

Beltie Youth Group Newsletter



De'ja Moo Starting All Over Again in 2011

Blink, and it's another day, I blink and it's another year that has past by me. My, how the time flies when you are having fun, working hard and showing Belties. Although our show season has come to an end, it's never really over. It's just time to start all over again for the new up-coming year. Now that the Louisville Show is over, all the show cattle can return to their herds and be normal cattle again. So, now it's time to pick your new show prospects for 2011 (if you already haven't). Some may be already halter broke and into training. Hope by now everything is weaned.

Halter breaking the next champion is harder later on. The longer you wait, the colder and icier it's going to get. So, here we go again...

Many of you have won awards, contests, classes and divisions this year. You have represented the breed, your families, farms and Area 5 well. You all should be commended for your hard work! Hope you had a good holiday season with your family, blink and it's calving season, blink again and it's show season. Keep warm this winter, see you in the spring.

Welcome To These New Members

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Congratulations Rachel Fogle and Adam McConnell Area 5 Members of the 2010 Year



Rachel Fogle

Rachel Fogle has been an outstanding BYG member this year! Rachel was quite busy showing cattle for her family and other Great Lakes members, ringman at the Midwest Classic, Pee Wee judge at WBE and helping in many ways including giving a speech at the National Meeting about BYG.

Adam McConnell - No new junior member has moved faster to the top than Adam. Adam has won showmanship twice this year and has shown at numerous cattle shows. Adam lives in the city but works alongside with the Willis family. This is quite an accomplishment for your first year in BYG!

Congratulations to Rachel and Adam, they will each receive a certificate and a \$50.00 check.



Adam McConnell

Area 5 BYG Members Do Well In Louisville

Junior Showmanship:

- 1st - Doug Abney
- 2nd - Sam O'Connor
- 3rd - Noah Keller
- 4th - Emily Lopata

Intermediate Showmanship:

- 1st - Allie Abney
- 2nd - Jake Keller
- 3rd - Kent Pinski

Senior Showmanship:

- 1st - Angela Abney
- 2nd - Kevin Pinski
- 3rd - Steve Willis
- 4th - Rachel Stroud
- 5th - Samantha McKinney

Junior Show

Champion Female:

Sunnybrook Jackie, Willis Family

Reserve Champion Female:

Sunnybrook Symphony, Willis Family

Steers

Club Calf - Jessica Dodge

Finished 851 lbs. +

- 1 - DW Carlos - Mary O'Connor
- 2 - DW 10W - Samantha McKinney
- 3 - RB Coal Train - Angela Abney
- 4 - Beechwood Latte - Allie Abney

Straight A's again for the Abneys. Kudos to Area 5 juniors, there were 12 juniors at this show and 10 of them were from our area.

Barn Talk

- by Ross Fogle, BYG Advisor

As most of us finish up with show season, we begin to ponder about what is in store for next year's show string, or we might think back to what has happened over the past few months. We wonder why an animal might not have done well at some shows and better at others. Although we may never know why, everyone must come to the understanding that at the end of the day, it is one man's opinion.

Just in the past few weeks I have come to the finish line of collegiate livestock judging. I started my adventure in high school on a small team that most schools never expected to do well. However, we had the drive and the talent to make it, and we went on to hearing our names called at many contests. I didn't have any plans to pursue judging after high school, until I learned of the scholarship opportunities involved with it. The summer after I graduated from high school, I was chosen to be on the Illinois State 4-H Team, one of five selected in the state. We went on to be the second High Team in the United States that year.

Deciding that livestock judging was fun, I went to Joliet Junior College where I was granted a tuition waiver to judge. After completing my associate degree, I transferred onto Western Illinois University in Macomb. I again received a talent grant to judge and my team had some very successful wins for WIU. I

was able to accomplish being High Individual Overall; we beat every team in the nation over our judging experience, and traveled and evaluated "the best of the best" livestock in the country. When I look back at all the contests, the hotel stays and living on the road, all the reasons, all the classes, I can honestly say it was a lot of work, but well worth my time.

You are probably asking yourself, Ross what's the point of your column? Are you just trying to promote yourself? The answer is: Absolutely NOT!

The point is: DREAM BIG! Anything is possible! I was just a little kid who loved a minor breed of cattle ... The Belted Galloway. People ask me ... Why the Belted Galloway? Teach them about your breed. Good cattle are good cattle ... any color pattern! Be a sponge and learn everything you can about all breeds of cattle, livestock production and pasture management.

The leaders of the Beltie Youth Group Area 5 are dedicated and want to help YOU! As an eight-year-old, I put a lot of faith in this breed! In return, this breed put a lot of faith in a young man from Congerville, Illinois!

I am putting a lot of faith in the youth of Area 5! Kathi, Pat and I are here to help you! LET YOUR ADVENTURE BEGIN!

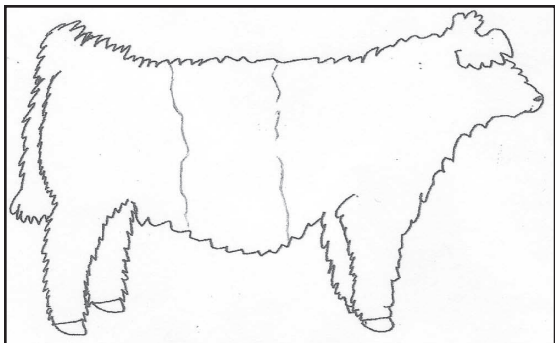
Happy New Year! - Ross Fogle, BYG Advisor

Last ? But Not Least Loser

Someone has to be last but don't make it be me. You learn who you are, whether you place first or last. Showing builds character. Leave with your head held high, knowing that you have given this project your best effort. Learn from your mistakes, improve your skills for the next show. You are a winner by trying and participating in a worth while fun activity. Never stop showing until the judge has made his final decision on the class. Be courteous. Win without bragging and lose without complaining. You are learning good sportsmanship. You can lose but don't lose the lesson.

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and
Lose Without Complaining**

Grooming and Clipping Is Fun



Draw lines on the Beltie showing how you think it needs to look after you finished grooming and clipping it. Use the arrows to show the directions of the hair, how it should be worked and brushed. Shade in the area to be shaved. Don't know, go to your BYG handbook and look on the insert page right after page 18. Don't have a handbook? Email me at kkowski@aol.com

Chuck McCullough Fitting Clinic

To Be Held In Iowa
On The Weekend of April 1st - Friday - Sunday
Price Is Only \$50 A Family

If you would like to learn how to clip and fit your beltie for show then this is the clinic for you.

For more details, email Kathi Jurkowski at kkowski@aol.com

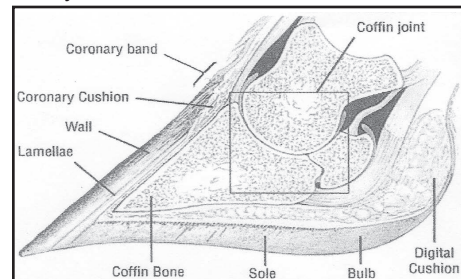
Chuck was the same person who taught us at the BYG Clinic in Joliet

Hooves and Cracks

Have you ever noticed a crack in your Beltie's hoof? It is a split vertically from the base of the hoof to the hairline. This crack is called a vertical crack or sand cracks. Sand cracks are more common on the outer claw of the front feet. Most cattle are not lame from these cracks, but cows that are lame can be difficult to treat. A cow with painful feet is less likely to walk, and therefore less likely to have the desire to go to the feed bunk or graze. Sore feet means less weight gain and less milk in cows. Cattle are cloven-footed animals that meaning the hoof has two digits.

There is no one reason for the cause of these cracks. Maybe because older animals are more prone to these problems since the front limbs often carry more weight than the rear legs. Other theories include trauma, dehydration, laminitis or vitamin and or trace mineral deficiencies. I would add genetics, too.

If your Belties hooves aren't healthy neither is your animal. Find a professional hoof trimmer and have him properly trim and treat your animals hooves.



Bovine Hoof