



GLBGA YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTER

AREA 5

BYG LEADERS: JULIE WILLIS & LIZ DAUSMAN

BYG MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Kaylin Simpson

BYG NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Maddey Tebbe



Kaylin Simpson grew up on her family farm in McLean, IL. She showed her first Belted Galloway when she was five years old in the Pee Wee Show at World Beef Expo. Since that time, Kaylin has been helping out on the family farm and showing cattle through 4-H and FFA. She held multiple officer

positions in 4-H and FFA and participated in multiple Career Development Events in FFA including livestock judging and public speaking. In addition, Kaylin was a cheerleader from 6th grade through senior year in high school. She was captain of the Varsity cheer team for her junior and senior year. Kaylin graduated high school in May 2020 and is attending Illinois State University with a major in pre-veterinary medicine. She plans to become a veterinarian and open her own clinic in the future.



Maddey Tebbe grew up on her family's farm in Pocahontas, Illinois with her parents, Paul and Jaymie, and 2 older brothers Josh and Blake. Her family has showed cattle for all their lives. Her parents started showing at a young age and Maddey and her brothers remember taking naps

as young toddlers on the showbox at the county fair. Their farm consists of a variety of breeds of cattle such as Chianina, Charolais, Herefords, Maintainers, Shorthorns, and now finally a Belted Galloway.

Ever since Maddey was a little girl, she has always wanted a Beltie. She begged and pleaded but it was always a "NO" from her parents. She had totally given up on the idea when her parents told her she could get one for Christmas since this was my last year to show. It was a dream come true! They bought her heifer from Sunnybrook Farms and her name is Java. They bonded immediately! Maddey couldn't wait to get her home and start working on her!

Maddey is super excited to finally get to show a Belted Galloway and even more excited to start her own little herd of Belted Galloways!

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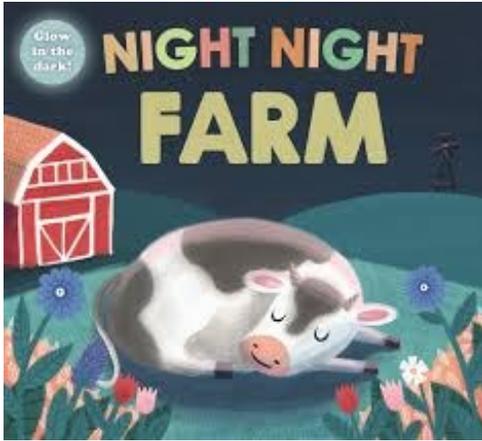
Tommy McGuire



Tommy McGuire has been showing Belted Galloways for many years. He says it has taught him time management, responsibility and good sportsmanship. Each year, Tommy tries to improve the quality of cattle he shows. With that, it requires more dedication and management to

be able to work with his cattle, go to school, work at a job, and get to shows. Tommy says, "At shows you learn it's the judge's opinion on any given day and you need to listen to their comments in order to improve." Above all, Tommy says having good sportsmanship while learning a lot of life lessons is the best part of showing.





Night Night Farm

All of our “great ideas” have come during long drives - usually on our way to visit grandparents with our 3 kids in tow. One such drive back to the East Coast was no different. My husband, Bill, and I were brainstorming about ways to get people out on the farm and what all we could offer when it came to me - let’s host a series of events where we read a good night book to the kids and they “tuck in” all of the animals for bed. And our “Good Night Farm” series came to be. Folks can come to the farm with their kids - learn about the animals, feed the animals treats, and sit by the fire while we read them a book all about the animals on the farm. Along the way, we insert trivia and tidbits so even the adults have fun. It get’s folks out here, outside, and back to the farm.

We have 3 children - Finley (5), Weston (3), and Belleau (11 months), and feel very blessed to be able to raise them on the farm. They help with daily chores; yes even the baby, who’s in charge of holding the grain bucket inside the wagon or sled. The boys love to help with our Fodder system and to help feed the pigs and baby lamb. But if you

ask them; their favorite animal on the farm is their pony Rutherford. Right now our farm includes Kune Kune pigs, sheep, horses, and a few chickens, along with 3 dogs and 2 cats. We are currently working with the NRCS for a grazing plan and cost share to set up our land for cattle and are hopeful to showcase some Belties by the end of the summer.

By Tayla (Etheridge) Purdon and her family, Bill, Finley, Weston and Belleau

We would love to hear how you and your family are promoting your farm and Belties. Send your story to Karen Kirschbaum @ cnk-kirschbaum@charter.net

Hooser Beef Expo- 2020

REPORT

The 2020 Hoosier Beef Expo was postponed from its normal date in December until February 2021. Due to the date change the number of Belties shown was down from other years, but the quality of the cattle shown was better than ever. There was 6 heifers and 4 steers at the show. The juniors exhibiting were: Alexa Adler, Sawyer Bales, Kaylee Eckleman, Marshall Finke, and Tommy McGuire.



CHAMPION HEIFER

Sunnybrook Serenade
Shown by: Kaylee Eckleman
Bred by: Sunnybrook Farms



CHAMPION STEER

HFB Manny
Shown by: Tommy McGuire
Bred by: Blake Hadden



RES. CHAMPION HEIFER

Sunnybrook Lana
Shown by: Tommy McGuire
Bred by: Sunnybrook Farms



RES. CHAMPION STEER

Eckleman Donald
Shown by: Kaylee Eckleman
Bred by: Eckleman Farm