



# EAST TEXAS LOUISIANA BEEFMASTER MARKETING GROUP

## SALE TIME ALMOST HERE

**W**e're a little over a month away from sale time. I hope you have the sale on your calendar for APRIL 18TH in Crockett. Anthony Mihalski, auctioneer & sale manager, and Jerry Hemphill, sale consultant, will be assessing the cattle for the sale. If you are looking for that certain animal to move your program forward, please come to the sale and pick out a good one (or more) to take home. Mike Griffith, Sale Chairman, has been busy preparing everything for a successful sale.

**C**attle prices have been holding steady for some time now and it is a good time to be in the cattle business. Over the past several years ETLBMG has strived to bring the sale customers only their best. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to rebuild your program with some outstanding cattle.

**W**e'll have the usual line up of events beginning on Friday evening. A BBU representative will have a presentation beginning at 4 pm followed by the Heifer Futurity. Plan on being there to hear the latest from your association rep.

**T**he General Membership meeting will begin around 6pm followed by the evening meal. This year Scott Branch will be cooking a ribeye steak dinner with potatoes, green beans, and tea.

Volunteers will be providing dessert. As in the past, members meals will be complimentary. Non-member meals will be \$10 per plate.

**E**ibert & Nina Manor will be in charge of the Fun Auction this year. Anthony always makes this an interesting & fun event. Bring your donation or just come and purchase some of these unique items.

**A** new item this year will be a raffle on a Yeti Cooler donated by Jake Burkhart. Tickets will cost \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

**S**aturday's schedule will include lunch consisting of a BBQ chopped beef sandwich with all the trimmings, chips, dessert, and tea for \$10. Country Cousins will be catering this meal. At the beginning of the sale we will auction off a Fishing Trip on Lake Limestone near Groesbeck donated by Jake and Kimberly Burkhart. Thanks to them for their generosity over the past couple of years in providing this great weekend of fun and relaxation. Also the donation for the JBBA scholarship will sell prior to the sale (see JBBA section for details). Then the ETLBMG sale will begin.

**W**e are looking forward to seeing you in Crockett on April 17th and 18th.

### FACEBOOK

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page. It can be found by searching for East Texas / Louisiana Beefmaster Marketing Group. The page contains news, photos, and information about the Marketing Group.

### WWW.ETLBMG.COM

Keep up to date on the goings on with ETLBMG on the web. Go to the website to view the catalog if you don't get one in the mail.

### J & L LIVESTOCK

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**WHERE PERFORMANCE COUNTS**

## Junior Show & Scholarship News

Casey Ballard presented 5 Scholarships on behalf of ETLBMG at the JBBA Convention held in Oklahoma in July, 2014. The recipients were Michael Buckley, Zach Byers, Trenton Glaser, Kane Ozment, and Ryan Seelye. Congratulations to these outstanding JBBA members for being selected for this award. ETLBMG is happy to be able to support JBBA members each year by giving these scholarships. This year's donation item will be 4 tickets for a racing adventure to Dale Jarrett Racing Adventures at Texas Motor Speedway (or a different track of your choice) donated by Mike Griffith and family. Emily has more info on the ETLBMG Facebook page about this opportunity. This will be auctioned off right before the sale starts on Saturday. We welcome everyone's support of the scholarship program.

Juniors, please contact Casey & Amy Ballard at 979/ 574-5372 to sign up for the JBBA Heifer Show following the sale on Saturday. You can also go to the Junior section of BBU's website at [beefmasters.org](http://beefmasters.org) and download the entry form. This has been one of the major show events in the state for several years and we appreciate Casey & Amy donating their time and expertise in providing this event for the Juniors. Please take time to thank them personally when you have the opportunity.

### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Current officers are Melton Brock, President; Mike Griffith, Vice-president, Mikie Emal, Secretary/Treasurer and Terry Chambers, Ex-Offico. Board members are Jake Burkhart, Boyd Emal, Scott Jaggars, Jerry Ronquille, Ron Schmidt and Jeremy Way. The officers and directors are all listed in the BBU directory and are always available to answer any questions about the group. The office of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two Board positions are up

for election during the General Membership meeting on Friday. Members will be receiving the meeting notice soon.

## This and That

This portion of the newsletter is usually dedicated to various information about cattle. However, this time I feel we should pause to remember someone who spent a lot of time and effort in helping to re-establish ETLBMG as a successful organization. We were saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Richard Hazel. Richard was passionate about his cattle and had been in the Beefmaster business for over 30 years. He helped ETLBMG by working on several committees. He provided a program at one of our "socials" on collecting data on cattle in 2008. He also helped do a live cattle demo prior to one of the sales. He loved talking about his ideas and ways to improve the breed. Our condolences to his family. ETLBMG has lost a friend.

**Holiday Inn Express is offering a discounted room rate if you call by April 1st. Just mention the Beefmaster sale. 936/ 544-4488**

### 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out this section and send to Mikie Emal, Sec/Treas at the address below with your check made payable to ETLBMG for

\$30.00

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