participated in all the Nationals' leadership contests and at one event he achieved Senior All-Around Champion. Lana states, "We all have fond memories and deep ties to JBBA. It has taught so many kids about friendship, teamwork, responsibility, and work ethic. Like

many others, our son benefited greatly from the scholarships provided through JBBA. Because Beefmaster Cattlewomen's sole purpose has been to help provide JBBA scholarships, I was proud to become a member and help give back to an organization that has given so much to our family." Lana has served on the Cattlewomen's Scholarship and Nomination Committees in the past and continues to "volunteer" when asked. Colby married Emily Torbert, in 2005, and became co-owner of the Tecumseh Vet Clinic in 2006. Lana and Steve now have two wonderful grandchildren - Cayden and Quinn. "We're hoping they, too, will be JBBA members and with Colby and Emily's permission, PawPaw and MaMaw will be more than willing to haul the grandkids and their cattle to JBBA shows!" Lana adds, "Steve and I have been impressed with the friendliness of everyone associated with BBU. I just wished we lived in Texas for many reasons, but especially so we could be closer to more BBU sales and functions!"



## MEET THE MEMBERS



**Marie Welkener** was raised in a little farming community outside of Sinton, Tx. She lived in Texas, Louisiana and Wyoming before settling in Portland, Tx in 1972 as a “stay-at-home” mom until her three sons, Steve, Jim and Mike, were all attending school. Marie became a Licensed Texas Realtor selling real estate in the Corpus Christi area, a ladies retail clothing store manager and also served sixteen years as the Director for the South Texas Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation before retiring in 2002. It was her love of sales and people as well as working to make the world a better place that led her to that commitment. Later, as a twenty-one year survivor of breast cancer, Marie became a part of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Karnes County and served two years as their Sponsorship Chairperson increasing the amount raised in that category both years. Marie continues to serve on the Volunteer Committee for this event. As fate would have it, in those early years when Marie lived near Sinton, her husband-to-be, Billy Wel-

kenner, lived only a short distance away in northern Bee County near Pawnee. Both attended many of the same activities during their high school, church and college years and were acquainted with some of the same people but the two did not actually meet until years later. Marie and Billy married in October of 2002 and spent their honeymoon at a Beefmaster convention as well as many of their wedding anniversaries in the nine years since. After Billy and Marie married, she moved “back to the country” settling near Billy’s home town of Pawnee. Marie is active in the Welkener’s cattle operations and enjoys gardening, traveling to see new places and meet new people and also entertaining guests in their home. Marie states, “Making people feel at home is my pleasure.” Billy and Marie attend Pawnee Methodist Church, the same church Billy attended while growing up. Marie is active in church activities and keeps the rose garden for the church. Marie’s sons now consider Billy their dad as their dad passed away several years ago. Steve and wife, Peggy, live near

Brenham and have a registered Beefmaster herd. Jim and wife, Patty, live in Portland and have Beefmaster cattle on the Welkener ranch. Mike and wife, Michaela, also live in Portland. Marie is the proud grandmother of five grandsons, two granddaughters and two great-grandsons. “My greatest joy is to have all of them together for Christmas and as many other times as possible.” Marie served as the 2009 Convention Chairperson and co-chaired as the 2011 Convention Chairperson for the BBU conventions held in each respective year. She continually serves on various BBU committees and has assisted Billy the last two years as he serves as the Chairman of the International Marketing Committee. Marie enjoys meeting the international members that visit the U.S.A. and who often stay in Billy and Marie’s home. One of the Welkener’s greatest honors was receiving the 2011 BBU Member of the Year award from their fellow Beefmaster breeders. Marie confides, “It was quite a surprise and made me feel proud to be a part of such a great group of people.”

FOR MORE  
EXERCISE,  
PUT THE TV  
AND  
REFRIGERATOR  
FARTHER  
APART.

# HEARING FROM GOD



*For I hold you by your right hand - I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, Don't be afraid. I am here to help you. Isaiah 41:13*

God is saying: Do not give in to fear and worry. Trust me enough to face problems as they come, rather than trying to anticipate them. Fix your eyes on me and many difficulties on the road ahead will vanish before you reach them. Whenever you start to feel afraid, remember that I am holding you by your right hand. Nothing can separate you from my presence!

## MISSION STATEMENT

Beefmaster Breeders Cattlemen 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

**Ladies: This is your newsletter and we sure could use your participation and help. Please send recipes and any news items to Anita at [adunk56@gmail.com](mailto:adunk56@gmail.com)**

Check us out at :

[www.beefmasters.org/cattlemen.html](http://www.beefmasters.org/cattlemen.html)

## BRAGGING AND SHARING

- Congratulations to Renee and Kyle Williams expecting their first child. ( daughter of Brenda Woelfel)
- Congratulations to Mona and Trey Scherer expecting their 3rd child
- Congratulations to Morgan Gill (Ernie's daughter) and her fiancé Jordan Booth for their future wedding
- Congratulations to following BBU staff for having new grandchildren born ( all boys). Dr Tommy Perkins, Donna Henderson and Mary Francois
- Kaye Fuller's Golden Retriever male, Topbrass No Time to Paws (Flash), won a major AKC retriever field trial on February 12th. Kaye and Flash beat the current 2011 reigning national champion, a Black Labrador. It is rare for a Golden Retriever to win such a large event against a field of the best retrievers on the United States. Retriever field trials are dominated by Labradors. One more placement in 2012 will send Kaye and Flash to the 2012 national retriever championship to be held in nearby Montgomery Texas next November. Go Kaye and Flash! To see pictures of Flash go to <http://kcbeefmasters.com/Dogs.html> .

## A BIT OF AG NEWS

### **Beef Producers Donate Beef To Local Seniors In Need**

Robert Kirk, a Kentucky beef producer, approached Life in Christ pastor Chris McDonald with the idea of donating beef from cull cows to families in need. To read more click on this link [http://beefmagazine.com/people/beef-producers-donate-beef-local-seniors-need?NL=BEEF-02&Issue=BEEF-02\\_20120308\\_BEEF-](http://beefmagazine.com/people/beef-producers-donate-beef-local-seniors-need?NL=BEEF-02&Issue=BEEF-02_20120308_BEEF-)

HAPPY EASTER

AND

**WELCOME SPRING!!!**



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