

Beltie Youth Group Newsletter



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Would you like some extra moola to spend? Consider entering this year's contests at the World Beef Expo in September.

POSTER CONTEST: "BELTIES FOR SALE"

Great Lakes will be offering Belties in the WBE auction. Tell us or show us on a poster why someone would want to buy a Beltie at the auction. Winners need not be present to win.

HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST:

Since we are hosting the auction, let's make our Belties and stall areas look their best. Make your farm area bright, clean and eye appealing. Who has the most extravagant, elaborate, jaw dropping appearance? Awards for the best overall exhibit, educational value, neatness of members, care and cleanliness of the exhibit animals and overall display. This can be a family contest.

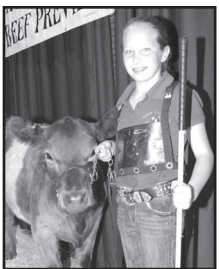
SUPREME SHOWMAN:

Previous showmanship winners from the Midwest Classic and World Beef Expo are eligible to win Supreme Showman. Remember that awesome chair Steve Willis won last year?

We will have a Silent Auction held at WBE that will benefit Area 5 BYG. Find a special item to donate for the sale.



Rock County Preview Show



Emily Lopata and Adam McConnell were among the Champion Showmen at the Rock County Preview Show

All these juniors were awarded money: Jake Keller, Jacob and Nathan Ellerbrock, Jessica Dodge, Emily Lopata and Adam McConnell.

For those who have never attended, it's mainly a 4-H/Open show of many breeds. It's a one day only show, just the right size, a food stand, Kegley's Show Supply and an embroidery company, what more could you want? Jake Keller had Grand Champion Steer. Reserve Steer was Adam McConnell's Frank. Showmanship, Adam McConnell and Emily Lopata won their age divisions. Kudos to the rest that showed, names listed above.

On The Tanbark



Jake Keller showed the Champion Belted Galloway steer at the Rock Preview Show.

Midwest Classic Show

Champion Heifer was Wayside Valley Cameo shown by Ryan Fogle, Congerville, IL. The Reserve Champion Heifer was Oak Valley Wendy shown by Jacob and Noah Keller, Durand, IL

Sunnybrook Frank, the champion steer, was shown by Adam McConnell, Rockford, IL. The reserve champion steer was Hunt Club Farms Mini Tank shown by Jacob Ellerbrock, Burlington, WI

Showmanship Winners included: Pee Wee Showmanship Christian Keller; Carly Lopata and Mallory Dwyer



Junior Showmanship: Nathan Ellerbrock, first; Ryan Fogle, second.

Intermediate Showmanship: Jake Keller, first; Adam McConnell, second

Senior Showmanship: Audrey Wagner, first; and Chris Landeck, second.



Intermediate Showmanship Winner, Senior Showmanship Winner, Audrey Wagner



Emily Lopata and Ryan Fogle at the Midwest Classic.

Barn Talk

- by Ross Fogle, BYG Advisor

I want to emphasis the importance of EXPERIENCE.

Just the other day I was reading an article in an Agricultural Newspaper about a particular Ag student that could not find a job after completing



her Bachelor's degree. She wrote to an Ag broadcasting firm and told them that because of today's economy she couldn't find a job. However, I personally know this young lady

and she did not work away from her family farm during college, nor pursue an agricultural internship before her college graduation. She only showed cows during college and did NOT gain any EXPERIENCE in her chosen field. She was an experienced show person, but not experienced in a life-skill ... her career. The importance of EXPERIENCE is becoming a huge part of the hiring process today.

Your cattle experiences through the Beltie Youth Group, 4-H and FFA during grade school

and high school will help you develop a work-ethic required for your life-skill. Let's compare this to your current cattle projects you may be working on at home. If you have a cowherd that you don't know how to manage, or show cattle you don't know how to feed, then you won't EXPERIENCE the performance and success other breeders attain.

If you don't know how to manage/feed your Belted Galloway cattle, visit another breeder and ask how they feed. Feeding cattle varies upon regions, so what works for the Midwest won't always work in the South. If you don't know how to show, attend a multi-breed show ... a big show ... like your state fair! Watch how the other kids show their animals! Listen to the judge! The best judges will always give reasons from the top to the bottom of the class and you can learn about conformation! MAKE EXPERIENCES!

In today's world you have to BE THE EXPERIENCE! You have to bring something to the table that differentiates yourself from everyone else. Other cattle breeders are noticing our cattle, so make their first experience one to remember!



Clipper Care

Clippers cost a lot of money and you should take good care of them!

Clippers need some care and maintenance, too. Proper use, care and a little preventive maintenance of clippers will prevent repairs. You should do this to keep your clippers running smooth.

1. Put a few drops of oil in the two holes in the top of the head.
2. Remove the blades occasionally and clean the dirt and hair out of the heads of the clippers. Oster makes a blade wash you can use.
3. Always use sharp blades. Dull ones will not clip hair and may overload your motor and damage it.
4. Spray frequently with Kool Lube or

whatever lubricant you prefer. Adjust tension to minimum to get clippers to cut. Excessive tension will wear and dull the blades.

5. While clipping, occasionally spray the clipper head while running with a light lubricant. This will help flush out the dirt and hair and lube the blades. Let the excess drip off.

6. Be careful with the blades. If you drop them, you can break off the teeth and destroy the set of blades.

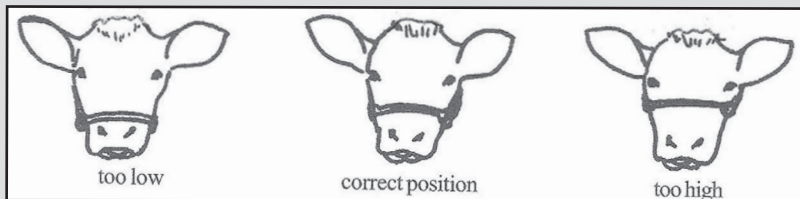
7. You should always keep a sharp set of blades on hand. Blades can be resharpened several times.

8. When done clipping, take your blow dryer and blow the dirt and hair out and off of the clipper.

9. Always store your clippers in a dry place. Prevent dust & dirt from setting on them. It helps to have a covered container. Try to oil the blades before storing to prevent rust. Store the head lower than the motor to prevent the oil from running into the motor.

Halter:

A properly adjusted halter will give you the control you need over your animal.



News Flash ~ Welcome these new members *** Mallory Dwyer *** Allie Miller ***and Carly Lopata ***

Win Or Lose Be A Good Sport

The Judge. Do what the judge says, don't look for mom or dad. They see you. Keep your eyes on the judge, know where he is. Be natural. Do not over show, undue fussing and maneuvering are objectionable. Avoid bumping and crowding. You can help if an animal balks in front of you by giving a friendly tap to encourage it to move along. Courtesy and sportsmanship are important in the showing. You may hear things you want to hear and things that you don't want to hear about your steer. Two judges can see an animal in two different ways.

Coming To Terms With Judging Terms

More Desirable Characteristics

- Moderate frame
- Nicer balanced
- Tighter framed
- Heavier muscled
- Trimmer, cleaner patterned
- Wider, thicker topped

Less Desirable Characteristics

- Taller
- More off-balance
- Slack frames
- Lighter muscle
- Heavy Middled, off balance
- Narrow down his top



Some Tips For Clippers

Knowing your animals faults and weaknesses is important prior to clipping.

In order to get the desired look when clipping, the animal's hair must be clean, broke and manageable. Gels and sprays make it harder to cut. You can lightly moisten the hair with a spray bottle for control.

For that crisp cut edge on the hair, it is extremely important that your blades are SHARP!

Always start clipping on the off side first and the show side last!

It is important that you know your animal's body parts and how they function when clipping.

When shaping or sculpturing it is better to clip a little off at a time and make more passes.

Clipping the hair can be fast, to be good at clipping, you must slow down and blend.

For show, it is always better to clip your cattle more than once as opposed to trying to do it all in one job.

Always cut hair in a well lit area.

Do not push or shove the clipper through thick, long hair. Let the power of the tool do the work.

If you are using snap on guards, start with the longer hair guard first. You can always go shorter later.